

A regular meeting of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, starting at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Jan Davis; Members John Thompson and Gordon Rodgers; Councillors Gail Smith, Marc Britney (entered at 6:36 p.m.) and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; RCMP member, Cpl. Tim MacDonald; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER - COUNCILLOR GAIL SMITH

Gordon Rodgers swore in Councillor Gail Smith as a member of the Middleton Police Advisory Board.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

160913.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as circulated. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

160913.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Police Advisory Board meeting of June 14, 2016 be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Crosswalks

Chair Davis congratulated the Town on the painting of the crosswalks. Both CAO Turner and Chair Davis have received numerous compliments on their visibility both from pedestrians and drivers.

5.2 PAB Member Training - Reminder

Chair Davis encouraged members to take the PAB member on-line training course offered by the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

5.3 Speeding in Town (new signs)

CAO Turner informed the Board:

- there has been a changeover in staff and she will follow up on the new speeding signs;
- she contacted the Traffic Authority regarding the crosswalk at Meadow Lane and, because Meadow Lane and Bentley Drive are offset, it will be a traffic hazard to place a crosswalk at that location.

In regard to the ongoing problems with illegal parking at the Post Office and the Royal Bank, CAO Turner will talk to:

- Council regarding their interest in hiring a bylaw enforcement officer;
- the County regarding their capacity to offer additional Bylaw Enforcement Services to the Town of Middleton;
- the Public Works department regarding options including the use of jersey barriers.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Complaints: Drugs

Chair Davis has received numerous complaints regarding drugs being sold in the community. The RCMP are aware of the problem and are closely monitoring the situation.

6.2 Complaints: Individuals in parked cars around Centennial Park

Chair Davis has received numerous complaints regarding individuals in parked cars at Centennial Park. The RCMP informed the Board that the parked cars are associated with Pokémon Go as the Macdonald Museum and Centennial Park are hotspots.

6.3 Distracted Driving in Town

There have been numerous calls reporting distracted drivers including people driving and using a cell phone and driving through lights and stop signs. In order to lay a ticket, the complainant must be willing to make a statement and go to court. If they are unwilling to do that, the RCMP can talk to the driver but are unable to ticket them.

7. **RCMP REPORT**

The RCMP Report for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2016 was circulated to all Board members. Cpl. Tim MacDonald updated the Board on the recent drug bust and ongoing staffing issues.

8. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Britney will not be re-offering in the coming Municipal Election and was thanked for his years of service to the PAB.

CAO Turner informed the Board that in the interest of transparency, the Town will be advertising all public appointments to its Committees, including the PAB. The advertisement will be sent to current members.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

10. ADJOURNMENT

160913.03: It was moved and seconded that the Board adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved by Board Motion 170314.03, March 14, 2017.