



Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda

Date: **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Council Chambers, Town Hall**

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Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes

Date: January 26, 2022
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks, Chair
Commissioner Hal Davidson, Vice Chair
Commissioner Sheila Christie
Commissioner George Baker
Commissioner Roy Pettigrew

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Tim Hunter, Deputy Chief of Police
Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Kim Jones, Municipal Clerk
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

1. Call To Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.1 Amendments to Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved By Commissioner Pettigrew

Seconded By Commissioner Christie

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.3 Approval of Minutes - December 8, 2021

Moved By Commissioner Christie

Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew

That the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.4 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Moved By Commissioner Christie

Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew

That the Commission have an election for Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion Carried

Moved By Commissioner Baker

Seconded By Commissioner Christie

That Commissioner Fairbanks be re-elected as Chair for a one-year term.

There being no further nominations Commissioner Fairbanks accepted the nomination.

Motion Carried

Moved By Commissioner Christie

Seconded By Commissioner Fairbanks

That Commissioner Davidson be re-elected as Vice-Chair for a one-year term. As there were no further nominations, Commissioner Davidson accepted the nomination.

Motion Carried

2. Business Arising

2.1 Traffic Lights

Concern was expressed about traffic/walk lights, specifically at the corner of Church and Victoria Street. Chief Pike to look into the issue and report back at the next meeting.

3. Discussion / Information Items

3.1 Alarm Bylaw Review

Moved By Commissioner Davidson

Seconded By Commissioner Baker

That the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners recommend that Council amend the Bylaw Respecting Intrusion, Robbery and Fire Alarm Systems to omit the requirement for an alarm permit to be issued.

Motion Carried

4. Reports

4.1 Chief's Report

Information item only; no direction given or action required.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

6. **In Camera**
Moved By Commissioner Christie
Seconded By Commissioner Pettigrew
To go in camera.

Motion Carried

7. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Baker motioned to adjourn.

Kimberlee Jones
Municipal Clerk

Sandy Fairbanks
Chair

MEMORANDUM

To: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Date: April 13, 2022
Subject: Intersection Review - Downtown

BACKGROUND

During the January 2022 meeting of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, a request was made for the Chief of Police to review the intersections located at Victoria Street/Church Street and Victoria Street with Laplanche/Havelock Street. The concerns are surrounding pedestrians' ability to safely cross the intersection when vehicles are making turns and entering the crosswalks. At one point in time, prior to 2005/2006, programming at the Victoria Street/Church Street intersection included a 'Pedestrian Scramble Phase', which was later changed.

DISCUSSION

Concerns surrounding these intersections are not uncommon. While there have been very few accidents reported, near-misses are more commonly reported by pedestrians who are crossing at the controlled crosswalks and narrowly avoid being struck by vehicles making right or left turns on a green light. This is a result of the basic programming of most intersection lights – walk lights and green lights in the same direction often activate at the same time.

As a result of a complaint concerning these two intersections in 2012 resulted in a study being conducted by GENIVAR Inc. That study tackles the same issues that have been recently raised and made several recommendations, most of which were implemented by the town. The study reviewed the option of utilizing the 'Pedestrian Scramble Phase' (which is what Sackville NB has downtown). The consultant advised that our pedestrian traffic is not significant enough to warrant such a change, especially since modelling indicates that doing so would degrade intersection performance 'considerably' and cause lines of stopped traffic in all directions, especially during busy times.

Other options included:

- Upgrading traffic signals at each intersection to include traffic actuation (camera activation of lights based on traffic levels) at each intersection. This was completed, but one of the cameras at the Victoria/Havelock intersection that needs to be repaired. As a result, these lights are continuously cycling until the camera is fixed.
- Relocate pedestrian signal heads to line up with crosswalks - this references a post on the corner downtown by Tim Hortons. This was not completed as there had been issues in the past with traffic striking the post so it was moved back from the intersection permanently.

