

**Police & License Committee Meeting
September 12, 2017
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor D. Roberts, Chair
Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor D. MacInnis
S/Cst. J. Pellerin
S/Cst. S. Smith
Sgt. W. McBeath
Mr. R. Proctor St. FX University Representative

Also Present

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

Absent with Regret

St. FX Representative Z. Chatur
De Leebeeck, St. FX Student Life Representative
M. Bragg, GASHA

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 July 11, 2017 as amended." Motion carried.

The Chair noted that correspondence from Councillor A. Murray has been forwarded to the RCMP Advisory Committee for consideration.

Old Business

- Pub Activity

S/Cst. J. Pellerin noted that this matter is ongoing and provided details from an on-site visit. He noted he will report back later, and reported on the use of the noise meter. Further to discussion with staff at the pub, they will jointly go out to observe noise. It was noted that two complainants continue to raise concern with noise.

CAO J. Lawrence provided details on an upcoming event to test noise using the noise meter.

Chair, Councillor D. Roberts reported that she did receive one complaint, and responded to a query from Mayor L. Boucher.

R. Proctor provided details on permissions given to some students to assist students back to campus in an effort to alleviate some of the issues. Brief discussion ensued on talks with students regarding respect towards the community.

It was noted that 20 calls were received by the RCMP this past weekend.

- Cost of Noise Meter
Previously discussed.

- Exit from Tim Hortons™
It was noted that the exit sign has been put in place.

- Mobile Vending and Trade & License Bylaws
Ongoing. To be kept on action sheet. S. Scannell noted he would be working on this.

- Crosswalks – Flag Program Sponsors
S/Cst. reported on where crosswalk flags have been placed. He noted that someone has come forward as a sponsor for the program. It was noted that additional flags have been ordered.

New Business

- Signage – Victoria Street
The Chair questioned the Traffic Authority on possible signage for Victoria Street. He reported that speed in the province is 50km/hour, although a lower speed sign could be put up, it would not be enforceable.

S/Cst. S. Smith reported that no official signs are available denoting wheelchairs in use. He further noted that although a sign could be made, it would not be enforceable. Brief discussion ensued.

Mayor L. Boucher provided comment on being cognizant of putting up signage.

CAO J. Lawrence provided comments from a conversation he had with the manager of the RK, and where some funds may be expended to improve conditions for those in wheelchairs.

Councillor M. Farrell spoke briefly to the RK possibly using one of their fundraising organizations to arrange for signage if they feel it is warranted.

- Piper's Pub Lighting
S/Cst. S. Smith provided details on a dark area in the vicinity of the pub. He noted additional lighting in this area would also aid in video recording.

CAO J. Lawrence noted that they are currently looking at lighting in the area of Arbor Drive, and would bring this matter forward in upcoming lighting discussion.

- College/Pleasant Street
The Chair questioned whether a sign could be placed in front of a home on Pleasant Street. S/Cst. S. Smith noted that one sign alone could not be put up, it would require a four-way stop. Brief discussion took place on the limited number of accidents in this area.

Reports

- **By-Law Enforcement**

S/Cst. S. Smith reported on ongoing activities and noted another evening of motor vehicle checks on taxi cabs will be upcoming. The Committee was advised on recent and upcoming bus tour visits to the Town.

It was noted that community barbeques will be upcoming soon. Mayor L. Boucher reported on dates for the upcoming barbeques.

It was noted that By-law Enforcement staff would be providing traffic assistance for a local hockey organization this Saturday.

The Committee was advised that S/Cst. J. Pellerin attended an information carousel on campus and was able to provide relevant information for the students. Will be starting door-to-door visits this week.

Brief discussion took place on an apparent increase in taxi fares. S/Cst. S. Smith noted he would look into this matter.

S.Cst. S. Smith noted he received a list of complaints received over the weekend that they will follow up on. It was noted the information will also be shared with J. DeleeBeek.

- **RCMP**

Sgt. W. McBeath reported on various activities and recapped an issue with one cab driver in particular. He noted last week was busy due to the return of students, mostly noise complaints. He noted addresses have been forwarded to By-law enforcement, and provided comment on parties taking place.

The Committee was advised that RCMP staff will be patrolling on bicycles during the weekend, and that the cost associated with it is considered overtime. It was noted that additional staff will be present during homecoming.

Sgt. W. McBeath reported on cooperation and compliance from the campus pub.

Brief discussion took place on rumors of a pub re-opening.

It was noted that staff at a local pub are receiving additional training.

Brief comment was provided on the Town's RCMP compliment.

Councillor D. Roberts provided positive comments on radio announcements being done by Cst. M. MacPherson.

Councillor M. Farrell questioned whether it would be helpful if there were volunteers, at crosswalks for example, to observe people and who could act as witnesses. It was noticed that although a good idea, liability becomes an issue.

- **St. F.X. University Representative**

R. Proctor spoke briefly on trying to coordinate meeting attendance with J. DeLeBeek. He provided some details on fentanyl and efforts to be made to try to deal with this issue, making sure information is out there for students.

R. Proctor spoke briefly on alcohol reduction, and spoke to an effort by the NSLC. He noted staff is working to try and keep people on campus, he then spoke to a change on campus this year by permitting alcohol in residences, and trying more engagement with students through community leaders.

R. Proctor reported on a good summer with the conference season. He provided comment on Canada Day, campus construction and an upcoming visit from former Prime Minister Mulroney.

It was noted campus security continues to work with By-law and RCMP staff and emergency management.

Discussion took place on various issues related to parking.

CAO J. Lawrence questioned the impact that off campus parking would have on the Town.

S/Cst. S. Smith spoke to parking being planned off campus.

- St. F.X. Student Union

The St. FX Student Union representative was not in attendance.

R. Proctor noted an increased presence of non-students on campus. He noted direction to security is not to chase them away. R. Proctor spoke to the significant need for a skate park. CAO J. Lawrence noted that this matter is being looked at.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Next meeting to be held at Noon, on Tuesday, November 14th.

Action List

- Mobile Vending and Trade By-Law
- Youth Initiatives