



Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Agenda

Date: **Thursday, March 21, 2024**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Council Chambers, Town Hall**

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1. Call To Order	
1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement	
<p>“I would like to acknowledge that our gathering today is taking place in (MEEG-MA-GEE), the traditional, unceded and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaw people. I would also like to acknowledge that Nova Scotia has another unique people. These are the Indigenous Blacks of Nova Scotia whose legacy and contributions date back over 400 years predating confederation of this land. We are all treaty people.”</p>	
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7. Closed Session

7.1 Acceptance of Minutes

7.2 MGA 22(2)(f) - litigation or potential litigation

8. Adjournment

**Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes**

Date: February 27, 2024
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Commissioner Paul Calder, Chair
Commissioner Hal Davidson, Vice Chair
Commissioner, Charlie Chambers
Commissioner George Baker
Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks

Members Absent Commissioner Holly MacDonald
Commissioner Angela Ryan Bourgeois

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Tim Hunter, Deputy Chief
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk / Board Secretary

1. Call To Order

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

- 1.1 **Territorial Acknowledgement**
The Chair gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.
- 1.2 **Amendments to Agenda**
There were no amendments to the agenda.
- 1.3 **Approval of Agenda**
Moved By Commissioner Baker
Seconded By Commissioner Fairbanks
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

- 1.4 **Acceptance of Minutes - January 23, 2024**
The Chair called for any errors or omissions in the minutes. There being none, the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners were accepted as included in the agenda package.

2. Delegations / Presentations

- 2.1 **DOJ Board Training**
Charcy Marchand, Director of Public Safety and Policing, and Tim Mills, Safety Investigator, presented to the Board on their roles and responsibilities as Board members.

3. Discussion / Information Items

3.1 Strategic Planning

A verbal update on the Strategic Planning process was provided, with the goal to have APD staff and public input consolidated for the Board's review by the end of May 2024. This will be a standing agenda item going forward until this is complete.

4. Reports

4.1 Chief's Report

Chief Pike and Deputy Chief Hunter reviewed the Chief's report as included in the agenda package. Information item only; no direction given or action required.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

6. Closed Session

**Moved By Commissioner Davidson
Seconded By Commissioner Fairbanks
To go into Closed Session.**

Motion Carried

7. Adjournment

There being nothing further, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk / Board Secretary

Paul Calder
Chair

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2024/25 Budget: Police Department

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Amherst Police Department

- The Amherst Police Department is committed to serving the needs of our citizens by continuously working closely with our community partners to ensure a safe and prosperous town.
- Our approach to ensuring the safety of our residents utilizes values we hold most dear:
 - Integrity
 - Honesty
 - Dedication
 - Kindness
 - Dignity
 - compassion
 - inclusiveness.
- We rely on the relationships we have built within our community as ensuring the priorities of the community are *our* priorities enables us to effectively work together to identify needs and implement solutions.



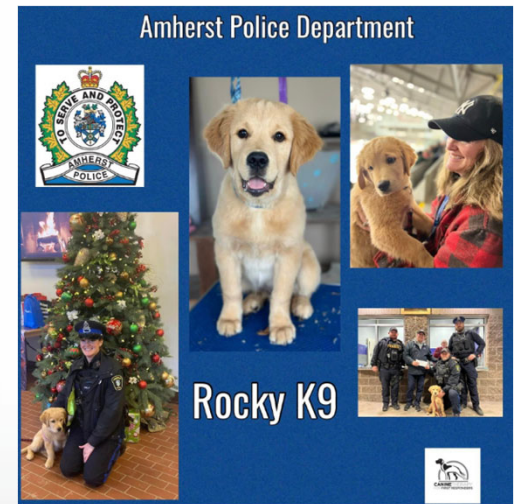


Amherst Police Department

Our staffing includes:

- Chief, Deputy Chief and Staff Sergeant
- 16 Uniform Patrol members who are assigned to 4 platoons
- 3 members in our Major Crime Unit
- 2 members in our Integrated Street Crime Unit who are partnered with members in the Cumberland RCMP
- 1 School Resource Officer
- 3 additional part-time members to cover shortages
- 1 Civilian Crime Prevention Coordinator
- 24-hour dispatch for Police and Amherst Fire Department
- Civilian admin
- By-Law Officer

= 35 Full time + numerous other part-time employees





Amherst Police Department

2024/25 Operational Budget - \$5,218,991

\$ 232,772 total increase from prior year = 4.7 %

Most significant increases are a result of:

- Collective agreement and step salary increases
- Increase in benefit rates (CPP, EI, WCB, Group Insurance);
- Building and facility Costs (reallocation of custodian expense from wages);
- Other municipal costs (professional services);
- There are other small increases / decreases in various line items.