- Yellow and red clearance intervals reviewed and adjusted (if necessary) to be consistent between the 2 intersections. This is the time that it takes for the light to switch when no vehicles are coming through in that direction. When the intersection was later upgraded, the traffic signal supplier programmed the controllers as recommended in the GENIVAR report.
- Consider adding ‘no right turns on red light signs’ where visibility is an issue to the left. This includes all right turns except the one on Victoria turning onto Havelock as there is no visual obstruction in this area. Since that the time of the report, there is also no visual obstruction on Laplanche now either as the old Police Station has been torn down. Initially there was a ‘no right turns on red’ sign installed for eastbound traffic on Victoria turning right onto Church but it was removed after a couple of weeks due to complaints of traffic build-up.
- Install signage on Church Street – ‘Turning vehicles yield to pedestrians’ that may improve safety. This was completed and are in place at the Church / Victoria intersection.

The report also recommended some further maintenance:

- Repainting the arrow for Eastbound traffic at Havelock (combination straight and left turn arrows). This was completed;
- Add a yellow centre line on Havelock Street – this was completed;
- Replace missing pedestrian signal visors – This was completed;
- Provide a coloured strip that shows the separation between the crosswalk and the sidewalks – This was not completed.

The report also noted the following in the conclusions:

“Although several vehicle-pedestrian incidents have occurred at the Study intersections during recent years, review of the intersection has not identified any obvious safety deficiency that definitively contributed to these incidents. However, through the course of this intersection review, a number of items have been identified that may improve intersection safety and operational performance”

CONCLUSION

The review conducted by GENIVAR Inc in 2013 concluded that these intersections are not inherently unsafe, but that changes could be made to these areas to mitigate some of the concerns. The majority of these changes were made shortly after the release of the report and have been in place ever since. The report also reviewed the ‘Pedestrian Scramble Phase’ programming which would stop all vehicular traffic when pedestrian traffic was crossing. This was determined to not be a suitable option as our pedestrian traffic is not significant enough to warrant such a change, and doing so would have a negative effect on traffic patterns and times, resulting in considerable degrading of intersection performance. Because there are numerous intersections in close proximity to these areas, it would result in unreasonable delays in traffic and stopped traffic through the surrounding intersections, causing gridlock in the downtown core during busy times.

A review of our accident statistics has indicated that there have been very few accidents at these intersections and none within the last 2 years between a pedestrian and a vehicle with the exception of a 'close call' in February of 2021 that was reported to Amherst Police. In some cases, issues at the Church Street/Victoria Street intersection have been attributed to the angle of the sun in the early evening impacting drivers coming off Church Street.

Based on a review of the study conducted by GENIVAR in 2013, and a knowledge of the downtown traffic patterns, my recommendation is that there be no further changes to either of the intersections in question and the changes made as a result of the study have been suffice to mitigate risks.

¹ Greg O'Brien, P.Eng, GENIVAR Inc, Intersection Review, Amherst NS, September 2013

MEMO

TO: Chairman Fairbanks and Members of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Commissioner Davidson

DATE: April 13, 2022

RE: **Request to Amend the Bylaw Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners**

I am requesting to make the following motion that, if approved, it can be forwarded for consideration by Council.

The motion is to amend the Bylaw Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners to state the following:

“The Town of Amherst is an inclusive and equitable organization. We value inclusivity & diversity in all areas of the workplace, including the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners. We encourage membership from members of groups who are typically underrepresented and with historical and/or current barriers to equity.”

Thank you for consideration of this request.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

SUBJECT: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners By-law, C-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amherst Town Council, at a meeting held on December 20, 2010, adopted a By-law Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst, C-1.

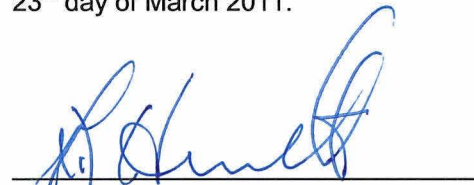
The new by-law repeals and replaces the Town of Amherst By-law to Establish the Amherst Police Commission approved by Council in January 1977 and amended in February 1984 and December 1994.

The new by-law clarifies terms of board member appointments and attendance at commission meetings, increases the board membership from five to seven, and includes housekeeping amendments to bring the wording in compliance with current legislation.

Copies of the new by-law may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk, Confederation Memorial Building, Ratchford Street, during regular business hours. The by-law can also be viewed on the Town's web page at www.amherst.ca

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Notice of Publication regarding the adoption of the above Town of Amherst By-Law as published in the local newspaper on March 23, 2011.

GIVEN under the hand of the Town Clerk and under the seal of the Town of Amherst this 23rd day of March 2011.



