



Board of Police Commissioners

Agenda

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

10:00 a.m.

2nd Floor Council Chambers

**City Hall
320 Esplanade
Sydney, N S.**

Commission Members:

Commissioner Earlene MacMullin, Chair

Commissioner Steve Gillespie

Commissioner Ivan Doncaster

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Nadine Bernard

Citizen Appointee – Commissioner Dale Deering-Bert

Citizen Appointee - Commissioner Joseph Meaney

Provincial Appointee – Commissioner Joseph Gillis, Vice Chair

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Roll Call

1. **Administration of the Oath of Office for Citizen Appointee Dale Deering-Bert:**
Demetri Kachafanas, Solicitor
2. **Approval of Minutes:** (previously distributed)

➤ **February 16th, 2017**
3. **RELAYS Update:** Jean MacAdam, RELAYS Executive Director (See page 3)
4. **Legislation to Legalize Cannabis:** Chief McIsaac (See page 5)
5. **Divisional Reports:** Staff Sergeant Ken O'Neill and Staff Sergeant Phillip Ross (See page 6)

Adjournment

RELAYS

(Resiliency Education Leadership Adventure and Youth Service)

RELAYS is a National Crime prevention project offering programming to high risk youth within the CBRM over a five-year period beginning August of 2015. NCPC have committed just over \$855,000.00 each year with a CBRM contribution of \$120,000.00.

- The contract was signed August 10, 2015, with all sites and staff established in place by April 1, 2016 ready to accept referrals to the program.
- The Six Sites established include: Eskasoni, Northside Johnstone Crescent Sydney Mines, Sherwood Park, Whitney Pier Youth Club, Carmel Centre – New Waterford and Glace Bay (Undercurrent and Oceancrest). New Waterford will soon include a Housing unit on 8th St. New Waterford.
- RELAYS has established an Advisory Committee made up of individuals in the community that have an expertise in working with “at risk youth”.
- MISSION STATEMENT: To Inspire, Support, Encourage and Empower Youth

- **STATS:**

Total referrals	Engaged	Currently Active	Aged out/Became Mentors
210	117	70 +	10 - 4

RELAYS ATTAINMENTS

- *Delivered Youth based activities around the CBRM focusing on Resiliency, Adventure and Youth Service*
- *Made connections with local activity providers to fulfill the needs and interests of the participants.*
- *Engaged youth in group activities to expose youth to new activities in order to learn more about what keeps youth engaged. Site specific calendars of activities are developed monthly and include such topics as Creative Expression, Fitness, and Youth Service.*

Quotes

- **Clinical Therapist from Child and Adolescent Services**, stated she observed an “**amazing difference**” and credits RELAYS with her client’s “**establishing prosocial relationships**” and positive change in attitude.

RANGE OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Traditional Spear Smelting	Traditional Spearing Eels		
Trapping	Pow Wow attendance	Karate	
Curling	Skating	Skiing	Snowboarding,
Archery	Kayaking	Lazer Tag	Sledding
Fishing	Skateboarding	RELAYS Halloween Fright-night	
Cross Fit	Hiking	Swimming	Softball
Wreath making	Basket making	Boxing	MMA
Wall Murals	Plaster Masks	Art	Found Object Art
Youth Night - Board Games	Movie night	Science Experiments	
Cooking	Baking	Holiday Feasts	
Sacred Drum Making	Song Writing	Poetry/RAP	
Healthy Relationships/Bullying/	YMCA Job Search	Anger Management	
Louisburg Historic Site	Two Rivers Wild Life Park		

In site projects vary according to the interests/needs of the youth.

Group Projects

Built a gingerbread house for CBRM Christmas Parades- youth from all sites attended each parade.

Centre for Craft and Design Camps: Lino Print, Photography & Clay

CBU Camps – CSI and Mish Mash Camps

Volunteer work:

SPCA, The Hat, Wentworth Perk, Food Bank, C. B. Highlanders, Maple Hill Manor, Victoria Haven Nursing Home, Shoveling for Elders.

