

**Police & License Committee Meeting
July 11, 2017
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. Roberts, Chair
Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor D. MacInnis
Cpl. J. Nash
S/Cst. J. Pellerin
S/Cst. S. Smith
J. De Leebeek, St. FX Student Life Representative
St. FX Representative Z. Chatur

Also Present

Ms. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
Mr. S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator
CAO J. Lawrence

Absent with Regret

Mr. R. Proctor St. FX University Representative
M. Bragg

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2017 as amended." Motion carried.

Old Business

• Pub Activity

S/Cst. J. Pellerin advised he met with the pub manager B. Grant, along with CAO J. Lawrence and K. McCormack. Following discussion, it was noted that By-law Enforcement staff and the pub Manager will monitor the pub on nights when it is anticipated that activity might increase noise levels.

Brief discussion took place on the status of the noise meter, and on the possibility of sharing the cost of purchasing a new noise meter.

Brief discussion took place on noise levels, wording of the Noise Bylaw, and under what circumstances charges can be levied.

CAO J. Lawrence agreed to check on the price for a new noise meter.

- Exit from Tim Hortons

S/Sgt. S. Smith spoke to a meeting that was to take place regarding the Tim Hortons® development, with respect to turning signage. It was noted that correspondence has since been received from the developer stating that signage will be in place by this Friday, and that the sign would meet provincial regulations.

- Street Fair Traffic Flow

S/Sgt. S. Smith acknowledged S. Scannell for his assistance with the street fair. He further spoke to J. MacDonald's efforts regarding the street fair, noting a de-briefing meeting is scheduled for later this week.

Councillor M. Farrell noted she spoke to at least 50 people regarding the success of the street fair. Mayor L. Boucher noted the success of the street fair was the result of communication and co-operation, and acknowledged the assistance of staff.

- Cross Walk – Vincent's Way/Hawthorne Street

S/Cst. S. Smith presented an outline of the Vincent's Way/Hawthorne Street area, noting existing parking in the area. He then spoke to considerations for locating a sidewalk.

S/Cst. S. Smith noted he had observed some traffic in the area. He stated that the current crosswalk (near Pine Street) could be relocated to the area of Viewville Street, but that in doing so it would require some curb work to be carried out.

CAO J. Lawrence questioned whether a crosswalk would impact any existing or current plans regarding trail systems, and further noted discussion should take place with the owner of the convenience store regarding controlled parking.

Councillor M. Farrell provided comment on a park located on Whidden Street.

CAO J. Lawrence suggested that if relocating the crosswalk were to proceed, it should wait until 2018 as it would incur expenses not currently budgeted for. CAO J. Lawrence, S. Smith, T. Cameron and B. Nheiley will meet to further discuss the matter.

- Mobile Vending and Trade & License By-law

To remain on action list.

- Noise Meter

Previously discussed.

- Crosswalks – Flag Program Sponsors

S/Cst. S. Smith noted the Hawthorne Street crosswalk is down to three (3) flags, and agreed to look into purchasing additional crosswalk supplies.

- Youth Initiative

The Chair noted that R. Proctor had requested this item be on the Agenda.

CAO J. Lawrence noted a meeting had been held with the County and others to discuss the possibility of a skate park. He further noted there is someone (who does not wish to be identified at this time) but who would likely make a significant financial donation. It was noted that various sites have been identified as possible locations.

New Business

- **Mandate of Committee**

The Chair noted that the mandate of the Committee is set out in the Town's Advisory Committee Policy.

The Chair reviewed the current mandate point by point.

S. Scannell advised on a recent press release regarding open fires. S/Cst. J. Pellerin provided comment on the matter.

Brief discussion took place on reducing the number of RCMP members attending Police & License meetings from two to one.

It was Moved and Seconded to amend the Police & License section of the Advisory Committee Policy to having one (1) RCMP member on the Committee." Motion carried.

- **Towing Proposals**

S/Smith advised that as a result of a request from a local business, S. Scannell will work with S. Rector to put together a proposal for having vehicles towed. Brief discussion took place.

- **Parking Meters**

The Chair noted she had been approached by someone indicating that the Town parking meters do not have a sticker outlining the times when the parking meters are monitored.

S/Cst. J. Pellerin circulated the sticker currently used on meters. Brief discussion took place.

- **Signage – Victoria Street**

The Chair noted that at the last during a public hearing held at the last Council meeting, two (2) signs were requested in the area of Victoria Street, one noting wheelchairs are used in the area, and the second a lower speed sign.

S/Cst. S. Smith advised that the provincial speed in any town is 50 kilometers per hour with the exception of school zones.

S/Sgt. H. Glassford noted the RCMP could take the opportunity to carry out Public Service Announcement (PSAs) on matters such as wheelchairs and motor vehicles.

S/Cst. S. Smith spoke to a meeting held with RK MacDonald staff with respect to wheelchairs and a concern for one of the residents who is wheelchair bound, who uses his wheelchair on the streets as he finds the sidewalks too bumpy to travel on. S/Cst. S. Smith noted wheelchairs do not fall under the motor vehicle act. Discussion ensued.

Councillor D. MacInnis suggested he could take this matter back to the Accessibility Committee.

S/Cst. S. Smith noted he would look into the possibility of signage.

Mayor L. Boucher spoke briefly to a Strategic Planning effort that will be taking place this Fall.

- **Unsightly Issue**

The Chair questioned the status of a recent complaint at a trailer park which is under new management. S/Cst. S. Smith responded to the matter.

Reports

- **By-law Enforcement**

S.Cst. provided an overview of By-law Enforcement activity over the past month. He noted they are now being more proactive, and spoke to meetings attended, permits issued, bus tour parking requests, upcoming Antigonish event and other activities.

- **RCMP**

S/Sgt. H. Glassford noted calls for service have been up, and that Cst. M. MacPherson has been working on Cyber bullying, Seniors Games and Special Olympics.

The Committee was advised that two bike rodeos have taken place, with approximately 150 children in attendance.

S/Sgt. H. Glassford reported that seven RCMP members attended the Highland Games in red serge. Also, two vacant constable positions are currently available, and they are hoping to have them filled soon. She further noted a bit of pressure has been put on Antigonish as they have been asked to deploy three officers (on rotation) to Muskrat Falls.

S/Sgt. H. Glassford responded to a question from the Chair in an effort to thwart students from going awry. She noted this program was initiated by Cst. M. MacPherson.

Councillor M. Farrell spoke briefly to motor vehicles being broken into recently.

Cst. J. Nash provided some background details on his history with the RCMP.

- **St. FX University Representative**

J. DeLeeBeek noted that things are relatively quiet this time of year, but there should be more to report by the next meeting.

- **St. FX Student Union Representative**

St. FX Representative Z. Chatur advised the student union is working on Orientation, and provided details on other matters. He noted they are also working with Student Life.

In response to a question from S/Cst. S. Smith, J. DeLeeBeek noted information may be forthcoming shortly with respect to construction activity on campus.

Adjournment

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned, with the Chair noting the next meeting would be held on September 12th at 12:00 Noon.