Amherst Police Department

NET COST OF POLICING:

- Expenditures: \$ **5,218,991**
- Revenue: \$ 438,600
- Net cost: \$ **4,780,391**





Amherst Police Department

Questions?



COST CENTER:PREVIOUS 3 YEAR ACTUAL/CURRENT YEAR ACTUAL/CURRENT YEAR NEXT YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

Cost element group MUN2 MUN2
 Cost Center Group APD Amherst Police Department
 Periods Reported: 1 to 12
 Comparison Years: 2023/2024 and 2024/2025
 Plan Version: 0 Plan/Act - Version
 Plan Version Compare: 2 Proposed
 Date of Report: 03/13/2024

Cost elements/Cost centers	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2023/2024	2024/2025	Change 2023 to 2024 Budget	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Amount	% Change
*** 4000 RESIDENTIAL TAXE	1,697,086.00-	1,797,768.00-	1,903,652.00-	2,075,240.00-	2,075,240-	2,202,650-	127,410-	6.1
*** 4010 TAXES COMMERCIAL	1,540,173.00-	1,603,094.00-	1,621,092.00-	1,811,758.00-	1,811,758-	1,938,744-	126,986-	7.0
*** 4300 INTER.RECOV.LABO	4,000.00-	4,000.00-	4,000.00-	4,000.00-	4,000-	4,000-		
*** 4340 INTER.RECOV.OTHE		77.82-	15.98-					
*** 4350 SALE OF SERVICES	98,378.08-	107,298.92-	94,142.66-	63,592.64-	135,200-	82,900-	52,300	38.7-
*** 4360 REVENUE ALARM MO	1,393.48-	700.00-	1,050.00-	2,093.48-	1,000-	1,000-		
*** 4480 REV.-PROC.OF CRI		226.45-		251.25-				
*** 4490 COMM.SPONSOR.REV				2,500.00-	1,000-	1,000-		
*** 4550 FINES	21,582.05-	22,857.00-	30,411.20-	34,594.13-	40,000-	40,000-		
*** 4580 ROOM RENTALS	625.00-	1,125.00-	1,500.00-	125.00-	700-	700-		
*** 4680 MISC.REVENUE	9,280.06-	9,188.13-	10,474.72-	10,449.90-	9,000-	9,000-		
*** 4690 PROV - EQUALIZAT	585,048.00-	593,865.00-	615,171.00-	456,240.00-	608,321-	638,997-	30,676-	5.0
*** 4715 Prov. Cond. Gran	300,000.00-	300,000.00-	300,000.00-	225,000.00-	300,000-	300,000-		
**** Gross revenues	4,257,565.67-	4,440,200.32-	4,581,509.56-	4,685,844.40-	4,986,219-	5,218,991-	232,772-	4.7
*** Wages & Benefits	3,622,375.10	4,040,777.08	4,179,889.19	3,977,568.73	4,336,554	4,532,954	196,400	4.5
*** Administrative Costs	106,349.23	155,914.83	188,773.07	154,394.85	166,909	166,518	391-	0.2-
*** Building & Facility Co	85,682.46	68,871.56	75,026.88	72,741.07	70,347	89,773	19,426	27.6
*** Vehicle & Equipment Co	83,999.45	88,970.98	109,072.72	108,721.22	122,855	128,553	5,698	4.6
*** Materials & Supplies	5,749.30	6,034.71	6,120.19	4,162.57	6,000	5,100	900-	15.0-
*** Grants to organization	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,000	1,000		
*** Other municipal costs	101,655.54	116,696.69	109,818.77	85,975.76	124,890	141,140	16,250	13.0
*** Fiscal Services	208,536.03	204,155.02	186,094.20	183,873.99	184,664	180,953	3,711-	2.0-
*** Cost recovery	49,883.66-	175,648.32-	111,760.22-	57,303.04-	27,000-	27,000-		
**** Expenditures	4,164,963.45	4,506,272.55	4,743,534.80	4,530,635.15	4,986,219	5,218,991	232,772	4.7
**** Total	92,602.22-	66,072.23	162,025.24	155,209.25-				

