

A regular meeting of Joint Police Advisory Board was held at the Middleton Town Hall on Thursday, June 19, 2025, starting at 11:00am.

## **PRESENT**

Chairing the meeting, Nile Harding, Warden, Diane LeBlanc, Councillors, John Bartlett and Sandra Fournier. Citizens John Thompson, Carole Greentree, William Street, Manager of Protective Services, Robert Bruce, CAO's Ashley Crocker and Chris McNeill and Staff Seargent Mike Maxwell and Recording Secretary, Sara Marceau.

Regrets: Patricia Leslie

Also in attendance: Tina Halliday, Sharon Elliott, 1 resident

### **1. WELCOME**

At 11:00am, Chair Harding welcomed everyone to the Joint Police Advisory Board.

### **2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

5.2 Public Safety in Middleton

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**250619.01** It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

Sharon Elliott gave an informative presentation to the Joint Police Advisory Board on the Annapolis County Seniors Safety Program, highlighting the importance of maintaining strong connections with residents in the community. She emphasized how vital it is for seniors to have access to reliable information and support, and shared a number of key takeaways and resources available through the program:

- Security tips specifically for women
- Information on the Women's Resource Centre
- Collaboration with the Annapolis County Housing Association
- Services offered by CORAH (Community Outreach and Resource Assistance Hub)
- Crime Stoppers program
- Mental health resources and support

- REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization)
- Elder abuse awareness and prevention
- Assistance in accessing additional local and provincial resources
- Support from social workers at the Primary Care Clinic
- Help with eviction issues
- Guidance on security deposits
- Emergency planning for seniors and vulnerable residents
- A commitment to personal service—when you call, you speak to a real person, not a phone tree

Sharon's presentation emphasized the program's role in fostering safer, healthier communities by empowering seniors with knowledge and personalized support.

A discussion followed on several of the topics Sharon had raised:

- Chair Harding mentioned that he has encountered older individuals who are struggling to remain in their homes while caring for an aging partner
- Manager of Protective Services Bruce inquired about the Vial of Life and where seniors are expected to place it
  - Ms. Elliott responded that seniors are expected to place it in the refrigerator, specifically on the inside of the door
- CAO McNeill asked Ms. Elliott if she sees herself taking on a role within a community safety program, and whether she informs others of her whereabouts and schedule
  - Ms. Elliott responded that she often brings an RCMP officer with her, depending on the situation
- Warden Leblanc inquired about the status of the funding issues and whether there has been any improvement.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

##### **4.1 Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**

2025.04.17 Meeting Minutes

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Further Discussion re: RCMP Community Orientation Project

Recording Secretary Halliday assembled a welcome package, as discussed at the last meeting. Chair Harding contributed a cover letter to be included in the package. New members will receive the welcome package upon their visit.

5.2 Public safety in Middleton

Councillor Fournier raised an issue brought forth by Town of Middleton residents, noting that there is fear and anxiety surrounding the arrival of the new motorcycle club.

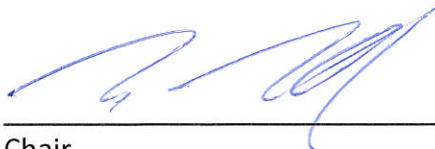
Staff Sergeant Maxwell emphasized that in response to safety concerns, residents are encouraged to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you see something, say something, contact local authorities or use the anonymous tip line. Community involvement is key to maintaining a safe and secure neighborhood.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday September 18, 2025, at 11:00am, in the Municipality of the County of Annapolis Council Chambers.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.



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Chair



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Recording Secretary