

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Attendance** – Paul Morton, Rupert Jannasch, Guide Furlani, Jane Davis, Mark Phillips, Dave Ferguson, and Rhonda Brown (Detachment Services Assistant) Regrets: Mandy Singleton

There were no members of the public in the gallery.

3. **Announcements**

Chair Morton informed that West Hants Regional Municipality acknowledges we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral land and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and that this land is governed by the treaties of Peace and Friendship signed in 1726. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognized that we are all treaty people and have responsibilities to this land and each other. West Hants Regional Municipality also recognized African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose history, legacies, and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions.

**MOVED BY DAVIS/FURLANI THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.
MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – None.

6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- (a) January 22, 2024, Police Advisory Board Minutes
- (b) April 22, 2024, Police Advisory Board Minutes

**MOVED BY DAVIS/FURLANI THAT THE JANUARY 22, 2024, AND APRIL 22, 2024, POLICE
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES BE APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **Presentations** – None.

8. **Business Arising from the Minutes / Old Business**

- (a) Reservist Program

S/Sgt Ferguson informed that information on the Reservist Program was requested due to the current resources and the current six positions at the West Hants RCMP Detachment by long-term medical leave and restricted duties. A reservist salary would be the same as a constable approximately \$106,000 annually, the reservist does not need to pay the indirect costs which would be Division Admin cost such as enhanced reporting, accountability, legal services cadet

training, body worn camera, the Municipality would not need to pay the enhanced administrative cost. The availability of a reservist in the Division would need to be known. He stated that Yarmouth, who are also under the Municipal contract, have used reservist but had to use a obtain them from another Division, so there were additional costs incurred for travel such as meals, rental car, and accommodations; this can add over \$300.00 per day to the expenditure. A request for reservists in West Hants would be made through the RCMP chain of command. Currently the West Hants members can manage service levels and supplement with overtime if needed.

Discussion Points

- Of the six positions currently impacted by leaves, one is on gradual return to work, and another was returning to work but had a relapse, so it is unlikely there will be improvements anytime soon.

(b) Court Liaison Information

S/Sgt. Ferguson requested this agenda item be moved to the next meeting, as he is waiting for additional information.

9. Reports

(a) West Hants RCMP Quarterly Report – S/Sgt Ferguson reviewed the report which highlighted the current staffing levels, calls for service statistics, and noteworthy events. He noted for the year, the detachment was at about a 20 % expenditure rate of the budget.

Discussion Points

- The increase in calls for service is mainly due to the increase in road safety enforcement which has been done over the quarter. The check-stops in the rural areas attributed to the increase in speeding violations; as well as aiding the goals of road safety and increased presence in the community.
- There has been an increase in calls related to theft under and shoplifting from grocery stores and other businesses in the area.
- The increase in mischief calls is mainly due to people interfering with other people's lawful enjoyment of their property.
- Leave of absences at the West Hants Detachments and throughout the Province are consistent. There has been an increase in West Hants in recent years, but our resources are better others in the Province.
- Short-term leave is less than 30 days, and the Municipality is still responsible for members salary; after 30 days it is considered long-term leave, and the Municipality is no longer responsible for the salary.

10. New Business - None

11. Correspondence

(a) 2024-06-04 Office of Attorney General and Minister of Justice – Police Review Update

Discussion Points

- Deloitte was hired to do engagement as part of the Police Review and will be consulting with the various stakeholders including Police Advisory Boards, so Chair Morton may be contacted to complete a survey.

(b) 2024-06-27 RCMP Five Multi-Year Financial Plan

Discussion Points

- The Five-Year Financial Plan will be presented to Council for discussion and approval.

12. In-Camera

(a) MGA 22 (2) (a) – Personnel Matter

**MOVED BY JANNASCH/DAVIS THAT THE MEETING MOVE IN- CAMERA AT 6:32 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY DAVIS/FURLANI THAT THE MEETING MOVE OUT OF IN- CAMERA AT 7:13
PM.**

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment – Quarterly meetings on the third (3rd) Monday (Jan – Apr – Jul – Oct) – The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

**MOVED BY JANNASCH/FURLANI THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 7:13 PM. MOTION
CARRIED.**

Chair Paul Morton