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** 6000 WAGES/SALARIES	2,997,541.79	3,362,079.59	3,463,605.18	3,338,656.37	3,571,800	3,729,400	157,600	4.4
** 6005 Honoraria					1,100	1,100		
** 6006 Retired EE Pens P	7,531.32	7,531.32	7,531.32	5,648.49	8,200	8,200		
** 6009 Y/E WAGES & BEN A	27,867.28	25,303.70	9,087.65		13,804	13,804		
** 6010 CFP	97,264.89	118,193.44	127,311.47	120,337.83	138,530	146,250	7,720	5.6
** 6012 Employment Insura	39,227.05	47,575.90	49,921.27	46,865.50	53,880	55,770	1,890	3.5
** 6014 Blue Cross	34,363.43	31,152.63	32,931.40	21,171.04	29,190	30,360	1,170	4.0
** 6015 Pension - Reg Pym	232,366.01	252,181.75	267,102.46	256,242.50	276,550	287,760	11,210	4.1
** 6016 Group Insurance	125,922.34	96,563.82	101,655.98	75,359.19	119,600	135,840	16,240	13.6
** 6017 WCB	59,182.99	98,205.93	117,221.46	113,287.81	123,900	124,470	570	0.5
** 6018 Pension-Special P	1,108.00	1,989.00	3,521.00					
*** Wages & Benefits	3,622,375.10	4,040,777.08	4,179,889.19	3,977,568.73	4,336,554	4,532,954	196,400	4.5
** 8015 Liability Claims	6,648.55		10,000.00-		1,500	1,500		
** 6020 PROFESSIONAL DEVE	17,768.95	46,275.45	87,370.82	16,717.39	35,400	30,800	4,600-	13.0-
** 6030 TRAVEL	3,159.74	2,170.80	3,787.89	12,497.72	3,600	10,400	6,800	188.9
** 6032 Conferences & Con	307.77	1,225.12	2,371.57	1,673.34	7,500	4,000	3,500-	46.7-
** 6040 PROF MEM/DUES & F	2,467.68	3,182.54	2,773.90	3,215.58	3,600	4,036	436	12.1
** 6050 OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,663.35	8,590.22	10,044.22	8,222.87	9,500	9,500		
** 6060 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,151.63	1,782.96	3,451.72	4,001.93	3,500	4,200	700	20.0
** 6070 PHOTOCOPY SUPPLIE	613.98	1,586.34		4,209.30		3,500	3,500	
** 6080 ADVERTISING	143.39	319.12	579.83		450	450		
** 6090 POSTAGE	418.94	798.10	114.78	346.43	1,000	1,000		
** 6100 COURIER	3,343.77	4,741.35	5,171.45	5,342.61	3,500	4,500	1,000	28.6
** 6110 TELEPHONE	15,848.65	15,346.49	16,231.05	13,408.96	15,500	15,500		
** 6114 Cellular	2,355.66	3,175.93	3,349.42	5,233.12	3,195	4,095	900	28.2
** 6120 PUBL./SUBSCRIPTIO	2,256.39	2,040.81	2,996.50	3,564.26	2,200	2,200		
** 6130 COMPUTER HARDWARE	5,639.43	14,963.92	14,590.66	23,757.66	19,400	10,500	8,900-	45.9-
** 6140 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,605.63	3,292.31	1,108.24	920.53	600	600	600-	100.0-
** 6142 Software Licensin	26,985.99	32,953.57	32,158.63	36,490.23	41,785	45,240	3,455	8.3
** 6150 MEETING EXPENSES	312.73	534.34	471.71	483.77	850	850		
** 6152 Catering					200	200		
** 6170 PROMOTION		6,084.46	4,294.68	5,834.15	4,300	4,300		
** 6160 LIABILITY INSURAN	5,657.00	6,851.00	7,906.00	8,475.00	9,329	9,747	418	4.5
*** Administrative Costs	106,349.23	155,914.83	188,773.07	154,394.85	166,909	166,518	391-	0.2-
** 7025 Solid Waste Dispo	6,103.67	6,220.86	6,500.04	2,512.79	6,600	5,000	1,600-	24.2-
** 7001 HEAT - NATURAL GA	9,792.38	9,822.64	9,690.00	7,869.65	10,500	10,500		
** 7010 ELECTRICAL	32,597.73	31,574.94	34,671.55	30,035.15	32,000	32,000		
** 7020 WATER	2,243.93	1,793.46	2,792.05	1,833.10	2,100	2,100		
** 7030 BLDG/FACILITY MAI	27,464.60	6,337.69	4,798.44	20,911.69	5,000	24,200	19,200	384.0
** 7040 BLDG/FACILITY REP	4,815.15	10,290.97	13,483.80	6,058.43	10,500	8,500	2,000-	19.0-