EXCITING UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Art project for Luminaire - Show in the Fall (working with a local artist – Onni Nordman)

Camping in the Highlands, Ghost Walk, and in Provincial park.

Variety Concert with all youth participating at all levels on and off stage.

Traditional Three Day Elder Camp

Raised bed gardens

Legalization of Cannabis: Municipal Impacts

Considerations for a Progressive and Prosperous Future



May 26th

With the impending legalization of cannabis, the UNSM and AMANS have partnered with Nova Scotia Health Authority and the IWK to offer a Cannabis Legalization Symposium.



Friday, May 26, 2017

Four Points Sheraton, 1496 Hollis St., Halifax

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS

Mayor Steven Skadron
City of Aspen

Dr. Robert Strang
NS Chief Medical Officer of Health
NS Health and Wellness

Bob Purcell
Director, FPT Relations and Legislation NS
Department of Justice

Rebecca Jesseman, Sr.
Policy Advisor & Director Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

Craig Reid,
Senior Advisor Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)

Senior Planning Officials with HRM

Gwenyth Dwyn
Mental Health & Addiction Services, NSHA

Brian Johnston, QC
Partner Stewart McKelvey

Kate Johnston
Mental Health & Addictions
IWK Health Centre

Symposium Objectives

- Discuss municipal issues and impacts associated with the impending legalization of cannabis;
- Identify tools and support for municipal staff to prepare strategies for council consideration;
- Gain insight into cannabis regulation and potential cannabis impacts from other jurisdictions and different orders of government;
- Engage lessons learned from alcohol and tobacco in supporting healthy and safe municipalities;
- Understand best practices in addressing community impacts associated with substance use.

Plus: Group table discussions to look at specific areas of interest which could include enforcement, land-use planning and bylaws, cannabis in the workplace and other legalization opportunities and challenges

This is an invitation only event. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required by e-mailing ajeffs@amans.ca by May 15, 2017. Lunch will be provided

For more info. Contact Lyle Goldberg
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**Divisional Report
February 1 – May 31, 2017**

Calls responded to by the CBRPS:

	Calls	Reportable
North Division	3237	1224
Central Division	7283	3717
East Division	4576	1860
CBRPS Total	15,096	6,801

HIGHLIGHTS AND INITIATIVES

- Responded to numerous neighbourhood complaints from citizens in the Victoria Road and Westmount areas, with an increased presence and targeted enforcement through Community Safety Enforcement, Street Crime and Patrol officers, resulting in a significant decrease in police calls for service in both areas:
 - Increased visibility and presence;
 - Dedicated patrol officers assigned to specific areas daily;
 - Neighbourhood canvassing;
 - Crime analysis;
 - Hundreds of property, vehicle and person checks;
 - Bylaw enforcement for 18 clean-up orders, 2 notices to vacate, 2 tear-downs and 3 residences boarded up;
 - Recovered stolen items;
 - Charges for Breaches of Conditions against persons of interest;
 - Collaboration and referrals with Safer Communities, Children's Aid and Community Services.
- Seized more than 7000 pills at an estimated street value of \$180,000, including the first seizure of Fentanyl tablets in the CBRM, in a search of 2 Glace Bay homes by Street Crime and Drug officers.
- Identified, arrested and charged 4 individuals connected to five armed robberies across Nova Scotia between April 30th and May 20th, including the Circle K Irving in Sydney and Jack's Place in Glace Bay, as well as a theft of several sets of golf clubs from Lingan Golf Course.

- Participated in Canada Road Safety Week, a national initiative to raise awareness of safe driving practices with a focus on impaired driving, seatbelt use, speeding and distracted driving. Targeted checkpoints throughout the CBRM May 16-22 resulted in a total of 100 motor vehicle charges including 76 for speeding.
- Solidified continued police participation in the Pride Cape Breton Parade, as a result of a mutual desire to continue building on our strong, progressive and collaborative relationship with Pride Cape Breton to celebrate diversity, inclusion, protection and public safety for all citizens in our community.
- Celebrated Police Week with a colouring contest, open houses and a Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.
- Hired 8 new police officers to replace retirements and vacancies within the police service and maintain our complement of officers, all placed directly on the front-line in patrols.

