

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Board of Police Commission Minutes

**Tuesday,
June 22, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Via Video Conference

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair
Commissioner Steve Gillespie
Commissioner James Edwards
Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert, Citizen Appointee, Vice Chair
Commissioner Helen Luedee, Citizen Appointee

Staff: Police Chief Robert Walsh
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Staff Sergeant Jodie Wilson
Staff Sergeant Bill Turner
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Tanya Nicholson, Recording Secretary

Absent: Commissioner Lloyd Bailey, Citizen Appointee (Regrets)

Summary of Decisions:

1. **Roll Call**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from:

- **CBRM Board of Police Commissioners – March 29, 2021**

Carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the June 22, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Agenda as presented.

Carried.

4. **CBRPS Divisional Reports:**

For information only.

Adjournment

1. **Roll Call**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, approval of the Minutes from:

- **CBRM Board of Police Commissioners – March 29, 2021**

Motion Carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Luedee, to approve the June 22, 2021 CBRM Board of Police Commissioners Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

4. **CBRPS Divisional Reports:**

Police Chief Walsh welcomed the Police Commission and Staff and introduced Staff Sergeant Jodie Wilson and Staff Sergeant Bill Turner to present the CBRPS Divisional Reports for the period April 1, 2021 to June 15, 2021.

Staff Sergeant Jodie Wilson reported on the following:

HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

- Responded to 342 Covid-19 related calls for service during the provincial circuit-breaker shutdown and issued 14 tickets for violations of public health orders for failing to self-isolate (2), failing to social distance (9), not wearing a mask (1), non-essential travel outside an individual's own municipality (1) and entering Nova Scotia without authorization (1).
- Issued 458 tickets through targeted traffic enforcement during Project Safe Spring (357) and Canada Road Safety Week (111), on patrol of ATV trails and surrounding neighbourhood streets, in addition to roadside checkpoints and vehicle stops across the CBRM. Traffic Safety and Patrol officers checked a total of 57 off-road vehicles and 320 motor vehicles, dealt with traffic safety violations under the Off-Highway Vehicles Act (20) and Motor Vehicle Act, and caught 26 impaired drivers.

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CBRPS Divisional Reports (Cont'd):

- Celebrated their role as a proud public safety partner in the CBRM during National Police Week 2021, highlighting work with the Cape Breton-Victoria Center for Education, ALLY Centre of Cape Breton, Membertou First Nation, and Nova Scotia Health Authority, Mental Health & Addictions.
- Recognized contributions of their employees during Corrections Officers Week, Asian Heritage Month and National Indigenous History Month.
- Hired 10 new Constables to maintain a full complement of front-line officers to keep communities safe and welcomed 5 cadets from the Atlantic Police Academy for on-the-job training with a coach officer.
- Signed another 2-year contract with Public Safety Canada, Nova Scotia Justice and the Membertou Band & Council to continue providing police service to the Membertou First Nation.

Divisions: North/Central/East

- Training
- Patrols
- Lockup
- Membertou
- K-9 Unit
- School Liaison Officers

Staff Sergeant Bill Turner reported on the following:

Operational Support:

- Traffic Safety Unit
- Street Crime/Drug Unit
- Community Safety Enforcement Unit
- Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit
- General Investigation Section/Arson Investigator
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE)/Computer Forensic Unit
- Forensic Identification Unit
- Solid Waste
- Mental Health Liaison Officer
- Polygraph

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CBRPS Divisional Reports (Cont'd):

Following the report, the Commission discussed the following:

- Increased calls for service from previous year due to Provincial lockdown
- Summer on-the-job training for cadets from the Atlantic Police Academy
- Impaired driving charges
- Virtual training
- 10 new Police Officers recruited to the Police Service
- K-9 unit consists of 3 K-9 dogs with 1 K-9 officer
- Update on outstanding homicide investigations
- Number of Police Officer vacancies fluctuates
- Sex offender registry
- Human Resources request Police members to self-identify as a minority to track workplace diversity
- Harm reduction and addiction training
- New Health Awareness Coordinator position
- Providing support to members on leave
- Membertou drug dispensaries
- Off highway vehicle enforcement
- Speed radar checks

For information only.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald
Chair

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Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk