

**Minutes  
Police and License Committee  
February 12, 2019**

**In Attendance**

Councillor D. Roberts, Chair  
Mayor L. Boucher  
Councillor M. Farrell  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Cpl. Parsons, RCMP  
Sp/Const. J. Pellerin, By-law Enforcement  
Sp./Const. S. Smith, By-law Enforcement

**Also Present**

Councillor A. Murray  
S. Scannell, Director Community Development

**Regrets**

J. Lawrence, CAO  
St. FX Student Life Representative

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00PM.

**Approval of the Agenda**

"It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved, with the addition of 'Speed on Streets.'" Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes**

"It was Moved and Second that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented." Motion carried.

**Presentations**

Councillor A. Murray raised concerns related to the Acadia Street/Main Street crosswalk. He discussed safety related issues related to visibility at night, citing the need to trim the tree along Main St or to place more lighting in the area. It was noted that Councillor A. Murray has discussed lighting options with neighboring property owners to enhance lighting. Discussion ensued on follow up by staff and other potential lighting options.

**Business from Minutes**

- **Intersection of College and Main**

Items related to the intersection were discussed, including the potential to remove parking spaces if revisions to the space were undertaken. It was decided that the item would be removed from future agendas.

- **Crossing Flags**

It was noted that flags were being removed from crosswalk areas, and that there were not many flags left in storage. It was also noted that some streets could use flags, such as St. Ninian and Hawthorne, and it was recommended to consider flags for Acadia and Main. The issue of

sponsorship was discussed, and it was noted that no other interested sponsors have come forward. The situation will continue to be monitored.

- **Skate Park**

As this is not a Police and License issue, it was agreed to remove it from the agenda.

- **Parades and Marches**

It was discussed that communications have been sent to the province regarding their review of parades and marches policies and regulations. Town staff continue to reach out to other municipalities to see what is being enacted elsewhere to enhance safety of these events. It was also noted that future events will be moved to the sidewalk until safe procedures can be determined.

- **Parking Kiosk**

It was noted that the kiosk has been installed, with final touches being placed around it such as bollards for protection. It was noted that implementation plans are coming together to make this parking lot active, further noting that line painting will take place in the spring.

- **Right Hand Turn – West St/Highland Dr.**

The matter of a right turn on red was discussed at the Highland/West lights. The Traffic Authority noted that the area had been reviewed for this but noted that there is a safety issue due to the presence of a driveway. It was recommended that the intersection not be reviewed further for a right turn on red, and the item was removed from the agenda.

## **New Business**

- **Ice Cream Vendor**

The matter of mobile vending was discussed, notably the fee charged to vendors. An ice cream vendor had noted that the cost to set up a mobile vending operation is cost prohibitive and requested a review of the fees. It was noted that the fees, set out in the Municipal User Fees policy when the new Vending By-law was introduced, was set at a rate that was to be low enough so as to not discourage mobile vending but at a level that is fair to “brick-and-mortar” establishments. It was agreed that no further review of the fees would be undertaken.

- **Ticketing on Main St.**

The issue of ticketing on Main Street was raised, particularly in incidences when inclement weather inhibits the public's ability to reach a parking meter to pay for parking. It was noted that, on certain days when there is snow and ice build up on Main St. that ticketing is not strictly enforced. It was discussed whether this should be communicated, but it was agreed that it can create confusion for the public and be challenging to administer those communications effectively. It was noted that other parking options do exist when conditions make paying for parking challenging.

- **Red Light Stop – Main St./Hawthorne St**

It was discussed whether signage should be added to the Main St/Hawthorne St. intersection to clarify the need to stop at red lights. It was deemed not to be warranted, as drivers are assumed to know the rules of the road and that the Main and Hawthorne project coming this spring shall clarify any traffic flow issues or concerns at this intersection.

- **Unsightly Premises**

Recent cases and issues were discussed. It was noted that staff are proactive in their work but noted that reported complaints can make the process easier to facilitate. The challenge is getting residents to report on matters of concern.

- **Taxi Cabs**

Renewal notices have gone out and are due on March 31. Traffic Services will also once again work with By-law to set up another inspection night.

- **Cannabis**

It was noted that the item is already on the Police Advisory Board agenda, and therefore can be removed from the agenda.

- **St. FX Representative**

It was noted that the St. FX representative has not been present for a few meetings, and that some out-reach ought to be done to see if there is interest in this committee.

- **Speeding on Town Streets**

It was noted that certain streets are prone to cars speeding, notably Upper-Hawthorne, Braemore, and MacLellan. It was noted that the message on speeding will be brought forward to St.Sgt. MacBeath.

Councillor Roberts left the meeting at 1:11 PM

### **Reports**

- **Bylaw Enforcement**

Report was reviewed and approved as presented.

- **RCMP Report**

RCMP report was reviewed and approved as presented.

- **StFX Report**

No report was submitted.

Councillor Roberts returned to the meeting at 1:14 PM

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.