TRAINING

- Traffic Collision Investigation Course Level II RCMP Halifax (2)
- Traffic Technical Collision Investigators Course Level III Ontario Provincial Police (1)
- Traffic Reconstruction Collision Investigation Course Level IV Ontario police College (1)
- Hazardous Environment Recognition Training – Canadian Police College Ottawa (2)
- Road To Mental Readiness (R2MR) – Ontario (2)
- Investigation and Assessment of Child Sexual Abuse Training – Nova Scotia Department of Community Service – Halifax (4)
- Managing The Fentanyl Crisis Conference – Toronto Ontario (2)
- Safety First Symposium – Work Place Health & Safety – CBU Sydney (8)
- Employee Assistances Program(EAP) Seminar – Halifax – (2)
- Annual BLOCK TRAINING (ALL) – Topics covered: Domestic Violence / Use Of Force / Taser Recert / First Aid Recert / Sexual Assault Outreach Program / NArCan / Community Service Act
- Range Training – pistol 9mm and Carbine Rifle C-8; (120 to date)
- Basic Fire Arms Instructors (BFI), Carbine instructors Training (18)
- K9 seminar - Red Deer
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) conference – Halifax – (5)
- Canadian Police Knowledge Network online training (ongoing)

PATROLS

- Attended calls relating to incidents of Assault, Suspicious Fires, Theft, Vandalism, Deceased Persons, Missing Persons, Break and Enter, Impaired Driving, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Domestic Violence and Weapons Complaints.
 - Arrested 58-year-old female for 2 robberies with weapon in Sydney Mines and a 28-year-old male for a Home Invasion in North Sydney.
 - Arrested 2 males breaking into South Street Ball Park building in Glace Bay.
 - Arrested a 30-year-old man for a string of incidents in Sydney and Louisbourg areas.
- Attended Installation of officers ceremonies throughout the CBRM.
- Conducted foot patrols in downtown areas.
- Conducted hundreds of premise and property checks, in response to insecure premises, extra patrol requests and suspicious activity.
- Worked with Nova Scotia Safer Communities and CBRM By-Laws to address abandoned buildings, including demolition plans.
 - Tenants at 160 Queen Street in North Sydney were evicted by Safer Communities after extensive surveillance and enforcement in response to several calls for police service.
- Enforced Winter Parking Regulations as part of continued efforts for winter road safety throughout the CBRM.

Lockup:

Feb	March	April	May
116	178	156	142
2	3	12	5
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- Responded to 277 calls for service and laid 26 charges.
- Attended / participated in/at: Tim Horton's Camp Day, Youth Talking Circle, community funerals, Neighbourhood Watch meetings, Family Living Pancake Breakfast, Health Management Committee meeting.
- Conducted foot patrols.
- Attended presentation on Family Law changes.

K-9 Unit:

- Responded to 81 calls for K-9 service including Robbery, Suicidal, Domestic Assault/Threat, Stolen Vehicle, Break & Enter, Home Invasion, assist Major Crime Unit, assist Street Crime Unit, assist ERT, assist Dept. Natural Resources.
 - Made 7 arrests, located 6 articles.
- Assisted patrols with over 100 calls for service, alarms and vehicle stops.
- Regularly participated in foot patrol for visible presence and to maintain relationship with citizens throughout the community.
- Conducted community and school presentations.

