

**Police & License Committee Meeting Notes
December 11, 2018
Town Council Chambers**

Present

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

Also Present

S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Absent with Regret

Councillor D. MacInnis
C. McDaniel, Student Union Vice President External, St. FX University
J. De LeeBeeck St. FX Representative

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved as presented." Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the meeting held October 9, 2018." Motion carried.

The Chair welcomed S. Scannell and noted he would now be attending the Police & License meetings in his new role as Director of Community Development, in place of CAO J. Lawrence.

Business from Minutes

- Intersection College/Main Streets

It was noted that information from WSP was previously distributed.

The Chair noted that it has been suggested that left hand lanes would be installed turning onto College Street, which would result in approximately twelve (12) parking meters being lost.

Brief discussion took place.

The Chair requested S/Cst. S. Smith provide additional details on the project for the next meeting.

- Mobile Speed Sign (Update)

S/Cst. S. Smith noted the sign has been removed for the winter months.

- Flags at Highland Dr. and Fatima St.

S/Cst. S. Smith noted the installation for flags had begun but has not been completed.

- Status of Line Painting

In response to a query from the Chair, S/Cst. S. Smith responded stating that most of the main intersections within the Town had received a second coat of paint.

- Skateboard Park

S. Scannell responded to the Chair noting evaluations of the Request for Proposals has been done, and one contractor has been contacted. The Town is now waiting to receive a signed contract, after which an announcement will be made.

New Business

- Christmas Parade; Parking on Main Street

The Chair noted that cars were advised not to park on Main Street during the parade. Mayor L. Boucher noted that bags (free parking) were in place, but no one had been assigned to keep vehicles from parking.

S/Cst. S. Smith noted a meeting was held a few days after the parade, and noted a recent parade accident in Yarmouth will result in changes to the manner in which parades and marches are held.

It was noted that changes to the provincial laws will likely be made which are already mandated in the Town of Antigonish.

By-law Enforcement staff provided additional details. Mayor L. Boucher provided comments on mitigating risk to the public in the future.

The Committee was advised that organizations that hold parades/marches on a regular basis will be advised in advance of any changes.

Discussion took place. Sgt. W. McBeath noted that in the future the RCMP will be more engaged during these types of events to ensure parked cars are removed from the street.

Reports

- By-law Enforcement

It was noted the By-law Enforcement report was previously distributed. S/Cst. S. Smith provided an overview of the monthly report, including a delay in the delivery of a kiosk for the Sydney Street parking lot (free parking) and an accident in the parking lot area. It was noted winter parking ads have been posted and sent to landlords. It was noted that if snow is forecasted or public works is doing snow removal on a particular street(s) By-law Enforcement staff will be out during after-hours. Brief discussion took place.

- **RCMP Report**

S/Sgt. W. McBeath provided details from his report including upcoming events regarding impaired driving, cannabis, the Dragon 5000 which tests saliva , noting there are three within the province (one in the Antigonish area). It was noted a large checkpoint was held last week along with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with approximately 450 vehicles checked. Sgt. W. McBeath provided details on human resources staffing.

The Committee was advised that there has not been an update on the status of or return of S/Sgt. H. Glassford. A new Street Crime Unit member will be starting soon which brings the detachment into almost full compliment.

Sgt. W. McBeath responded to the Chair on what would constitute a crime against a person.

Sgt. W. McBeath provided details on yearly statistics.

Brief discussion took place on the status of having university representation on various town Committees.

- St. FX University Student Union Vice President External Report Unavailable

- St. FX Student Union Representative Report Unavailable

Action List

- Planned Changes to Intersection at Main/Hawthorne Streets

Next Meeting

The Chair suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for February 12, 2019, and noted a meeting can be held earlier if there is a need.

Adjournment

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.