

RCMP Advisory Board – Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2020
Time: 5:15PM
Location: Antigonish County Board Room

Present

Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart, Meeting Chair
Town Councillor Jack MacPherson, Co-Chair
Municipal Councillor Vaughan Chisholm
Town Councillor Diane Roberts
S/Sgt. Bill Mooney (RCMP)
Sgt. Warren McBeath (RCMP)
Matt Whitehead (Provincial Appointee)
Fred Bell (Member at Large - Town)
Carroll MacAdam (Member at Large - County)
Verne Barnett (Member at Large – Town)

Also Present

Cst. Morgan MacPherson, Antigonish RCMP
Donnie MacDonald, County Councillor
Paul Landry, Strait Regional Centre for Education
Kevin Pearce, Strait Regional Centre for Education
Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer

Regrets

Russ Nicols (Member at Large – County)

Call to Order

Deputy Warden Stewart called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. All present then introduced.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Diane, Carroll MacAdam seconded. Items #7 and #9 moved to before #5. Approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Jack MacPherson, Fred Bell seconded. Approved as amended with the addition of the list of members present.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Councillor MacPherson acknowledged the advocacy of County Council re: the Beech Hill / Trunk 4 Intersection.
- b. A question arose concerning additional traffic enforcement on Highway 337 at Mount Cameron. RCMP added additional patrols in the fall, which did not result in much.
- c. Term of Reference have been approved by both County and Town Councils.

Presentation by Cst. Morgan MacPherson

- Cst. MacPherson presented on his role with Community Policing.
- All County schools have an active program, which is co-facilitated by Cst. MacPherson.
- Program in primary schools is about personal safety and preventing sexual exploitation.
- Received positive feedback from teachers, parents and students.
- Program in secondary schools focuses on young men and women and consensual sexual activity. Deals with topics that are uncomfortable and typically are not discussed openly. Deals with sexual exploitation, alcohol and drug usage, homophobia, etc...
- Provide cyber-safety education to all ages. How to use technology safety.
- Focused on vaping in the past few years.
- Provided driving under the influence and distracted driving presentations to secondary schools.
- StFX programming is centred on alcohol and drug risk-reduction delivered directly in residences.
- Initiating an older-adult program, which is a series of eight weekly presentations focused on seniors and issues of interest to them. Have had positive feedback from previous attendees.
- Reach out to newcomers to Canada to ensure they have a positive impression of police in Canada, which is not always the case.
- Organizes Police Week Showcase, typically at a different school throughout the community.

- Responsible for Safe Plans, which provide police pictures, blueprints and other information so that police and other emergency agencies can respond in an emergency within schools. Includes all seven primary / secondary schools and StFX.

Red-Light Violations in Antigonish County

- Mr. Pearce spoke to how red-light violations are reported to the SCRE and subsequently the RCMP.
- All red-light violations across the province are being tracked.
 - Over 1100 violations across the province; 84 in SRCE.
 - Since September 2019, 12 in Antigonish County. All but 6 along Hawthorne / Hwy 245 between Pleasant Valley Road and Main Street.
 - SRCE had six convictions last school year.
- First offense \$400 and six demerit points; second offense \$1200 fine.
- 30 (27% of fleet) school buses have cameras which are hard mounted to the bus. Budget each year to hard-mount cameras on additional buses.
- If there is an area of concern a bus with a camera is moved to that area.
- PSAs are run in multiple media on bus safety.

RCMP Quarterly Report

- S/Sgt. Mooney provided the Antigonish RCMP monthly reports for Oct, Nov & December (See attached report).
- Sgt. MacBeath provided the Traffic Safety report for 2019 (see attached report).

Trunk 4 / Beech Hill Road Intersection Update

- With the closure of Trunk 4 east of Beech Hill Road, the RCMP have been asked to provide an additional presence and enforcement along South River Road as traffic patterns adjust.

Additions to the Agenda

- There were no additions to the agenda.

Next Meeting

March 5, 2020, at the Town Office.

Adjournment

On a motion from Councillor MacPherson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.