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** 7050 BLDG/FACILITY INS	2,665.00	2,831.00	3,091.00	3,454.00	3,647	3,973	326	8.9
** 7060 BLDG/FACILITY REN				66.26		3,500	3,500	
*** Building & Facility Cos	85,682.46	68,871.56	75,026.88	72,741.07	70,347	89,773	19,426	27.6
** 7500 VEH/EQUIP MAINT.	442.95	1,834.41	1,085.81	763.72	1,600	1,700	100	6.3
** 7510 VEH/EQUIP REPAIRS	33,100.44	20,919.92	29,279.12	26,890.59	31,000	33,600	2,600	8.4
** 7520 VEH/EQUIP INSURAN	15,424.00	15,921.00	17,759.00	16,046.00	20,955	18,453	2,502-	11.9-
** 7550 VEH/EQUIP FUEL -	21,168.27	38,591.26	45,490.53	44,412.85	46,500	48,000	1,500	3.2
** 8120 LEASES-VEHICLE/EQ			477.85					
** 8000 OPERATIONAL EQUIP	12,426.22	8,908.28	11,873.65	15,880.52	19,400	23,400	4,000	20.6
** 8020 MAINTENANCE EQUIP	1,437.57	2,796.11	3,106.76	4,727.54	3,400	3,400		
*** Vehicle & Equipment Cos	83,999.45	88,970.98	109,072.72	108,721.22	122,855	128,553	5,698	4.6
** 8010 MATERIALS / SUPPL	5,749.30	6,034.71	6,120.19	4,162.57	6,000	5,100	900-	15.0-
*** Materials & Supplies	5,749.30	6,034.71	6,120.19	4,162.57	6,000	5,100	900-	15.0-
** 8170 SCHOL/GRANTS TO I	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,000	1,000		
*** Grants to organizations	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,000	1,000		
** 8025 COMMUNITY EVENTS	394.87	446.31	331.00	1,082.94	1,000	1,000		
** 8090 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	22,688.43	23,619.48	16,902.52	11,845.64	24,400	26,250	1,850	7.6
** 8100 PROFESSIONAL SERV	34,022.82	40,825.81	52,370.96	44,357.42	47,500	61,500	14,000	29.5
** 8110 CONTRACTS/AGREEME	36,007.16	42,615.06	28,795.60	23,168.57	39,290	41,890	2,600	6.6
** 8121 LEASES -OFFICE EQ	6,907.52	7,327.29	10,074.50	3,430.16	10,500	7,000	3,500-	33.3-
** 8130 LICENSES/PERMITS	1,634.74	1,862.74	1,344.19	2,091.03	2,200	3,500	1,300	59.1
*** Other municipal costs	101,655.54	116,696.69	109,818.77	85,975.76	124,890	141,140	16,250	13.0
* 9020 INT ON DEBENTURES	46,108.04	43,312.58	40,165.98	37,964.19	37,964	34,253	3,711-	9.8-
* 9050 PRINC ON DEBENTUR	145,800.00	145,800.00	145,800.00	145,800.00	145,800	145,800		
** Debt Service Costs	191,908.04	189,112.58	185,965.98	183,764.19	183,764	180,053	3,711-	2.0-
* 9090 BANK CHARGES	527.99	242.44	128.22	109.80	900	900		
** Bank charges & Short te	527.99	242.44	128.22	109.80	900	900		
* 9400 APPROP CAPITAL RE	13,000.00							
* 9410 APPROP OPER RESER	3,100.00	14,800.00						
** Transfers to Own Funds	16,100.00	14,800.00						
*** Fiscal Services	208,536.03	204,155.02	186,094.20	183,873.99	184,664	180,953	3,711-	2.0-
** 6180 COST RECOVERY	49,883.66-	175,648.32-	111,760.22-	57,303.04-	27,000-	27,000-		
*** Cost recovery	49,883.66-	175,648.32-	111,760.22-	57,303.04-	27,000-	27,000-		
**** Total	4,164,963.45	4,506,272.55	4,743,534.80	4,530,635.15	4,986,219	5,218,991	232,772	4.7

