



**TOWN & MUNICIPALITY OF DIGBY  
Joint RCMP Advisory Board Minutes  
March 14, 2018**



**1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE**

**1.1 Roll Call/Regrets**

Deputy Warden Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
The following members were present:

Municipal Deputy Warden Linda Gregory, Chair  
Municipal Councillor Matthew Ross  
Town Councillor Peter Turnbull  
Darleen Manzer, Town Citizen Representative  
Greg Thomas, Town Citizen Representative (arrived at 6:50 pm)  
Alexander Elderkin, Municipal Citizen Representative  
Lance Hasselbring, Municipal Citizen Representative

Staff Present: Tom Ossinger, CAO Town of Digby, Linda Fraser, CAO Municipality of Digby.

RCMP: S/Sgt. Dave Chubbs, RCMP, Cst. Scott Morrison, RCMP CFSEU Dartmouth

Also Present: Bruce Baxter, By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Town of Digby

Regrets: Town Councillor Mike Bartlett, Vice Chair, Angela Thurber, Provincial Representative, Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURES ISSUES**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda-Additions/Deletions**

**MOVED and seconded by that the agenda for March 14, 2018 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2.2 Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2017**

**MOVED and seconded that the minutes of December 13, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**



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2.3 Unfinished Business Arising from the minutes of December 13, 2017

a) Presentation on Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs – Cst Scott Morrison, RCMP

Cst Scott Morrison works out of the Dartmouth Headquarters is part of a six-person unit called the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit also known as the Biker Unit. The core mandate of this unit is the enforcement of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs or OMG's. OMG's use the members of the club to engage in criminal activities and organized crime. Intelligence gathering and sharing amongst multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement across Canada is important.

Cst Morrison explained the many types of OMG's such as the 1% clubs such as Hell's Angels, Baccaus, and the Outlaws. Each 1% club has sanctioned what is called non 1% clubs call Support Clubs, used for fundraising and financing activities, and Friend Clubs, such as the Gate Keepers, Dark Siders which engage in the criminal activities as asked of them by their 1% club. The Outlaws are a 1% Club that are known to be very violent. With their support club the Black Pistons they are enemies of the Hell's Angels and the Gate Keepers. These groups have set up in Cape Breton and violence is expected.

OMG's have written and un-written rules that members are expected to follow. OMG members can be identified by the patch they wear on their vests. All motorcycle clubs must get permission from a OMG like Hell's Angels before they can establish a club. All motorcycle clubs that are identified by a patch, such as the 74 Crusaders or the Veterans Club, or even the Christian Motorcycle Club must attend events hosted by the OMG's and make a \$ 20.00 per person "donation".

OMG's in Nova Scotia:

Baccaus expected to open a chapter in the Yarmouth Area. Dark Siders are in the Annapolis Valley which are a support club for the Hell's Angels. Hell's Angels are now back in Halifax. There are other OMG's in Cape Breton, Pictou Co, Antigonish Co, and Bible Hill.

The NS Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Enforcement Strategy was approved in May of 2016 and is focused on public safety, enforcement and intelligence gathering and working with municipal partners and other police agencies. Continues year-round pressure on these OMG's is key to disrupting their criminal activities. Each RCMP detachment in the province has a designated OMG Coordinator. They are responsible for developing a OPS Plan when major events are taking place, such as the Wharf Rat Rally. The Biker Unit sends members down to help during these events. The OPS plan can include general traffic check points or check points for bikers only.



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Selling Support Gear, such as Support 81 (which is for the Hell's Angels, 8<sup>th</sup> letter and 1<sup>st</sup> letter) are becoming more and more common. Often times people who purchase the merchandise don't even know that they money is going to help support the criminal activities of the OMG. A booth was set up in Town during the 2017 WRR and was made to move outside town into Conway. The owner gave permission for the booth to be set up on their land in Conway. The Municipality has no by-laws in place that would enable us to ask them to leave.

Cst Morrison indicated he was working on helping municipalities establish by-laws which could help them prohibit these types of activities.

More public education is needed regarding OMG's and their local presence. It was suggested that the Digby RCMP do an article in the Tri-County Vanguard just before riding season starts in May.

Deputy Warden Gregory thanked Cst Morrison for the very informative and somewhat frightening presentation.

**3. BUSINESS ITEMS**

There were no business items to discuss

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 RCMP Detachment Report, December 2017 to Feb 2018**

S/Sgt. Detachment Commander Dave Chubbs gave an in-depth overview of the RCMP report for the period covering Dec, 2017 to February 2018. His report covered Activities/Events, Crime Picture, Mental Health, Drugs, Prolific Offenders, Break & Enters, Frauds, Theft under \$ 5,000, Assaults, Training/Resources, Road Safety, Traffic Violations, Impaired drivers, School Safety Resource Officer, Senior Safety Coordinator.

**4.2 Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance – Deputy Warden**

Deputy Warden Gregory reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May.

**5. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no information or correspondence to discuss.

**6. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

There were no items brought forward by the board members.



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**7. NEXT MEETING**

**June 13, 2018, 6:00 pm – Town Council Chambers**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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CHAIR

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CLERK