School Liaison Officers:

- Participated in coaching and mentoring students.
- Worked closely with school administration to address potential issues and ensure school safety.
- Investigated criminal matters that occurred during school hours.
- Dealt with incidents including: property damage, bullying, theft, working with school administration and parents to address issues internally through suspensions and restitution or through further police investigation and the Court system where warranted.
- Assisted patrol officers with files connected to students at schools.
- Worked with Addictions Services to refer youth with addiction issues.
- Helped students who were experiencing personal problems by referring to Mental Health Services. There has been an increase in these referrals over the past couple of months.
- Attended various after school activities and events, which include sporting events, meetings, Parent/Teacher meetings, and school dances.
- Worked with High School Coop Students who are showing an interest in choosing police work as a career.
- Travelled to the Atlantic Police Academy with high school Co-op Students who are interested in pursuing police work as a career.
- Worked with parent groups, helping to organize Safe Grad

Community Officers:

- Conducted Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying presentations in various schools.
- Presented work place safety presentations.
- Liaison between the Executive Director of the RELAYS National Crime Prevention Project and the CBRPS.
- Liaison between CBRPS and Child Welfare Group Home in Sydney.
- Attended various community events throughout the CBRM.
- Worked with various Not for Profit Agencies in the CBRM.
- Oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Association for Safer Cape Breton Communities Centers for Underprivileged Youth.
- Presented at a conference at Dalhousie University which was hosted by Halifax Regional Police Service.
- Worked with CBRM By-Laws Inspectors and the Nova Scotia Department of Justice Safer Communities Unit.
- Conducted a neighborhood survey in a Sydney area seeing a recent increase in criminal activity; residents were asked what they felt was the problem and how it could be dealt with.
- Attended a public meeting in the Westmount area concerning vandalism.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Traffic Safety Unit:

- Enforced 587 *Motor Vehicle Act* charges.
 - Participated in Canada Road Safety Week, targeting enforcement for seatbelts, distracted driving, speeding, aggressive driving and impaired driving – 100 charges.
- Attended to and investigated multiple serious collisions.
- Provided safety planning and escorts for 32 events, parades, festivals and races throughout the CBRM.
- Managed the Crossing Guard program.
- Worked with CBRM and Dept. of Transportation to address areas of concern for roadway safety, including:
 - Traffic lights at the intersection of Prince and Inglis.
 - Upgrades to the intersection of Welton and Reeves Street RA-5 (overhead flashing lights at the marked crosswalk).
 - Additional lighting and signage at the Reserve Street, Macleod Road and Phalen Road intersection of Glace Bay.
 - Trucking route for the opening of the Donkin Mine
 - Crosswalk flags in Glace Bay, identifying several locations for Transportation Minister to monitor.
- Participated in downtown development committee review of plans for the revitalization of the Charlotte street area with Ekistics.
- Attended an Active transportation meeting in relation to then projects for the upcoming year and the approval of the budget.
- Presented the Pedestrian Safety Policy to the CBRM Directors prior to the policy being sent to Council for final approval.
- Partnered with MADD Cape Breton to be complete impaired driving educational checkpoints for Easter Weekend.
- Conducted a presentation for the CBU students interested in a career in Policing.

Street Crime/Drug Unit:

- Laid 102 charges and seized \$466,000 worth of drugs.
- Assisted other agencies and sections of the CBRPS in executing search warrants, conducting surveillance and making arrests.
- Conducted drug education presentations for schools and community groups.
- Shared intelligence on persons involved in criminal activity with police agencies across Nova Scotia.

Community Safety Enforcement Unit:

- Worked on 345 assignments and laid 80 charges.
- Conducted numerous curfew checks, property checks, address checks and vehicle stops, arresting individuals breaching conditions.
- Conducted various surveillance relating to several different files currently being investigated.
- Assisted patrols and investigative sections with surveillance and information gathering in response to complaints, concerns, areas of increased criminal activity (vandalism, vehicle entries, break and enters, drug activity), high risk offenders and ongoing investigations, successfully resulting in arrests and charges.
 - Arrested male responsible for Graffiti damage in Northside communities.
 - Provided extra presence and surveillance in Westmount and Victoria Road areas.
 - Investigated several Break and Enter and Vandalism incidents.
 - Partnered with Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming to monitor and enforce underage drinking.
 - Monitored Rotary Park area in response to complaints of ATV use.
 - Targeted distracted driving use, issuing several summary offence tickets.

