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**Joint Police Advisory Board  
MINUTES**

December 3, 2020 @ 5:15pm  
Council Chambers

**Attendance**

Co-Chair, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart (County)  
Councillor Sean Cameron (Town)  
Councillor Diane Roberts (Town)  
Councillor Shawn Brophy (County)  
Councillor Judy Julien (Paqtnkek)  
Mr. Russ Nicol (Member at Large)  
Mr. Vern Barnett (Member at Large)  
Mr. Fred Bell (Member at Large)  
Mr. Carroll MacAdam (Member at Large)Mr. Matt Whitehead (Provincial Representative)  
S/Sgt. David Combden, RCMP  
Sgt. Warren MacBeath, RCMP

**Also Present**

Glenn Horne, CAO (County)  
Jeff Lawrence, CAO (Town)  
Mike Landry, SRCE  
Paul Landry, SRCE  
Alisha Bowie  
Mike Taylor

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 5:15pm

**Approval of the agenda**

Moved by Sean Cameron, seconded by Shawn Brophy. Motion Carried

**Approval of the Minutes**

Fred Bell asked that the minutes be amended to read “assess” rather than “address” the Town’s overall problem... on page 3, paragraph 9, related to drug dealers.

Moved by Fred Bell, seconded by Diane Roberts that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried

**Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the minutes

**Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda

**RCMP Update**

**COVID 19 / Pandemic Response**

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S./Sgt. Combden said there has been a drop in Covid files. There were 20 charges laid and 7 bylaw tickets. He noted that with students coming back after Christmas they will have to be vigilant.

#### **Traffic Calls**

Speeding concerns – calls from residents concerned about speeding on residential streets. Discussion followed on how to address these concerns. More of a presence by police in areas of concern, speed signs.

#### **Loud Mufflers**

RCMP purchased a decibel meter which will assist with enforcement.

#### **Mental Health calls**

S./Sgt Combden mentioned that they have not seen a great increase in mental health calls. Judy Julien noted that they have received an increase in mental health calls in their community.

#### **Continuing Business**

- a. Trunk 4 / Beech Hill Intersection Update

Glenn Horne shared that the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal is nearing completion of construction of a new roundabout at this location. The roundabout is intended to make the intersection safer.

#### **New Business**

- a. Addressing speeding concerns, discussion about ways to stop speeding.

Glenn Horne shared that Municipal Council referred a conversation about measures to curb speeding throughout the community to this Board. Some examples shared by Council included PSAs, automatic feedback signs, speed recording devices and photo radar. The Board will continue to share concerns and discuss.

- b. Gazebo at Antigonish Education Center – Paul Landry attended meeting to discuss the removal of the gazebo. There are concerns with the structure it is old and rotting. Youth are drinking there at night. Pigeons in the structure.

Presented the committee with 2 choices.

- Do work to the structure to make it safe
- Take down the structure and build a memorial garden

The committee agreed to the memorial garden, this is to be presented to both Town and County Councils.

Moved by Matt Whitehead, seconded by Sean Cameron, that the Police Advisory Board recommend to Municipal and Town Council to endorse the Strait Regional Centre for Education in removing the gazebo at the Antigonish Education Centre and replacing it with a memorial garden. Motion Carried.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021.

#### **Motion to adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm