

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, October 8, 2024



A regular meeting of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, starting at 5:00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, David McCoubrey, Deputy Mayor Gail Smith; Members John Thompson Councillors John Bartlett and Bernadette Knapp; RCMP member Sgt. Lindsay Powers, and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Ashley Crocker; Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Also in attendance: Nine (9) citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCoubrey called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

241008.01 It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

3. MINUTES

3.1. Approval of the Minutes

241008.02 It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024, circulated. **Motion carried.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1. Police Advisory Board Training

- Chair McCoubrey noted that the Police Advisory Board training was held on July 18th.
- Chair McCoubrey emphasized that all new members joining the Board are required to complete the training.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Senior Safety Program

- Chair McCoubrey attended the Police Advisory Board Meeting at the County, where Sharon Elliott presented on upcoming changes. Effective April 2025, Soldiers Memorial will reduce their funding for the Senior Safety Program, although the Annapolis West Health Foundation will continue to sponsor it. Chair McCoubrey remarked that the Senior Safety Chair performs significant work that alleviates responsibilities from policing services, ensures seniors receive proper care, and prevents the unnecessary use of police resources.

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6. RCMP REPORTS

6.1 Quarterly Report: July 1 to September 30, 2024

The RCMP quarterly report for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2024, was circulated to all Board members.

Sgt Powers provided the Board and citizens with an overview of RCMP activities in the Town including:

- Road Safety and Impaired Driving
- Police Visibility and Community Engagement (including homelessness and domestic violence)
- Calls for Service
- Other things of note:
 - By the end of this week, all new Constable positions allotted for this year will be filed.
 - Positions for Annapolis members who have been identified for transfer out of the area already have incoming members assigned.
- Councillor Bartlett inquired about plans to enhance proactive policing in the town.

7. ANYTHING BY CITIZENS

- A citizen asked if someone would be available to cover the hour with the addition of the fourth person.
- Sgt. Powers replied that they don't have the resources to move to a 24-hour schedule, noting that the regular on-call hours are from 3pm to 8am
- Citizen Chris Bradley raised concerns about petty crime in the community, suggesting increased policing in Middleton during the evening, as that seems to be when vandalism occurs. He expressed frustration over receiving overly technical responses to simple questions about policing, questioning why resources aren't available at night.
- Sgt. Powers stated that just because no one is out during the evening, doesn't mean anyone isn't working over their scheduled hours.
- Citizen Octavia McLean mentioned that it's a partnership between the town and the police. She noted that there hasn't been a police presence at their neighborhood watch meetings, which occur on the last Tuesday of the month.

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8. CHAIR REMARKS

- Chair McCoubrey announced that today would be his final meeting, as his term on the board has come to an end.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday January 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm

ACTION: Post position on Facebook and webpage.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.


Chair


Recording Secretary-