

**Police & License Meeting**  
**February 9, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present**

Chair, Councillor W. Cormier  
Mayor L. Boucher  
Councillor Mayor M. Farrell  
Councillor D. Roberts  
S/Cst. S. Smith  
S/Cst. J. Pellerin

J. De LeeBeek, St. FX University  
R. Peters, St. FX University  
B. Van Dam, St. FX Student Union  
Sgt. W. McBeath, RCMP

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
S. Scannell, Community Development, Acting CAO

**Regrets**

S/Sgt. D. Combden

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as amended." Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2020 as presented."  
Motion carried.

The Chair noted that he would move community standards bylaw to first on the agenda in order for those in attendance to engage in discussion.

**New Business**

- Community Standards Bylaw

The Chair noted that a Community Standards Bylaw is intended to merge together a number of by-laws that speak to various property matters and updating a number of existing bylaws and condensing them into a single bylaw that is easy to digest.

Councillor W. Cormier further noted that one of the items included a discussion he had with a member of bylaw enforcement staff from Wolfville, who came up with a Nuisance Bylaw, noting it would have to go through Municipal Affairs and would address such things as use of a roof not

for habitation. He provided further comment noting the Town would have to take their existing bylaw and word it to fit the Town's needs.

The Committee was advised that it is suggested a separate session be held with university representatives and the RCMP to review the proposal.

S. Scannell noted it would be beneficial to have a look at existing bylaws and to ensure that the proposal would be clear and enforceable.

It was noted the provincial legislation (Section 15 MGA) is being used for guidance.

S. Scannell agreed to circulate existing bylaws along with the Wolfville Bylaw to begin to formulate a Community Standards Bylaw.

- Lodging Home Update

The Chair provided brief comment on the Lodging Home Bylaw reviewing key components.

S. Scannell provided an update on properties registered and staff involvement. He noted S. Smith has been providing enforcement matters.

The Committee was provided an update by S. Smith noting staff amended their latest 'list' of deadlines to meet or follow up on (approximately 100 properties) with a majority already having received correspondence from staff and indicated they are seeing results.

The Chair provided comment on the registration process, those who will need further encouragement, and the current status.

S. Smith advised that requests are being made to have inspections carried out after students have left, to address privacy issues, and provided further comment on parking and registered properties. J. De LeeBeek noted she would have a student resources available to have accurate messaging out to the students related to off-campus housing.

- RCMP

S/Sgt. W. McBeath provided details on the January RCMP Report noting 151 calls to the Town and reported on other calls for service, noting calls for Covid-19 were received, the arrival of some students already infected, and noted that the return of students came along with a much improved attitude.

Details were provided on issues with the railway crossing and signals and a person driving around in a mock police vehicle, which was quite high profile given Portapique.

The Committee was advised on tickets issued in various locations during the reporting period.

W. McBeath advised that he brought in staff to target unauthorized equipment in vehicles, two checkpoints were held and the use of a new noise meter. He provided further details on other matters that took place and noted there will be additional similar checks carried out moving forward.

The Committee was advised that people are being charged under the Town's Bylaw regarding decibel readings. Mayor L. Boucher questioned whether early evening checkpoints could be held, given the timing of complaints she has received. Sgt. W. McBeath indicated he could

endeavor to modify the timing of inspections and it was suggested that perhaps Town staff also be utilized.

Councillor M. Farrell provided comment on how the RCMP recently handled and responded to a person in a vehicle having a heart attack.

The Chair provided comment on the use of a portable AED. W. McBeath noted there is a national registry through EHS on the known location of AED's. R. Peters noted there are currently 11 AED's on campus that are registered.

The Chair suggested that if it is public information that it be shared, perhaps on the Town website.

Councillor D. Roberts provided comment on the location where vehicle with modified mufflers might be found, and thanked W. McBeath for his assistance with the matter.

S/Cst. S. Smith provided comment on providing information to the public on AEDs.

Councillor M. Farrell questioned whether the Chamber and business might wish to be involved and referred to possible grants to obtain AEDs.

Sgt. W. McBeath provided comment on previous incidents involving heart attacks within the Town and provided additional comments on having decals, posters, etc. created/distributed, with the assistance of Crime Prevention.

Sgt. W. McBeath provided brief discussion on nominations for life saving awards.

### **Business from Minutes/Ongoing**

- Electronic Ticketing (Update)

S. Scannell provided an update noting they have a commitment for tickets to be processed through the provincial office and are just awaiting confirmation.

S. Smith confirmed that ticketing on campus is taking place.

- Modified Mufflers

Previously discussed.

- Indian Gardens Trailer Park (Garbage, Cats)

The Chair questioned whether there were still outstanding issues related to the trailer park.

It was noted that issues at this location are enforcement matters.

- Parking Study

The Chair noted that new planning documents do not require parking spaces associated with new developments.

Brief discussion took place on campus parking with R. Peters providing comment, noting that the Town will be moving forward with on campus paid parking.

S. Smith noted that many overnight parking issues are student related as places are being developed without parking spaces.

- Crosswalk Lighting/Signals; Update for Budget Purposes

The Chair commended the use of recently installed flashing light beacons at various crosswalks and noted this is a budget matter.

The Chair encouraged staff to review costs associated with the purchase of additional mechanisms.

S. Smith noted that five (5) beacons have been installed, that the installer has contacted staff indicating he has a draft proposal for the Town. He noted specific areas have been looked at, with pricing to be provided.

S. Smith noted that an area near Whidden's will be looked at for lighting.

Councillor D. Roberts provided additional comment on the entry to Whidden's Trailer Park.

- Front Yard Consumption of Alcohol

The Chair advised he had added the matter of front yard consumption of alcohol to the agenda to begin discussion on the matter.

- Signage – Dolorosa Avenue

The Committee was advised that staff had been requested that a sign be posted in the area indicating that an autistic child is the area be posted. It was noted that this could potentially start a precedent.

S/Cst. noted staff has nothing to support 'children playing' in playground areas and noted installing the sign could set a precedent and further suggested that the individual could install their own sign on their lawn.

Brief discussion took place and it was generally agreed that the Town deal only with regulatory signs.

- Dog Feces

Councillor M. Farrell relayed a message to the Committee from a member of the public regarding dog feces on private property along with public property and suggesting reminders be put out to the general public.

S. Scannell provided comment on bylaw infractions regarding dog feces. Brief discussion took place. It was generally agreed to have staff provide public information.

## **Reports**

- By-law Enforcement

S/Cst. S. Smith noted staff spent many hours documenting information related to the Lodging Home Bylaw. The Chair provided brief comment.

Staff provided details on winter parking and statistics, noting most were university related.

R. Peters noted that although unfortunate, off campus students will have to deal with parking matters.

It was noted that St. FX recently relaxed mask requirements outside of university buildings and will continue adjusting as the province dictates.

The Chair provided thanks to the university for their lead with students related to Covid and provided comment on parking on campus and in the downtown.

The Chair provided comment on parking related to Festival Antigonish, with R. Peters providing comment on event parking on campus. Discussion took place on university parking.

Comments on parking were provided by various members of the Committee with R. Peters providing comment on the university's overall parking plan.

S/Cst. S. Smith commended public works staff for their efforts over this past weekend, while short staffed and commended them for their efforts, as well as the business that was towing cars.

Mayor L. Boucher expressed, on behalf of Council, her appreciation to public work staff

The meeting was adjourned.