Gregory D. Herrett, CA
Town Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Amherst

A BYLAW RESPECTING THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Amherst, under the authority of the Police Act, Chapter 31, ACTS OF NOVA SCOTIA 2004.

Short Title

- 1 This By-Law shall be known as the "Amherst Board of Police Commissioners By-Law".

Definitions

- 2 In this By-Law
 - (a) "Board" means the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst
 - (b) "Council" means the Council for the Town of Amherst.
 - (c) "Chief of Police" means the Chief of Police of the Amherst Police Department.
 - (d) "Amherst Police Department" means the Chief and members of the municipal police force of the Town of Amherst.
 - (e) "Minister" means the Minister of Justice for the Province of Nova Scotia

Board Established

- 3 The Council establishes the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Amherst, with membership as follows:

One Year Term	Two community volunteers
Two Year Term	One member of Council One Community Volunteer
Three Year Term	Two members of Council
Other	One Ministerial appointment

Membership

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- (a) The member of the Board appointed by the Minister shall be appointed pursuant to subsection 44(4)(c) of the Police Act.
- (b) The members of the Board appointed by Council shall be appointed pursuant to subsections 44(4)(a) and (b) of the Police Act.
- (c) Dismissal of members of the Board shall be carried out in accordance with subsection 44(7)(a) with regard to a member appointed by the Minister and subsection 44(7)(b) with regard to members appointed by Council.
- (d) An absence from two consecutive meetings without just cause as determined by the chair and Board members shall be cause for the replacement of a member appointed by Council.
- (e) Where a vacancy occurs on the Board or where a member is unable to carry out his/her duties as a member of the Board by reason of illness or absence, Council shall appoint a replacement as soon as is practicably possible.
- (f) The members of the Board appointed from Council shall serve without remuneration.
- (g) The Board shall, at its first meeting each calendar year or as soon as practicable thereafter, choose its chairperson and vice-chairperson.
- (h) The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his/her absence the vice-chairperson shall preside.
- (i) Should the chair become vacant due to resignation or replacement, an election for the Chair shall be held within 60 days of such vacancy occurring.

Procedure

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- (a) The Board shall conduct its business according to the bylaws, regulations and policies established by Amherst Town Council, the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, the Police Act and, where applicable the Municipal Government Act.

- (b) The Board shall hold a meeting at least every three months. The Board may meet in camera at any time on 24 hours notice by the Chairperson or any two members or at any time with unanimous consent of all members concerning all matters relating to discipline, personal conduct, contract negotiations and security of the police operations.
- (c) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- (d) The Chief Administrative Officer of the Town or his appointee, shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall have charge of all minutes, records and accounting procedures to be followed and maintained by the Board.

Chief Officer

- 6 (a) The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the council, and following a year's period of probation, may not be suspended, dismissed or otherwise disciplined except with cause, and in such event, he shall have the right to appeal, within fifteen days of such disciplinary action, to the Chairman of the Nova Scotia Police Commission. The Commission shall conduct a hearing therein and may confirm, overrule, or modify such action and its decision therein, shall be final.
- (b) The Chief of Police shall advise the Board with respect to the provision of efficient and effective municipal police service delivery. S/he may, in consultation with the Board, undertake in a timely manner research, strategic planning, policy development and implementation, and the reporting of results in response to inquiries by the Board pertaining to its community governance responsibilities as defined in the Police Act.
- (c) The Chief of Police and/or the Deputy Chief of Police shall whenever requested by the Chairman and where practicable attend meetings of the Board, whether public or in-camera.
- (d) The Chief of Police or his Deputy shall be in charge of the management, direction and control of the day to day operation of the police force, including the enforcement of law and the maintenance of discipline within the force. Should such discipline, in the opinion of the Chief Officer, require that an employee be dismissed, such dismissal shall be by the Board on the recommendation of the Chief Officer.

Board Powers

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- (a) The Board shall conduct its responsibilities in accordance with the requirements established by the Police Act,
 - (b) The Board shall, each year, submit to the council for its consideration and approval its estimates of all monies required for the year to pay the remuneration of the members of the police force and staff and to pay for the accommodation, arms and equipment and other things for the use and maintenance of the force.
 - (c) All collective agreements or other agreements with members of the police force or its bargaining agent shall be contracted in the name of the Town of Amherst, and the Town of Amherst shall be the employer of all members of the police force.
 - (d) The Board shall submit all requests for all capital equipment proposed to be purchased to the council, together with the recommendation of the Board for the purchase consideration in accordance with the purchasing policy of the Town of Amherst.
 - (e) The Board shall have the jurisdiction without interference by the Council over all matters relating to the enforcement of all criminal law, federal statutes, provincial statutes, and Town by-laws and ordinances.
 - (g) The Board shall further have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the enforcement of provincial statutes having local effect and Town by-laws and ordinances, but Council shall have the right to request the enforcement of such statutes or by-laws as may be required for the proper administration thereof within the Town.
 - (h) The Chief of Police or his designate shall give all necessary orders, directions and instructions to the police force and no Board member, other than the Chair or his or her designate except when communicating a decision of the Board, shall issue any order, direction or instruction to any member of the police force relative to his duties as a member of the force.

General

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- The Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief of Police shall be members of any committee appointed for the purpose of negotiating a collective agreement with any union representing members of the Town police force.

- 9 The Town of Amherst By-Law to Establish the Amherst Police Commission, By-Law Number C-1 approved by Council on January 18, 1977 and amended on February 20, 1984 is hereby repealed.

Clerk's Annotation for Official By-Law Book

Date of First Reading: 29 November 2010

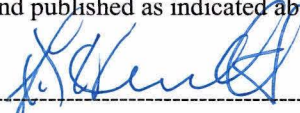
Date of Notice of Intent to Consider: 6 December 2010

Date of Second Reading: 20 December 2010

Date of Advertisement/Notice of Publication to be published following ministerial approval

Date of mailing to Minister a certified copy: 21 December 2010

I certify that this **By-Law Respecting the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners, C-1** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.



21 December 2010

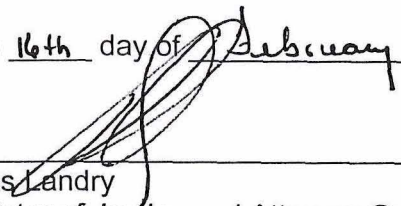
Gregory D. Herrett, CA Date
Town Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer

*Effective Date of the By-Law unless otherwise specified in the text of the By-Law.

MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

Pursuant to subsection 55(2) of the *Police Act*, S.N.S. 2004, c.31, I hereby approve they bylaws for the Amherst Municipal Board of Police Commissioners, attached hereto as Schedule "A".

Dated at Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia this 16th day of February, 2011.



Ross Landry
Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Service Nova Scotia
and Municipal Relations

Approved this 10th day
of March 2011.



Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Chief's Report
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
April 2022

This report covers the month of January, February and March 2022



TRAINING

PROS Course: Constable Julian Galloway attended the PROS course that was hosted by Charlottetown Police Service from January 24th to the 27th. Normally our staff attend courses hosted by the RCMP in Dartmouth but as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, the RCMP PROS course was postponed until March 2022. Constable Galloway can now access and work on files that are maintained in the PROS file management system.

Carbine Armourers Course: Corporal Derek Hebert attended the Colt Carbine Armourers Course January 4th to the 6th. This enables us the ability in most cases to fix and maintain our carbines without having to rely on Colt Canada representatives which can result in costly bills for regular maintenance and repairs.

CPKN Courses: Our Crime Prevention Coordinator, Melanie Siddall was signed up to complete several CPKN online courses which included:

- Crime Prevention through environmental Design
- Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation
- Crisis Incident Stress Management
- WHMIS

Online Dangers/Cyberbullying Webinar: On February 8th, 2022, Cst Harrison took advantage of an online webinar in relation to Online Dangers which focused on cyberbullying and child exploitation. This webinar was hosted by Public Safety Canada and provided the latest information in regards to trends and investigations into online predators and the online dangers for children.

Anti-Racism Education Workshop – Countering Cyberhate: On February 24th, Chief Pike, D/Chief Hunter, Cst Harrison and CPC Melanie Siddall all took part in a workshop on 'Cyberhate' and dealing with online hate speech and extremism. This was Part II of a series, with Part I dealing with Anti-islamophobia (January 20, 2022.)

