

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Board of Police Commissioners Minutes

March 4, 2024

10:12 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 Helen Luedee, Citizen Appointee

Commissioner Tom Vickers, Citizen Appointee

Commissioner Noelle Gouthro, Provincial Appointee

Staff

Robert Walsh, Chief of Police

Christa Dicks, Municipal Clerk

Stephen MacKinnon, Deputy Chief of Police

Reginald Hutchings, Superintendent

Joe Farrell, Staff Sergeant

Darren Barrington, Staff Sergeant

Jennifer Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

John MacKinnon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Technology

Desiree Magnus, Communications / Public Relations Advisor

William Turner, Inspector

Councillor Gordon MacDonald

Sharon MacSween, Senior Administrative Assistant

Kelly McDonald, Recording Secretary

The following does not represent a word for word record of the proceedings of this meeting. The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at www.cbrm.ns.ca.

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

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Tracey, seconded by Commissioner Deering-Bert, to approve the March 4, 2024, CBRM Board of Police Commissioners Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

2. Administration of the Oaths of Office for Helen Luedee

The Municipal Clerk administered the Oaths of Office for the CBRM Board of Police Commissioner Helen Luedee.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion

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

- December 11, 2023

Motion Carried

4. Business Arising

Chief Walsh presented the proposed budget, included in the agenda package, for the Cape Breton Regional Police Services for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Discussion took place regarding highway patrol, covid restrictions, and expenses. The following motion was then put forward:

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Vickers, seconded by Commissioner Tracey, to approve the Cape Breton Regional Police Services Proposed Budget for 2024-2025, included in the agenda package, to be sent to Council for Budget Deliberations.

Motion Carried**5. Online Reporting and New Website**

Desiree Magnus, Communications/PR Advisor, provided a demonstrative presentation on the Cape Breton Regional Police Services online reporting service and the new website design. Discussion took place regarding confirmation systems, timelines, and Police Academy qualifications.

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6. Divisional Reports

Staff Sergeant Barrington 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 Farrell 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 11:14 a.m.

Commissioner Eldon MacDonald
Chair

Christa Dicks
Municipal Clerk
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