



**TOWN & MUNICIPALITY OF DIGBY
Joint RCMP Advisory Board
Minutes September 9, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Councillor Danny Harvieux, Vice Chair
Municipal Councillor Maritza Adams
Darleen Manzer, Town Citizen Representative
Angela Thurber, Provincial Representative
John Olmstead, Municipal Citizen Representative
Lance Hasselbring, Municipal Citizen Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Ossinger, CAO Town
Jeff Sunderland, Deputy CAO Municipality
Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

ALSO PRESENT: S/Sgt. Rocky Calhoun, RCMP
Cpl. Sean Boulger, RCMP

REGRETS: Linda Fraser, CAO Municipality
Municipal Warden Linda Gregory
Town Councillor Peter Turnbull
Victoria Wilson, Municipal Citizen Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion:

Moved by Angela Lombard and seconded by Councillor Adams to adopt the agenda of September 9, 2014 as presented.

Motion Carried

3. PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Olmsted advised that he was unable to attend the last meeting but there had been a guy that had called him regarding Community Policing in Weymouth.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Adams and seconded by Angela Lombard that the minutes of June 10, 2014, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried



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5. OLD BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Update on Official Approval from Minister of Justice

There had been an informal email from Fred Sanford advising to keep going as is with the meetings.

6. REPORTS

6.1 RCMP Detachment Report

S/Sgt. Rocky Calhoun presented a report for September 2014. He advised that road safety has been their primary focus. The first fiscal reported 830 occurrences in comparison to the previous year of 710. Checkstops were up this year. An area of concern is "burnouts" within both the Town and Municipality boundaries. The police have to either catch the person in the act or have first hand information from witnesses to prosecute these offenders. The Crime Analyst in Yarmouth prepared a report on the School bus Red Light Violations in the tri-county area. Of the three areas – Yarmouth, Shelburne and Digby Counties, Digby County had the fewest number of reported incidents of 32. A large proportion of these were on Highway 101 in Weymouth, Brighton, Barton and Plympton and 22 of these occurred in the afternoon. Wharf Rat Rally was well attended. 36 persons were taken into custody over the weekend mainly for liquor offences.

The rules and regulations of bus safety will be advertised in the next Coastline as well as advising that the bus has a camera installed.

The S/Sgt. advised that 4 wheelers are only to be operated by persons 16 yrs of age or older, not to be driven on the road nor the shoulder of the road, they are to use the ditch.

The S/Sgt. had been questioned on Marijuana legislation. He has not heard anything nor received any feedback.

When Cst. Darrell McNeil is transferred, in the spring, the board will send a letter thanking him for all his work in the schools.

There is an auxiliary RCMP program in place. There was an advert in the paper stating that they were looking to expand the program and can have up to 4 auxiliary members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None



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8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

9.1 Lance Hasselbring – Digby Neck and Islands Scenic Drive

Lance Hasselbring, S/Sgt. Rocky Calhoun, Linda Fraser and Angela Thurber are to sit down and go over the items in the report from Mr. Hasselbring. If there are issues they will be brought back to the board.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Councillor Adams and seconded by Darlene Manzer at 6:44pm.

CHAIR

CLERK