Chief's Report

Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

March 21st, 2024



This report covers the month of February 2024

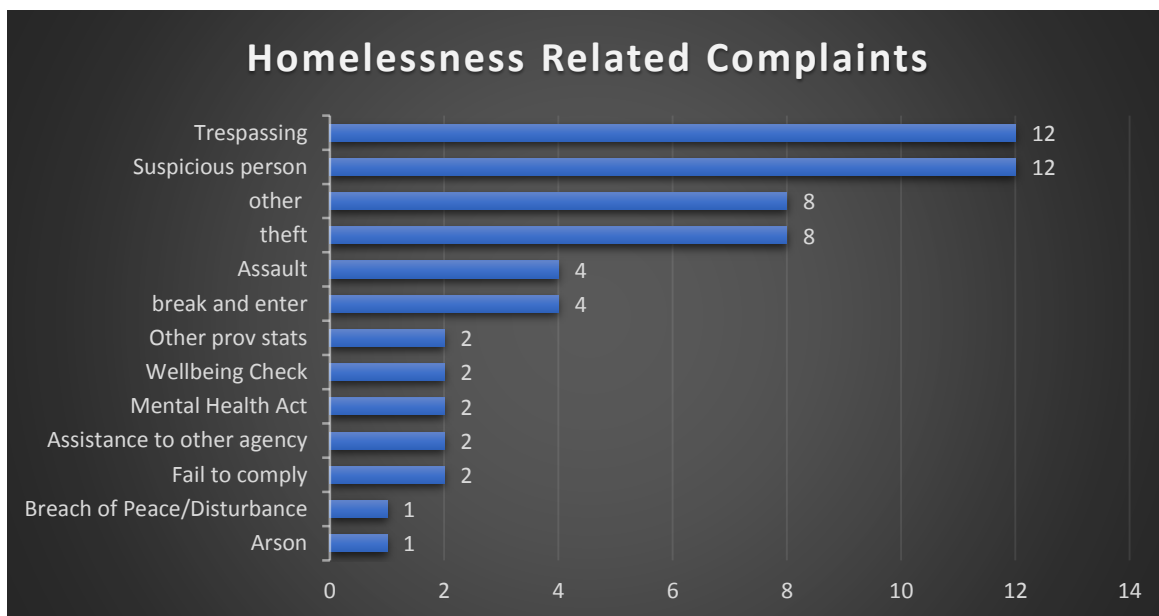
TRAINING

Canadian Credible Leadership – CPKN: Our five (5) Corporals have been signed up for this leadership course that is available through the Canadian Police College and CPKN (Canadian Police Knowledge Network). This 60-hour course is completed at one's own pace and covers 60 leadership competencies. The course is divided into 4 main sections: 1. Skills of Personal Mastery, Interpersonal Communications and Conflict Management, 2. Skills for Opportunity and Problem Management, 3. Skills for Team and Organizational Development and 4. Skills of Versatility.

Standard Field Sobriety Testing/Sotoxa: APD will be hosting an SFST Course followed by a Sotoxa users' course in April 2024. SFST is a 4-day course and is essential for processing drivers who may be impaired by either drugs or alcohol. Training covers detection of impaired drivers and recognizing the signs of intoxication and using roadside physical testing and observations to formulate grounds to pursue criminal charges. The Sotoxa is an approved instrument that can be used roadside to detect the presence of drugs in oral fluid and provide the officer with grounds for further investigation. Both the SFST and Sotoxa training is being provided by the Provincial Impaired Driving Team.

GENERAL OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

Homelessness: Files associated with homeless numbered 60 for the month of February. This is down slightly from January 2024 (85) but still up from December 2023 (33). We continue to have interactions with many people that are not from this area and the majority of complaints were cleared without laying charges.



Shoplifting Complaints: In February, APD received 8 complaints of shoplifting. This is down from January (14) and December (12). When looking at all types of thefts, APD logged 46 complaints in February, 49 in January and 37 in December 2023.

Changes in Occurrences/Charges: Our criminal charge stats took another big jump in February with 139 as a total number of charges. This is up from January 2024 (83) and December 2023 (50). This month's stats are in line with those of the first half of 2023, which was one of the busiest in the last decade with a total of 1,116 charges laid for the year. Our February 2024 occurrences numbered 419, decreasing from January 2024 (481) and 444 in December 2023, and lower than in January 2023 (443).

OPERATIONAL

February 29th: Warrant Issued: The Amherst Police Department prepared a media release requesting the assistance of the public to locate Jamie Trenholm, aged 37 in relation to a province-wide arrest warrant that was issued. TRENHOLM is wanted for a robbery and assault that allegedly took place at an Amherst residence on February 25th, 2024. Police received a call that a male had committed a home invasion and robbery against a male victim. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was treated at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre and later released. The victim and the subject are known to each other. TRENHOLM has been charged with robbery, assault with a weapon, uttering threats, possession of a weapon, aggravated assault and 3 counts of failing to comply with a release order.



February 27th, - Street Crime Warrant: Bradley Peter Gilbert, aged 27, of Maccan, Nova Scotia is facing numerous criminal code charges in relation to complaints of thefts throughout Cumberland County and recovered property that was located during a search on February 27th at his property in Maccan NS. The estimated value of the recovered property is in excess of \$250,000. Charges laid include: 7 counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000, 3 counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000, failing to comply with release order condition and possession of a prohibited weapon. Members of the Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Unit (SCEU), with the assistance of the Amherst Police Department Major Crime Unit, Cumberland County District RCMP, RCMP Emergency Response Team and RCMP Traffic Services executed the search warrant that resulted in the recovery of numerous vehicles, heavy equipment and other property that had been reported stolen from several locations throughout Cumberland County. Gilbert was arrested without incident at the scene and has been remanded into custody and is expected to appear in court at a later date. The Cumberland Street Crime Enforcement Unit, is coordinating the investigation which involves multiple files and multiple complainants. Additional charges are also anticipated as the investigation continues.



February 23rd - 2024 African Heritage Month poster: Chief Dwayne Pike and staff were presented with the 2024 African Heritage Month Poster by members of Council on February 23rd. The poster entitled “*Our Smiles, our Joy, Our Resilience*” was proudly displayed in our lobby for the month of February. This is the final year for the UN’s International Decade for People of African Descent. The goal for the past decade and beyond to strengthen global cooperation in support of people of African descent, increase awareness and recognize their full and equal participation in all aspects of society.



Fire Lane Parking Enforcement: Amherst Police recently started monitoring and enforcing fire lanes at some of the local business in town. Under Section 150 of the Motor Vehicle Act the traffic authority can approve signs on private property with the agreement of the property owner in relation to fire lanes. This was in response to repeated complaints and observations about specific areas and concerns from the public about safety issues when vehicles are blocking the fire lanes, especially pedestrians entering and leaving the buildings. Fire lanes ensure that firefighters and first responders have fast and reliable access to the premises in emergencies and clear space for egress from a burning building. The consequences of parking in a fire lane could include ticketing, towing or both. Fines start at \$136.60.



February 16th – Arrest of subject wanted by RCMP: Christopher Charles Mattinson, 33, who was wanted out of Little River on a province-wide arrest warrant by the RCMP was arrested by Amherst Police and turned over to the RCMP. Mattinson was the subject of several social media posts by the RCMP. Mattinson was spotted in town by an Amherst PD civilian staff member who called members and advised of his location. Mattinson was arrested without incident by members of B Platoon and the APD Street Crime Unit.

February 12th – Search Warrant and Charges: At approximately 6:30pm on Monday, February 12th, members of the Amherst Police Department executed a search warrant at a local residence. In addition to the accused, 3 other individuals, a 30-year-old female and a 36-year-old male, were arrested on outstanding warrants during the incident and a 35-year-old female was also arrested for breaching conditions of her probation. During the search, police seized numerous exhibits including drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons, ammunition, cash, unstamped tobacco and an assortment of property believed to be stolen. Tara Matthews, aged 42, of Amherst Nova Scotia, is facing numerous criminal code charges that include weapons offenses, possession of stolen property charges and breach of probation charges. She is also facing charges under the Excise Act and the Revenue Act in relation to the possession of unstamped tobacco. Additional charges include trafficking cocaine and methamphetamine under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. Matthews was remanded into custody and is schedule to appear on these charges at a later date.

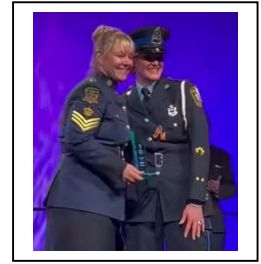
February 3rd – Impaired driver/Drugs: A 29-year-old Cumberland County woman has been arrested and is facing numerous charges including impaired driving, trafficking cocaine, forgery and weapons charges following a traffic stop on West Pleasant Street in Amherst on February 3rd, 2024. A passenger in the same vehicle, a 56-year-old Amherst man, was also arrested and remanded into custody in relation to multiple breaches of his release order. At approximately 8:00am on February 3rd, 2024, a member of the Amherst Police Department noted the car driving in an abnormal manner. The vehicle also had some vehicle equipment issues and an expired registration. A vehicle stop was conducted on West Pleasant Street and the attending officer noted the male passenger was in breach of their release conditions. The male passenger was arrested and removed from the vehicle. The officer had also noted drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle and recognized signs of impairment displayed by the female driver. The driver was arrested and a subsequent search resulted in the seizure of weapons, drugs, unstamped tobacco as well as evidence of other criminal activity. The female driver was processed and later released on conditions to appear in court at a later date. The male passenger, who is facing five (5) breaches of his release order and one count of possessing property obtained by crime was remanded into custody is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

February 1st – Aggravated Assault: A 26-year-old Amherst man is facing several serious charges in relation to an incident that occurred on the night of February 1st, 2024. Dylan Owen SMITH, aged 26 of Amherst, Nova Scotia is facing numerous charges that include aggravated assault, uttering threats, damage to property, assault with a weapon and several other weapons related charges. Police learned of the incident in the early morning hours of February 2nd, 2024 when they were alerted that a victim had allegedly been shot in the head and wounded by a BB gun and had sought treatment. The incident had happened hours before at approximately 11:00pm on Wednesday February 1st, 2024. The incident allegedly happened during an altercation between several parties. The accused arrested on February 2nd, and was held overnight, making a court appearance on February 3rd. He was released by the courts and is scheduled to return to court on March 11th, 2024 to answer to the charges.

