

**Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Board of Police Commissioners Minutes**

**Wednesday,
November 23, 2022
10:03 a.m.
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, City Hall
320 Esplanade Sydney, NS**

The Municipal Clerk Called the Meeting to Order.

Present: Commissioner Eldon MacDonald, Chair
Commissioner Ken Tracey
Commissioner Lorne Green
Commissioner Lloyd Bailey, Citizen Appointee
Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert, Citizen Appointee, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Helen Luedee, Citizen Appointee
Commissioner Noelle Gouthro, Provincial Appointee

Staff: Police Chief Robert Walsh
Deputy Police Chief Steve MacKinnon
Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk
Inspector Paul Muise
Inspector Bill Turner
Staff Sergeant Ken Routledge
Staff Sergeant Keith Power
Sergeant Barry Gordon
Sergeant Angus Boudreau
Constable Michael Byrne
Constable Tamara Christmas
Constable Ray Aitkens
Desiree Magnus, Communications / PR Advisor
Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant
Tanya Nicholson, Recording Secretary

Absent: N/A

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Summary of Decisions

1. Call to Order

2. Administration of the Oaths of Office for New Commissioners:

The Municipal Clerk administered the Oaths of Office for the newly appointed members of the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners.

3. Election/Selection of Chair:

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald was declared Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

4. Land Acknowledgement

5. Roll Call

6. Selection of Vice-Chair:

Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert was declared Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

7. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the November 23, 2022, CBRM Board of Police Commissioners Agenda as presented. **Carried.**

8. Approval of Minutes:

➤ **June 20, 2022**

Motion to approve. **Carried.**

9. Divisional Reports:

For information only.

10. Strategic Plan 2022-2025:

The Communications/PR Advisor provided a presentation on the Strategic Plan.

For information only.

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Board of Police Commissioners

Summary of Decisions (Cont'd)

11. Presentation of Long Service Medals:

The Police Chief presented Long Service Medals and honours to recipients in recognition of their years of service and dedication to the Community.

Adjournment

1. **Call to Order**

The Municipal Clerk called the meeting to order.

2. **Administration of the Oaths of Office for New Commissioners:**

Deborah Campbell Ryan, Municipal Clerk, administered the Oaths of Office for the newly appointed members of the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners.

3. **Election/Selection of Chair:**

The Municipal Clerk called for nominations for the Chair of the Police Commission, noting that as per the Committees RC4 Policy, the appointment of Chair shall be for a term of two consecutive years, and the Chair shall also represent CBRM on the NS Association of Police Governance Board. Once selected the Chair will then call for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Dale Deering Bert nominated Commissioner Eldon MacDonald as Chair of the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners and Commissioner MacDonald accepted the nomination.

The Municipal Clerk asked if there were any additional nominations for Chair. Hearing none, Commissioner Eldon MacDonald was declared Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term of two years.

4. **Land Acknowledgement**

5. **Roll Call**

6. **Selection of Vice-Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Police Commission.

Commissioner Lorne Green nominated Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert for Vice-Chair of the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners and Commissioner Deering-Bert accepted the nomination.

The Chair asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert was declared Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

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7. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the November 23, 2022, CBRM Board of Police Commissioners Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

8. Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Luedee, seconded by Commissioner Tracey, to approve the CBRM Board of Police Commissioners Minutes of:

➤ **June 20, 2022**

Motion Carried.

9. Divisional Reports – June 1, 2022, to November 15, 2022:

Chair Eldon MacDonald called upon Inspector Bill Turner and Inspector Paul Muise to present the CBRPS Divisional and Operational Support Reports.

Inspector Bill Turner reviewed the Divisional Report, noting the following:

Highlights and Initiatives

- Five new Constables were sworn into service as a result of an ongoing recruitment campaign to fill existing vacancies and to maintain the complement of front-line officers keeping our communities safe.
- Seven officers were promoted within the police service to fill positions of Sergeant and Staff Sergeant.
- Police Service Dog (PSD) “Chip” began service in June 2022 following the retirement of PSD Dakota who joined CBRPS in 2012. Chip will serve alongside his partner, K9 Dog Handler, Constable Dale McLean. The K9 Unit is a crucial part of police operations, helping to locate lost persons, track lost or stolen items and suspects, detect illegal drugs, firearms and ammunition and also to assist officers on patrol, in drug enforcement and emergency response.

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Divisional Reports – June 1, 2022, to November 15, 2022 (Cont'd):

- Participated in the 11th annual Special Olympics Truck Convoy in Dartmouth. Special Olympics is the international charity of choice of the Law Enforcement Community, and this is the largest fundraising event for Special Olympics in Nova Scotia. This year there were 217 vehicles participating, helping to raise over \$136,000 for Special Olympics. Our Police Service worked collaboratively with all other police services in the province to provide traffic support for this very worthwhile event.
- Participated in Operation Impact 2022, a national campaign to raise awareness about risky driving behaviours including speed, seatbelt use, impaired driving, and distracted driving. Through checkpoints police checked over 5000 vehicles and issued 130 tickets.
- Through a Memorandum of Agreement with Parks Canada, CBRPS provided an officer to patrol Parks Canada properties to ensure visitor safety, enforce applicable laws and liaise with the community, beginning in June and continuing through September.

Divisions: North/Central/East

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

Inspector Paul Muise reported on the following:

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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Divisional Reports – June 1, 2022, to November 15, 2022 (Cont'd):

After discussion, the Chair thanked the Inspectors for their reports.

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10. Strategic Plan:

Desiree Magnus, Communications/PR Advisor, provided a presentation on the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 highlighting the following:

- Guiding Principles
- Organizational Chart
- Strategic Priorities
- Delivering Services to the Community
- Valued Human Resources
- Ensuring Effective Partnerships
- Pursuing Financial Stability

In response to Commissioner Lloyd Bailey's request, Ms. Magnus indicated that she would include the Police Commission in the Organization Chart and note the Commission's responsibilities with respect to the Police Service in the Strategic Plan and include page numbering in the document.

Following the presentation, the Chair thanked Ms. Magnus for providing the presentation.

For information only.

11. Presentation of Long Service Medals:

Police Chief Robert Walsh welcomed the new Commissioners and congratulated Chair MacDonald and Vice-Chair Deering-Bert on their appointment to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Police Chief Walsh extended congratulations on behalf of Mayor Amanda McDougall to the award recipients as she was not able to attend the presentation ceremony.

Desiree Magnus, Communications / PR Advisor then proceeded to announce the names of the recipients and the presentation of the Long Service Medals by Chief Walsh were made to the following officers in recognition of their years of service and dedication to the Community:

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Presentation of Long Service Medals (Cont'd):

- Constable Michael Byrne: 25 years
- Constable Tamara Christmas: 25 years
- Staff Sergeant Ken Routledge: 25 years
- Constable Ray Aitkens: 15 years

Police Chief Walsh presented Sergeant Barry Gordon with a service recognition award on behalf of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service in acknowledgement of his 45 years of dedicated service and commitment to public safety. The Chief noted that Sergeant Gordon was in his 47th year of service but they did not have the opportunity over COVID-19 pandemic restrictions to do the presentation earlier.

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Adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald
Chair
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Deborah Campbell Ryan
Municipal Clerk