Drug Recognition Expert: Cst Jeff Goodwin, who has been assigned to the Major Crime Unit, completed the first portion of his Drug Recognition Expert training from March 21 to the 25th and then from March 28th to April 1st. Later in the spring he will be sent to Jacksonville FL to complete the remainder of the training. The Amherst Police Department currently has 3 DRE's who are primarily used in impaired driving investigations, but can be useful in other drug investigations as well. Constable Goodwin will be our 4th trained DRE with the funding for the training coming from the Department of Justice.

Social Media Exploitation and firearms tracking: Cst Michelle Harrison and Cst Wayne Gillam attended training in Truro that was hosted by NS Public Safety and provided by the US ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms). This training was into ½ day focusing on 'social media exploitation' with the second half of the day on firearms tracking and awareness and many police officers across the province were in attendance.

PROS Course (March 21-25): Kim Smith and Bradley Harrison, our new part-time dispatchers attended the PROS course in Halifax. This course is required by all staff and allows the candidates access to the Police database that is used for our file management system. As dispatchers, both Kim and Bradley are now able to access PROS, generate and score occurrences, add and edit information and assign files to members. The PROS course is only offered a limited number of times per year. Kim is a new employee hired for dispatch, while Bradley has been working as a jail guard since December 2021 and is now also being trained in criminal record checks and as a dispatcher.

Upcoming Training: Several training opportunities have been scheduled for the coming months, including:

- **Crisis Intervention Team Training:** This training was postponed due to covid restrictions several times but is now scheduled for June 2022 and will provide certification for up to 10 APD members and members of the Cumberland RCMP. The training will be held at the Amherst Police Department, with instructors provided by NS Mental Health
- **Coach Officer Course:** The Atlantic Police Academy Online Coach Officer Course will be offered to selected members and will provide them with the tools necessary to coach Police Academy cadets in applying the knowledge and skills they've learn to the workplace. It covers many different aspects of coaching and mentoring placing emphasis on motivation, communication, goal-setting and developing a leadership style.
- **Advanced Pistol/Carbine Instructor Course:** Our firearms training officers, Cpls Jeff Walsh and Hebert are scheduled to attend advanced firearms instructor courses in May 2022 in Truro.
- **Crisis Negotiator:** We have plans to host a crisis negotiator course at APD in October 2022, training several of our members and sharing the cost with other departments. The Crisis Negotiator plays a central role during critical incidents focusing on crisis intervention, de-escalation and crisis communication. The course is geared to providing a response to incidents involving barricaded or hostage situations, individuals experiencing mental illness, are in a state of crisis or who may be suicidal.

OPERATIONAL

Covid-19: During the month of January February and March we continued to have some shortages as a result of Covid-19 spread, but were able to manage effectively. We continue to utilize PPE and Public Health guidelines to protect our members and staff from exposure ensuring that masks, social distancing and other protocols are strictly followed and mitigating risk to ensure that our members and staff are protected and can continue to serve and protect our community.

Protests: As a result of planned protests as a response to Covid-19 vaccination requirements for Truck drivers crossing the Canada/US border, The Amherst Police Department prepared and had scheduled extra staff for 2 protests which were planned during the month of January. Planned protests held at the border often have a significant impact on the town if there are disruptions at the border which result in a blockade. In cases of a blockade, all west-bound traffic on the 104 is diverted into town through Exit 4. Our members provide support to the RCMP resources at the border if needed, but primarily deal with directing excess traffic to planned parking areas. This is often done with the assistance of other town departments such as Public Works and Amherst Fire.

The first protest was on January 23rd and was organized by multiple groups from both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with a plan to slow traffic at the border by occupying one lane of traffic for hours. Many of those in attendance were also involved in protests and rallies in other jurisdictions prior to attending the NS/NB Border protest. The Nova Scotia RCMP deployed a significant number of resources to the border to ensure it remained open and that the Protest remained peaceful. The Amherst Police Department also had extra members called out to ensure that we could address any traffic issues in town. There were no significant issues reported.

The second protest was planned for Saturday, January 29th and once again included transport trucks and people from both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick who planned on attending the border with the intentions of locking it down in support of the Truckers. APD had prepared with scheduling extra resources and the RCMP had a significant presence in and around town. While many people arrived at the protest rallying point, severe weather impacted their ability to attend the border and protest as they had planned.

Impaired Driver: A 43-year-old Amherst man has been charged in 2 separate incidents of impaired driving within 3 days. On January 31st, at 2:45pm, Police stopped a vehicle on Willow Street that had been coming towards the police car head-on. The male exhibited signs of intoxication and was arrested for impaired driving. 3 days later, police observed a vehicle at 1:24am on Prince Arthur Street driving on the wrong side of the road. The vehicle was stopped and the male again exhibited signs of intoxication and was arrested and held in custody. The male is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Drug Trafficking Arrests: The Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Unit, with the assistance of the NB RCMP and APD Major Crime Unit wrapped up a long-term investigation that resulted in the execution of search warrants in Moncton and Sackville NB. Eight people were charged with numerous offenses that included drug trafficking, possession of a stolen restricted firearm, possession of a prohibited device, flight from police, theft of a motor vehicle and other serious charges. The charges were a result of a combined effort into a months-long cross-border investigation and will likely see further charges laid as the investigation by the Street Crime Unit continues.

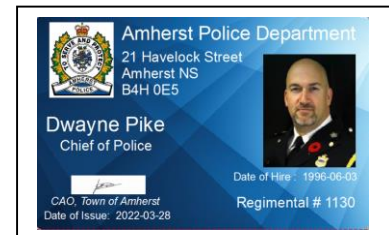


Barricaded Person: A 52-year-old male is facing several charges that include aggravated assault on a peace officer, assault on a peace officer, assault, resisting arrest and breach of probation following an incident on February 24th, 2022. Police responded to a complaint of an assault and discovered the accused who was highly agitated and engaged in a physical altercation with police when they attempted to arrest him. The male barricaded himself in his truck resulting in a two-hour standoff which ended peacefully when police were able to negotiate with him and he surrendered to officers without incident.

Attempted Murder: A 35-year-old female was arrested and is facing charges of attempted murder and robbery as a result of a stabbing that occurred on March 7th, when Police attended a residence on Laplanche Street. The victim was transported to the hospital and was treated for multiple stab wounds. The accused was arrested by Amherst Police on March 8th and has been remanded into custody. A second female, aged 32 years, was arrested and has been charged with robbery in relation to the same incident. The investigation, led by the Major Crime Unit is continuing.

Major Crime – Investigations: Major Crime has been very busy with the continued investigation into the shooting from November 2021. The more recent attempted murder/robbery from early March 2022 has also required a considerable number of resources. MCU also assisted with a theft of a Side-by-Side ATV investigation which included a search of the suspects residence and interviews of the suspects. Three people have been charged in that matter. They have also been tackling many fraud complaints in which the perpetrators are from other parts of Canada or the world. These types of investigations require multiple warrants, and investigators often have to sift through hundreds of documents and rely on the assistance of other agencies. Many MCU files are heading to trial which requires trial preparation, subpoenas and coordination with the Crown Prosecutor. A typical MCU file normal includes several warrants and production orders, cell phone dumps, Lab/Tech Crime Requests which take a considerable amount of time to process. During the month of March, Cst Goodwin was away for two weeks on the *Drug Recognition Course* leaving A/Cpl Tom Wood to manage these files alone.

Identification Cards: We recently purchased a card-maker for the purpose of providing our members with proper police identification cards. Employee numbers will be used as regimental numbers as they also correspond to each employee’s seniority. Prior to this purchase, our police identification consisted of laminated cards. The card maker will also be used to issue taxi licenses under the Town of Amherst Taxi Bylaw.



CRIME PREVENTION/SCHOOL RESOURCE

Constable Harrison and Crime Prevention Coordinator Melanie Siddall continue to work closely and engage with the schools and in other crime prevention initiatives which continues to be challenging due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Constable Harrison attended and participated in numerous training sessions online which included Human Trafficking and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Even though restrictions are opening up, many of the meetings with groups and other agencies are still being held online but she has also attended in person meetings for the teen centre, school advisory council meetings, ASIST (Adolescent Support Interagency Support Team), High Risk Domestic Violence Case Conference, Shelter Committee meeting and a CANU Board meeting.



Melanie continues to spend a significant amount of her time working on homelessness, mental health and addiction related issues in our community. While this is not her primary role as Crime Prevention Coordinator, the urgent nature of these matters keeps our department constantly engaged and working our community partners to find solutions and support for those in need, especially as a result of the very cold weather experienced during the winter months. Amherst is not alone in the battle against homelessness as shelters in nearby Truro has been at capacity and assistance is often limited to trying to find places in Halifax or Moncton or even further away. Many who leave, often end up back in Amherst a few days later. With Covid restrictions lifting, Melanie expects to be spending much more time engaged with different groups and doing presentations.

OPERATIONAL STATS – JANUARY 2022

Occurrences:	322	Criminal Code Charges:	57
Impaired by Alcohol:	5	CDSA:	0
Impaired by Drug:	2	CBCA:	0
Traffic Tickets:	10	PPA:	0
HPA:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	3
Vehicle Checks:	46	LCA:	1
Foot Patrol Hours:	2hrs, 47min	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

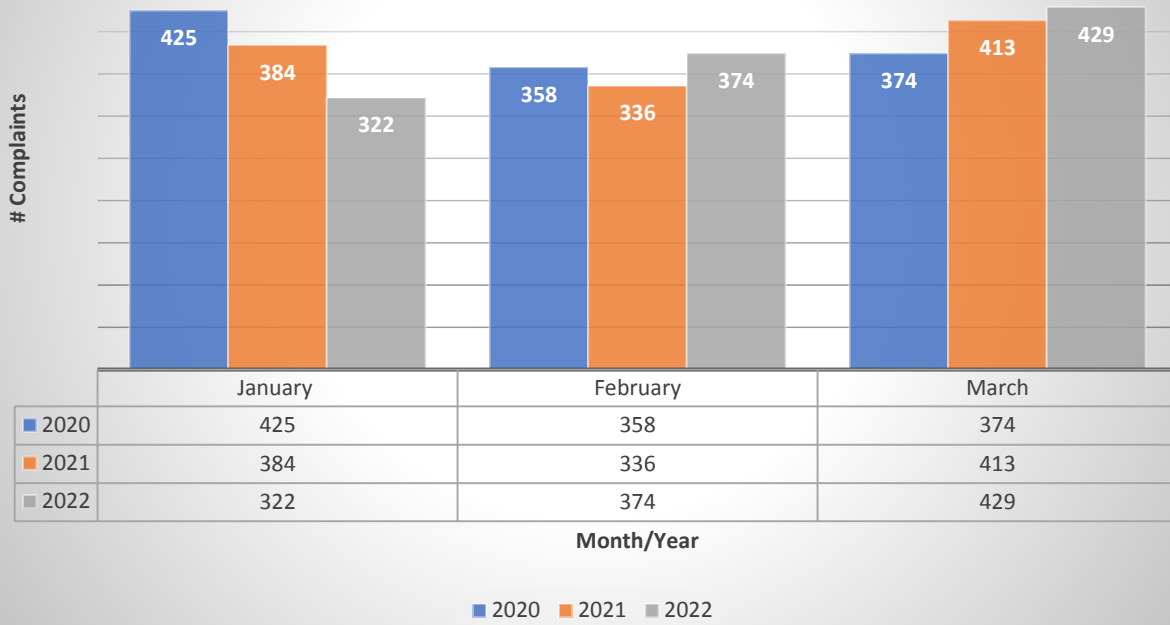
OPERATIONAL STATS – February 2022

Occurrences:	374	Criminal Code Charges:	54
Impaired by Alcohol:	2	CDSA:	0
Impaired by Drug:	0	CBCA:	1
Traffic Tickets:	11	PPA:	2
HPA:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	3
Vehicle Checks:	64	LCA:	2
Foot Patrol Hours:	8 hrs 48 min	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

