

POLICE ADVISORY MEETING
April 14, 2021
Via WebEx Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair Councillor Chris Goddard, Chair
 Councillor Rod Reeves
 Councillor Ty Walsh
 Mayor Don Clarke
 Cpl. Tim Doyle, RCMP
 Sgt. Mitch Pelletier
 Michael Payne, CAO
 Jane Perry, Neighborhood Watch
 Pat Jodrie, Citizen Representative
 Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Absent with regrets: Hope Mailman, Student Representative

1. Call to Order

The Police Advisory Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The previous minutes were approved as circulated.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

4. Introductions

The committee took a moment to introduce themselves as this was Sgt. Pelletier's first meeting with the committee, as well as Pat Jodrie's first meeting as well. The committee is looking forward to working with both Sgt. Pelletier, who has been transferred here from Manitoba, as well as Ms. Jodrie, the newest citizen representative.

5. Reports – Cpl. Tim Doyle

Cpl. Doyle gave an extensive review of the February and March, 2021 RCMP reports. In the month of February, there were a total of 75 calls for service in the Town. Of additional note there were 387 patrols and some 46 traffic violations confirmed within Town and the immediate area. In the month of March there were 97 calls for service in the Town. Of additional note there were 527 patrols and some 63 traffic violations confirmed within Town, and the immediate area.

Discussion ensued with regard to the gift card scams and for the need for seniors to be aware (could perhaps do some publicizing on this).

6. Town Radar Data (Main Street East)

The committee reviewed the radar data which Mr. Payne had collected from February 1 to March 22. The radar information indicated that the highest volume of speeders is between 7-8am and 3-6pm at an average of 65km/h. The police will continue to work on the Town's speeding issues. The Town has budgeted to install pedestrian activated crosswalk lighting on Main Street at the intersections with Maple Avenue and Foster Street.

Main Street West radar information was unavailable.

7. Local Policing Priorities

Mr. Payne reviewed the Policing priorities from the Annual Kings District Performance Plan which runs from April 1st to March 31st, which included:

- Safe Road and Highways in Nova Scotia
- Reduction of Cybercrime in Nova Scotia
- Reduce Crime Against People

Acting Chair Rod Reeves asked the committee if they had any further priorities which they would like to highlight for the police. Ms. Perry indicated there could be more vigilance at crosswalks. Mayor Clarke indicated that police presence was once an issue for the Town but it is not a concern at the present time. Council and staff are extremely pleased with the increase in police traffic within Berwick.

Mr. Payne noted that his top priority in this area is communication between staff, Council and police. Sgt. Pelletier concurred that communication is key and one of his top priorities as well.

8. Round Table

Councillor Goddard advised that he was contacted by a citizen who lives near Spicer Park playground who indicated two teens were doing damage to equipment.

It was reiterated that when a citizen contacts Council or staff regarding crime, they should ask the citizen to call the police immediately. If the police are not made aware of the problem, they cannot help solve the issue.

9. Next Meeting Date

The Committee will meet next on June 15, 2021 at 5:30pm.

10. Adjournment

The Police Advisory Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.