Major Crime/Domestic Violence Unit:

- Laid 40 criminal code charge in relation to complaints including Murder, Forcible Entry, Robbery, major Assaults, Sexual Assaults, Domestic Violence, Criminal Harassment, Uttering Threats, Break and Enters, Fraud, Weapon Violations, Parole Violations, and Breach Violations.
- Executed 23 search warrants and production orders along with sealing orders.
- Continued preparing Court documentation for upcoming trials, including a homicide.
- Reviewed 195 Domestic-related files, resulting in 435 charges.

General Investigation Section

- Investigated cases of sexual assault, theft, assault, fraud and Breaches of Court orders.
 - Assigned 43 new files for investigation.
- Prepared and executed several Warrants and Production Orders.
- Registered persons on the National Sex Offender Registry.
- Assisted Major Crime investigators with a homicide and missing person file.

Arson Investigator:

- Investigated numerous suspicious fires in the CBRM, laying a total of 2 charges.
 - Received 20 new files for investigation.
- Executed search warrants and production orders for ongoing investigations.
- Worked closely with the Fire Marshall's office, polygraph examiner and Forensic Identification Unit, Insurance Bureau of Canada and CBRM Inspection and Bylaws, as well as RCMP Technology Lab in Halifax.

Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) / Computer Forensic Unit:

- Worked on 25 investigations, including incidents of sexual exploitation, child pornography, Internet Luring and the forensic analysis of computers and mobile devices such as tablets and cell phones.
- Produced and executed 4 Production Orders and Search Warrants.

Forensic Identification Unit:

- Responded to 103 calls for service including: Deceased Persons, Fires, Attempted Suicides, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Stolen Vehicles, Sexual Assaults, Home Invasions, Break & Enters, Missing Persons, Property Damage, Search Warrants, Photo Arrays and lab requests.
- Prepared files for court including exhibit preparation.
- Maintained exhibit control for all evidence seized by the police service, and managed all photographic evidence.
- Conducted lab work associated with file exhibits submitted by Major Crime, General Investigation Unit, Arson Investigation Unit and Patrols for processing.
 - Identified 6 footwear impressions, 2 palm impressions and 8 fingerprint impressions.

Polygraph Unit:

- Assisted members of Major Crime, General Investigative Section, Arson Investigator and Patrols with several investigations, conducting Polygraph tests, taking statements and conducting interviews, and advising on interview strategy and technique.

Criminal Analyst:

- Assisted with investigations, analyzing data, producing reports and crime mapping to identify potential suspects and target areas.
- Fulfilled internal and external requests for statistical information.
- Facilitated information sharing with Criminal Intelligence Service of Nova Scotia and maintained all information entries to the Automated Criminal Intelligence Information System (ACIIS).
- Liaised with Correctional Services Canada regarding information on individuals released from federal institutions.
- Created documentation for Prolific Offender's going to Court, liaising with Crown's Office to promote a zero tolerance approach to remand.

Mental Health Liaison Officer:

- The Mental Health Police Liaison Officers (MHPLO) continues to act as a liaison between the CBDHA and the CBRPS to assist in addressing systemic issues and in resolving particular situations involving individuals with mental health disorders.
- Assisted with training in Mental Health, providing law enforcement personnel with strategies for dealing with emotionally disturbed persons to increase confidence, comfort and awareness for officers dealing with and successfully resolving such situations.
- Participated in daily outreach activities providing support to individuals exhibiting symptoms of mental illness. The assessment, intervention and/or referral often reduce the risk of escalation of the symptoms and behaviour to the point of a psychiatric emergency and/or involvement with justice services.
- Participated in community education committees and focus groups, attended meetings that address the issues of mental illness in the community and performed formal presentations, consultation and advocacy to various services.
- Accompanied Mental Health nurse to meet with clients with unpredictable behaviours or in concerning environments.

