

A regular meeting of the Middleton Police Advisory Board (PAB) was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, January 16, 2025, starting at 5:00pm.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Councillor Sandra Fournier, Members John Thompson, Councillors Jonathan Archibald and John Bartlett (arrived at 5:40pm); RCMP member Sgt. Mike Maxwell, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Ashley Crocker; and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Regrets: Sgt. Lindsay Powers

Also in attendance: Bernadette Knapp and Dan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fournier called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

250116.01 It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CAO Crocker called for nominations and Councillor John Bartlett was nominated and accepted the nomination.

- CAO Crocker called for nominations a 2nd time and there were no nominations
- CAO Crocker called for nominations a 3rd time and there were no nominations
- Councillor John Bartlett was acclaimed as Chair of the Police Advisory Board for a one-year term.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Bartlett called for nominations and Councillor Sandra Fournier was nominated and accepted the nomination.

- Chair Bartlett called for nominations a 2nd time and there were no nominations
- Chair Bartlett called for nominations a 3rd time and there were no nominations
- Councillor Sandra Fournier was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Police Advisory Board for a one-year term.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Senior Safety Program

Sgt. Maxwell stated that they are putting together a package for a funding model. Sharon Elliot continues to assist seniors.

PAB members asked several questions of Sgt. Maxwell, who gave the following information to the board:

- Citizens typically access services by self-identifying, reporting through other agencies, CORAH, hospital services, health foundations and the social work program.
- Sharon's services are available to citizens across the Annapolis County area, not just in Middleton.
- Depending on the type of crisis, Sharon is usually proactive and involved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Joint Police Advisory Board Update

CAO Crocker provided a brief update on the joint police advisory board and mentioned that a notice will need to be sent to the Department of Justice once all Councils have approved the Terms of Reference. The frequency of board meetings would be up to the board, but the Police Act mandates a minimum of quarterly meetings.

7. RCMP REPORTS

7.1 Quarterly Report: October 1 to December 31, 2024

The RCMP quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, was circulated to all Board members. Matthew MacLean of Traffic Services is now based in New Minas and continues to enforce traffic laws. Additionally, two new police officers have arrived from Newfoundland. Sgt. Maxwell provided the Board and citizens with an overview of RCMP activities in the Town including:

- Data Led Traffic Enforcement
 - Fifty (50) tickets and eight (8) warnings, slightly down from last year.
- Property Crime
- Comprehensive Education
- Calls for Service
- Files of Interest
- Other things of note:
 - Supt. Jason Popik has taken over Command of the SouthWest Nova RCMP.

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- Every RCMP member is responsible for the entirety of Annapolis County
- 24/7 RCMP coverage is unlikely, as the Annapolis District RCMP doesn't currently operate 24/7
- There is no specific RCMP enforcement strategy for the trails – citizens are advised to report anything suspicious
- The importance of always calling the RCMP was emphasized if anything suspicious is heard or observed

7.2 Quarter 3 Mayor's Report

Sgt. Maxwell provided the Board and citizens with an overview of RCMP activities in the town.

8. MINUTES

8.1. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

2024.10.08 PAB Minutes

No errors or omissions were noted, and the minutes were considered approved.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Thursday April 17, 2025, at 5:00pm.

10. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

It was moved and seconded to amend the agenda by adding a Swearing In Ceremony prior to adjournment.

Bui Thi Anh Dao arrived at 6:10pm to facilitate the Swearing In Ceremony as a Commissioner of Oaths.

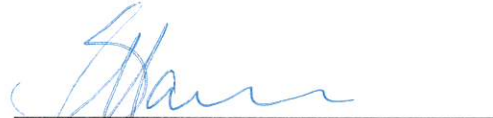
- Citizen John Thompson was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Councillor John Bartlett was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Councillor Sandra Fournier was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.
- Councillor Jonathan Archibald was sworn in and then signed the Oath of Office.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary