

## **Cape Breton Regional Municipality**

Board of Police Commissioners Minutes

June 27, 2024

10:04 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

### **Commission Members**

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair

Commissioner Ken Tracey

Commissioner Lorne Green

Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert, Citizen Appointee, Vice Chair

Commissioner Noelle Gouthro, Provincial Appointee

### **Staff**

Robert Walsh, Chief of Police

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Stephen MacKinnon, Deputy Chief of Police

Reginald Hutchings, Superintendent

Erin Donovan, Staff Sergeant

Keith Power, Staff Sergeant

Desiree Magnus, Communications / Public Relations Advisor

Dallas Syms, Constable

Matthew MacDonald, Constable

Natasha Morrison, Constable

Roderick Christmas, Constable

Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

### **Absent**

Commissioner Helen Luedee, Citizen Appointee (Regrets)

Commissioner Tom Vickers, Citizen Appointee (Regrets)

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**Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order.**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Roll Call**

Chief Walsh advised that after the preparation of the agenda that several police commissioners have expressed interest in being provided with an update on the one-hundred series highway policing. Commission agreed to add this topic as an addendum to the agenda.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Moved by Commissioner Tracey, seconded by Commissioner Deering-Bert, to approve the June 27, 2024, CBRM Board of Police Commissioners agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

Moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Tracey, to approve the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners minutes from:

- March 4, 2024

**Motion Carried**

### **3. Impaired Driving Enforcement Recognition Awards**

Chief Walsh mentioned it was an honor to be joined by the President and Vice President of the Cape Breton Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada. These watch awards are named in honor of Constable Heidi Stevenson who is a twenty-three-year veteran of the RCMP. These awards recognize members of police services across Nova Scotia who remove impaired drivers from roads and highways to ensure public safety. Gold coin awards are given to officers who annually remove twenty-four or more impaired drivers from roads and highways, silver coin awards are given to officers who annually remove between fifteen and twenty-three impaired drivers from roads and highways, bronze coin awards are given to officers who annually remove between six and fourteen impaired drivers from roads and highways.

The President and Vice President of MADD Cape Breton Chapter, presented the following Cape Breton Regional Police Services (CBRPS) members with bronze coin award certificates:

- Constable Dallas Syms
- Constable Matthew MacDonald
- Constable Natasha Morrison
- Constable Roderick Christmas

Constables Brendan Martin, Colin White, and John Dwaran also received certificates but were unable to attend the Board of Police Commission meeting.

**Addendum – One Hundred Series Highways**

Chief Walsh provided an update on the one hundred series highways and informed on background of contracts and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between the province and the CBRPS. Chief Walsh informed the most recent MOU was due to expire on March 31, 2025, and the CBRPS withdrew from the MOU March 31, 2023, because of staffing pressures. In the meantime, the RCMP are policing said highways and the CBRPS assists when necessary while awaiting a resolution to be implemented to ensure public safety of CBRM citizens.

**4. Divisional Reports**

Staff Sergeant Erin Donovan presented the following sections of the report:

- Highlights and Initiatives
- Training
- Patrols
- Lock-up
- Membertou
- K-9 Unit
- School Liaison Officers
- Community Officer

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Staff Sergeant Keith Power presented the following sections of the report:

- Operational Support
- Traffic Safety Unit
- Street Crime/Drug Unit
- Community Safety Enforcement Unit
- Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN)
- 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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**Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.**

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**Commissioner Eldon MacDonald  
Chair**

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**Christa Dicks  
Municipal Clerk  
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