

**Police & License Committee Meeting
January 14, 2020
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Chair, Councillor D. Roberts
Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis
Councillor M. Farrell
S/Cst. J. Pellerin
S/Cst. S. Smith
Sgt. W. McBeath
S/Sgt. B. Moody

S. Elliott, St. FX University Student Representative (absent)
R. Peters, St. FX University Representative

Councillor J. MacPherson
Glenn Graham (Hillcrest Street Resident)

At 12:03 PM the Chair called the meeting to order and round-table introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as presented.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Police and License meeting as presented.” Motion carried.

- **Flags/Buckets**

It was noted the flags/buckets are to be installed in the Spring.

- **Homecoming –** The Chair spoke to positive comments that arose from the Homecoming debriefing.

Sgt. W. McBeath noted the parties (St. FX, St. Martha’s, Town staff and RCMP) will meet again in March. He further noted that it is intended that an event will be held again on campus during the next Homecoming meeting.

The Chair noted the importance of having the input of students for the Homecoming event.

- **Indian Garden Trailer Park**

The Chair spoke to a past issue with a resident feeding feral cats. The issue, at least for now, seems to be at a lull. It was noted the trailer park is under new management and someone new is overseeing the park. Although there are other issues, no complaints have been raised.

S. Scannell noted that after meeting with the new owners, they provided a list of questions they would like addressed. He noted that he and By-law enforcement staff are working with the new owner and building a rapport.

Brief discussion took place on the name of the park. S. Scannell noted he would follow up with the park owner.

- Electronic Ticketing

S. Scannell stated staff have started working toward electronic ticketing and are now getting some timelines together and that current town equipment can work with the new proposed ticketing system.

- Parking Study

The Chair noted that funds for a parking study would be given consideration during upcoming budget deliberations.

- Hillcrest Street Parking Issue

The Chair noted that Dr. Graham attended the last meeting and addressed his concerns.

Mayor L. Boucher noted that Council decided that parking issues related to Hillcrest Street would be addressed following a parking study of the downtown core. Further the Accessibility Committee wishes to have accessible parking in the downtown addressed during the overall parking study.

- Chisholm Park

The Chair questioned whether Chisholm Park should be on the agenda of Police & License, noting there are some ongoing plans for improvements to the park.

S. Scannell noted plans are ongoing with no firm plans in place at this time.

- Future Line Painting

The Chair noted at the last meeting line painting was discussed. Mayor L. Boucher noted that at Council a motion was put forth to have staff bring forth a report.

S. Scannell noted that he has been in discussion with the Town Engineer on the matter and it is ongoing. It was noted that although there might be an alternative paint that could be used it would not necessarily have to be used at all locations.

- Flashing Crosswalk Signage

S. Scannell noted that a standard flashing crosswalk sign would cost in the area of \$10,000.

Deputy Mayor M. Farrell spoke positively to the flashing light recently installed on Hawthorne Street.

Reports

- By-law Enforcement

S/Sgt. S. Smith reported on tickets, garbage and unsightly matters, noting a number of issues relate to one trailer park.

The Committee was advised that the Winter parking ban is on, and that staff switch weekly during inclement weather, and that they are getting a better timeline for when they are required to go out at night.

S/Sgt. J. Pellerin noted that Eastern District Planning Commission staff will be making a report and recommendation to Council this Monday regarding a unsightly property.

S. Scannell provided further details on the report submitted by By-law Enforcement staff and how staff works pro-actively on matters. The Committee recognized staff for their efforts.

S/Sgt. S. Smith responded to an inquiry regarding vehicles during the winter parking ban.

- RCMP Report

S/Sgt. B. Mooney noted the report had been distributed. He noted he tries to compare numbers when it appears there is a variance and will compare it to the year prior.

This year 86 provincial statutes related to alcohol compared to only 13 last year. He suggested this correlates with zero tolerance and enforcement.

S.Sgt. B. Mooney noted 19 crimes against people and spoke to a breakdown of the numbers.

Brief discussion took place on the Beech Hill intersection.

The Chair praised community policing officer M. MacPherson and his work in the community.

It was noted the RCMP is currently down two (2) members that have the seconded to other areas.

- St. FX University Representative Report

R. Peters noted things are fairly quiet on campus. The House Hockey cup will be coming up soon. He agreed to submit a written report moving forward.

The Chair requested R. Peters check on the status of the Student Union Representative.

The Chair noted that unless something pressing comes up the next meeting will likely be held in March.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.