

**Police & License Meeting
May 19, 2016
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor S. Cameron, Chair
Mayor C. Chisholm
Deputy Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor L. Chisholm
Ms. J. De Leebeeck, St. FX Student Life Representative
S/Cst. S. Smith
Cpl. R. Boucher, RCMP Representative
S/Cst. J. Pellerin

Also Present

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

Delegate, G. Fallon, Antigonish County Adult Learning Association (ACALA)

Absent with Regret

Mr. S. Feist, CAO
Mr. R. Proctor St. FX University Representative

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon

It was "Moved and Seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2016 be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

S. Smith noted that he has been advised that the Town has approved funding for an LED speed light, and are waiting to determine whether the County has included funding for the same.

- **Line Painting**

Mayor C. Chisholm advised that line painting cannot be undertaken until such time as the weather improves.

New Business

- Review of Proposed Amended Parade/March Application and Parade/March Locations (S/Cst. S. Smith)

S./Cst. S. Smith advised that the province has amended their documents to require an certified traffic control personnel in place for parades/marches etc., and requested consideration be given to amend the Town's application form to have the same requirement. A draft copy of a revised Parade/March application form was circulated, and it was noted that a major issue is stopping people at intersections.

Mr. G. Fallon, on behalf of ACALA, advised that this event has taken place over the last number of years. He requested that on behalf of Councillor J. MacPherson that the Town provide funding or waive the fee to have the Special Constables provide traffic control during their event.

S. Smith advised that traffic control is not required if a street is shut down.

In response to a query from the Chair, S. Smith acknowledged that two (2) traffic control personnel would suffice for this event.

G. Fallon noted the event would likely take 2-2 1/2 hours. It was noted the race event is scheduled for Sunday, May 29th.

S. Smith provided comment on the number of applications that are received for run/walk events.

The Chair suggested, and it was generally agreed, that the application form be amended to reflect that the applicant(s) absorb the cost for certified traffic control. The CAO noted that if the Special Constables were to be requested it would be a minimum of three (3) hours at overtime rate, as well as consideration as to whether they would be willing to work on Sunday.

The Mayor cautioned the committee may be setting a precedent and, that if the Town offers and absorbs the cost for personnel, others may make the same request.

The CAO noted that the Special Constables also have considerable overtime banked from past similar events.

The Chair suggested that traffic control costs should be determined for this event in particular.

S. Smith noted that he would only go out if it was requested by the Town, as liability would be an issue, and spoke briefly on other events, noting not all events require traffic control.

The Chair requested that the costs of overtime for staff be calculated, and determine if staff would be willing to do the event, and whether Council would approve the overtime.

Brief discussion took place on others who may have certified traffic control.

- Parking on Main Street (New Development) (S/Cst. S. Smith)

S. Smith raised concern with the lack of parking related to a recent development on Main Street. He noted he had spoken with the developer, local residents, and a business representative of the building, and all are in favor of a proposal he has to improve parking in that area.

S/Cst. S. Smith put forth his proposal to install 2 metered parking spaces in front of the former Registry of Deeds, 2 metered parking spaces in front of the Victorian Inn, 1 metered and 1 accessible parking space in front of the new development, no parking Monday through Friday north side of the street (at specific times), as well as no parking from the development down to Admiral Auto Glass.

In response to a query from the Chair, the CAO acknowledged an email poll could be held should it be the wish of the committee.

“It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to approve the parking plan as laid out by the By-law Enforcement officer S. Smith.” Motion carried

- Pizza Truck

S. Smith noted he is aware that the Mobile Vendors By-law Trade & Licensing By-laws are being amended. He requested a mobile pizza vendor be required to be licensed, as presently he is exempt under the Land Use By-law.

It was generally agreed that By-law enforcement should contact the Interim Planner to ensure licensing is required.

Other Business

- Antigonish County Learning Association; G. Fallon

G. Fallon noted 130 people participated in the Fit-for-Lit run last year, and noted over half are children who are not charged for running, which limits the amount of funds that are raised. He stated he is aware of the new proposed requirement for certified traffic control, and noted he is requesting that the Committee recommend that costs for By-law Enforcement to cover this event be waived for ACALA. He noted the quickly approaching time frame (Sunday, May 29th), stating it would be virtually impossible to change the route or have someone trained for traffic control in time for the event.

Reports

- St. FX University Representative Report

J. De LeeBeeck provided an update on activities on campus noting they are presently in slow mode. She noted attention has turned to orientation, and that she is co-chair with Riley Ericson on student orientation. She further noted that there has been lots of interaction with Town on orientation, and stated she can keep the Committee advised as matters progress.

The Committee was advised that last year Orientation for off-campus and upper year students was held at Columbus Field last year, with a plan for a chance for students to meet vendors, play games, become familiar with town, etc.

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher provided comment from the event held last year.

It was moved and seconded to accept the St. FX University Representative Report as presented verbally." Motion carried.

- St. FX Student Union Representative Report

The Student Union Representative was unavailable for the meeting.

- RCMP Report

It was noted that Cpl. R. Bouchard will be retiring in June, along with former town employee, F. MacDonald.

Cpl. R. Bouchard provided comments on statistics presented in the report which was circulated.

He spoke to the large number of motor vehicle break-ins over the last 8-9 months, noting that a large number of young people were apprehended. Brief discussion took place.

Cpl. R. Bouchard responded to queries from the statistics provided. He noted that with the warmer weather, the RCMP are getting busier. It was noted crime against property has doubled in April from March.

Brief discussion took place on break and enters.

“It was moved and seconded to accept the RCMP Report as circulated. Motion carried.”

- **By-Law Enforcement Report**

S/Cst. S. Smith reported on calls for complaints, taxi cab licenses, noting one individual is in front of court.

S/Cst. S. Smith reported on revenue from various sources.

The Committee was advised that Antigonish Crime Prevention is planning to hold barbeques in the fall (Re: C. Beaton), and are open to any suggestions people may have.

S/Cst. S. Smith reported on an incident on campus, and youth travelling around on bicycles, noting it is also an issue in the area of the library. He provided further details.

It was noted that By-law Enforcement Officer J. Pellerin would be attending By-law conference. S/Cst. S. Smith noted that the By-law enforcement officers now fall under the direction of the Director of Corporate Services Director.

The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to S. Feist and R. Bouchard.

Adjournment

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.