February 1st - Theft of Truck, Break and Enter and Obstruction Charges and Arrest: Amherst Police have laid multiple charges in relation to a string of incidents that occurred on February 1st, 2024 that ended when the accused was arrested in Oromocto New Brunswick by the RCMP. On the morning of February 1st, 2024, Police had received calls about a suspicious person in and around a residential area on private property. The person was located and on two separate occasions, allegedly provided 2 different police officers with a false name. At the time, he was provided with some assistance by Police. Later that day, Police received numerous complaints of a person entering private property, which was captured on various home surveillance recordings. Police then received a call that a suspect was attempting to break into a house and steal various items. The suspect left the area while the complainant was on the phone with Amherst dispatch and was not located at this time. Approximately an hour later, at 7:00pm, on February 1st, Police received a call that a bucket truck was missing from a driveway of a residence and was believed to be stolen. Video footage was available and police were able to identify the suspect. The vehicle was tracked to New Brunswick, and with the assistance of the New Brunswick RCMP, the accused was arrested in Oromocto and held in custody while Amherst Police applied for a warrant of arrest from the courts to bring the accused back to Nova Scotia. Robert Robblee, aged 37, is facing several charges that include two (2) counts of obstruction, one (1) count of break and enter, one (1) count of attempted break and enter, one (1) count of attempted theft, one (1) count of possession of a weapon, two (2) counts of breaching a release order and theft of a truck. The accused was returned to Amherst on February 2nd and was remanded into custody for the weekend. He was later released by the courts and is scheduled to appear in court at a later date to face the charges.

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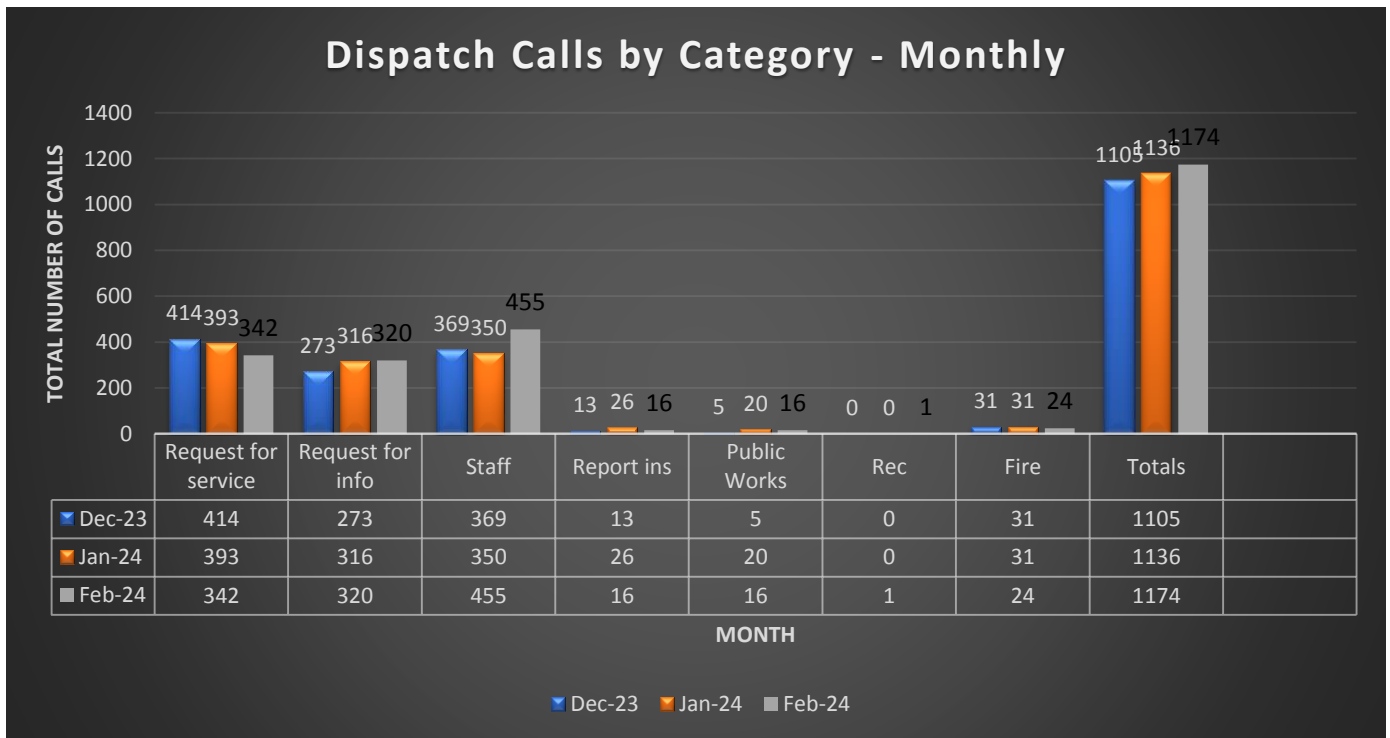
Special Olympics Nova Scotia Provincial Award: Once again, Cst Michelle Harrison has been Recognized for her dedication and work in relation to the Nova Scotia Special Olympics and has been selected as the 2023 recipient for the Law Enforcement Torch Run Award. This year, the 30th Inspired Gala and Auction, which is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics Nova Scotia will be held on February 21st, 2024 at the Nova Centre. As expected, we are ecstatic that Michelle has once again been recognized for her community spirit and dedication!