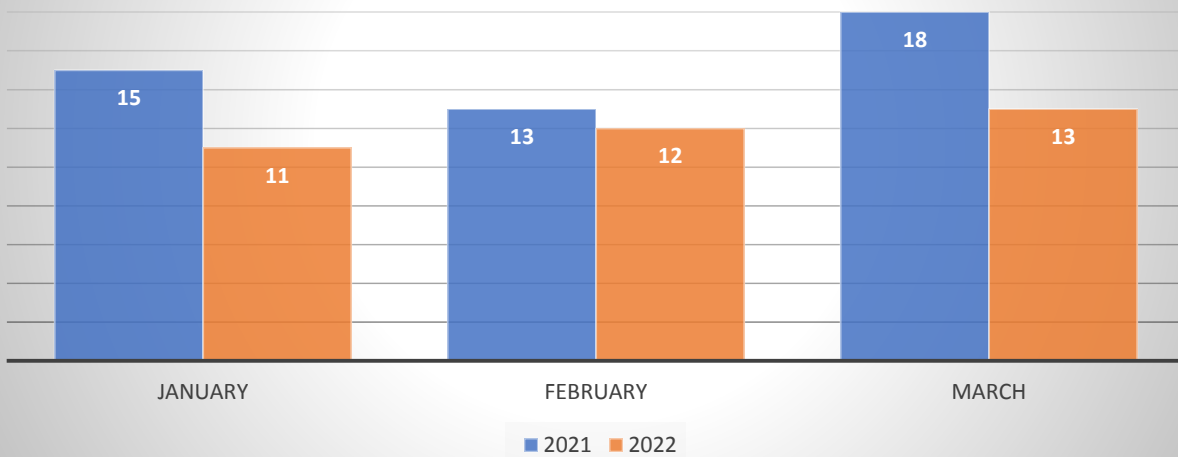
OPERATIONAL STATS – MARCH 2022

Occurrences:	429	Criminal Code Charges:	66
Impaired by Alcohol:	0	CDSA:	2
Impaired by Drug:	0	CBCA:	0
Traffic Tickets:	7	PPA:	1
HPA:	0	Traffic Written Warnings:	4
Vehicle Checks:	69	LCA:	1
Foot Patrol Hours:	11 hrs 16 min	Bike Patrol Hours:	0

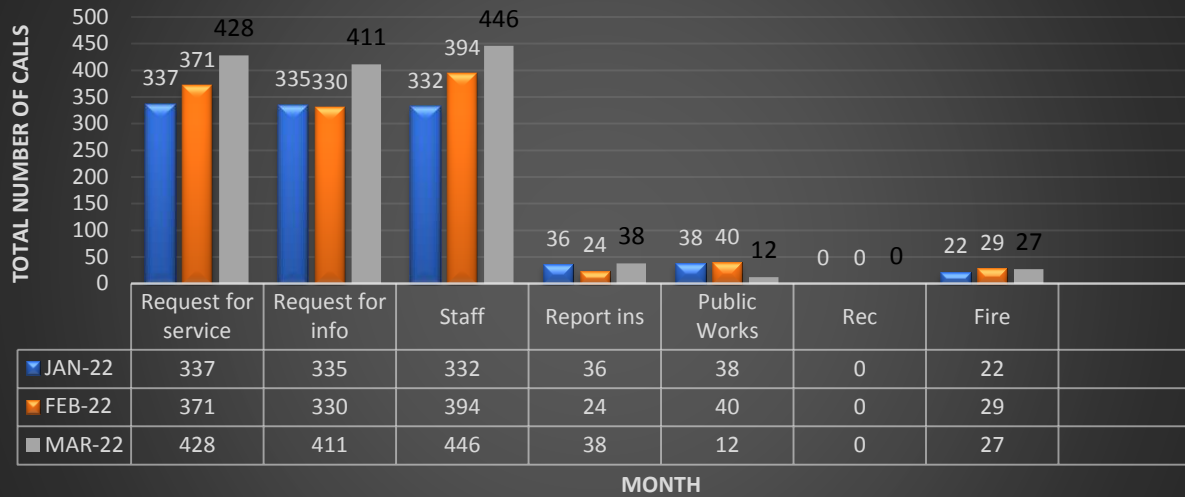
APD Occurrences Months of January, February and March



APD - Prisoners Held - December/January/February



Dispatch Calls by Category - Monthly



■ JAN-22
 ■ FEB-22
 ■ MAR-22

Amherst Police Department – Capital Budget 2021/2022

Capital Budget Item	Date RFP Released	Date RFP Closed	Date Tender Awarded	Delivery Date	Amount	Notes
Ballistic Helmets	21-05-06	21-05-28	21-07-23	22-01-20	\$10,000	Carry over from 2020/21
Hard Body Armour	22-04-07	22-04-21	Evaluation Determines this		\$21,000	Close RFPs April 21, 2022
Vehicle 2	21-05-17	21-05-31	2021-06-28	22-04-07	\$65,000	Council Approved
Interactive Board					\$27,000	Scope under review with IT

*Once an RFP is posted, a minimum 14 days is given for responses, but this is often given a longer date to ensure that venders have the proper amount of time to prepare their responses.