Resignation - Constable Wayne Gillam: Constable Wayne Gillam submitted his resignation effective February 26th, 2024. Cst Gillam was a part time member with the Amherst Police Department who had worked in several sections while with us, including Crime Prevention, the Patrol Unit and Street Crime. We wish Wayne all the best in the future!

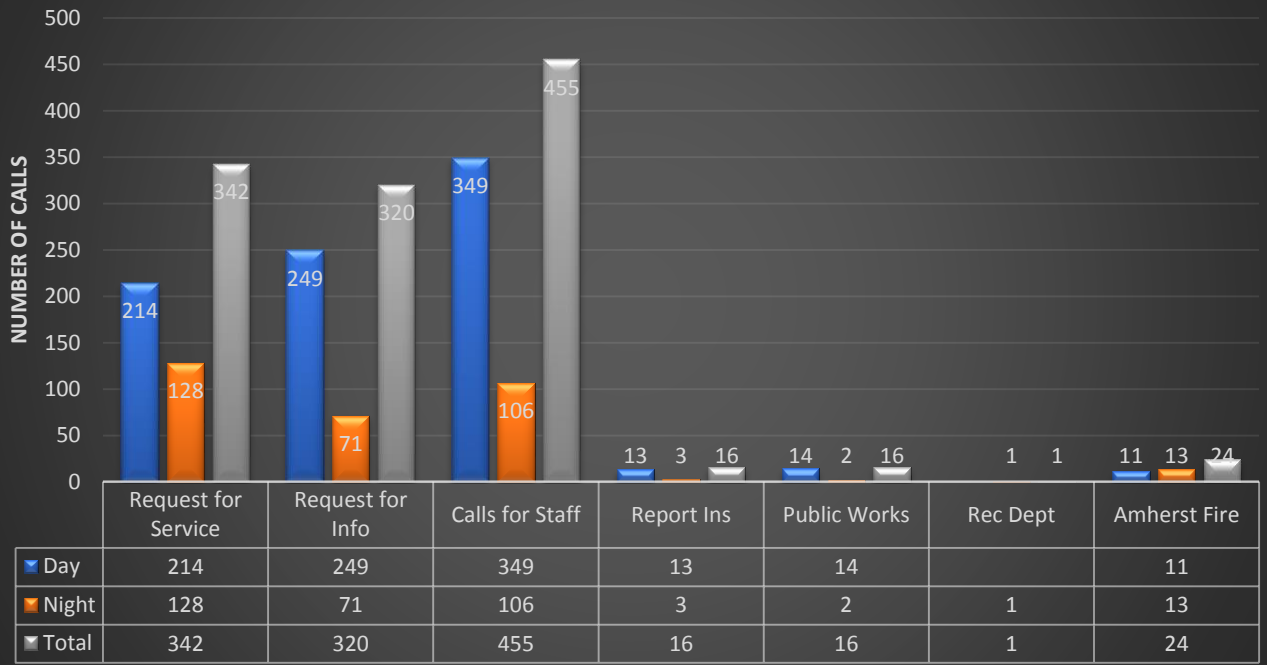
OPERATIONAL STATS – February 2023

Occurrences:	419	Criminal Code Charges:	139
Impaired by Alcohol:	6	CDSA:	6
Impaired by Drug:	1	CBCA:	1
Traffic Tickets:	57	PPA:	1
Traffic Written Warnings:	16	Vehicle Checks:	150
LCA:	1	Foot Patrol Hours:	35hrs, 46 min
Bike Patrol Hours:	0	Parking Tickets:	0
Parking Warnings:	0		



FEBRUARY

2024 Dispatch Calls



TYPE OF CALL

Day Night Total