

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

Date: January 23, 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
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 3:15 p.m.

1.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.2 Amendments to Agenda

Commissioner Davidson requested that a Strategic Planning update be added under Business Arising.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

**Moved By Commissioner Ryan Bourgeois
Seconded By Commissioner Fairbanks
To approve the agenda as amended.**

Motion Carried

1.4 Acceptance of Minutes

The Chair called for any errors or omissions. There being none, the minutes of the November 28, 2024 meeting of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners were accepted as included in the agenda package.

1.5 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair called for nominations for position of Chair. Commissioner Davidson nominated Commissioner Calder. There were no other nominations.

The Chair then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Fairbanks nominated Commissioner Davidson. There were no other nominations.

The Commission unanimously agreed that Commissioner Calder be reappointed as Chair and Commissioner Davidson be reappointed as Vice Chair.

2. Presentations

2.1 Major Crime Unit Presentation

Cpl Tom Wood gave a verbal presentation on the Major Crime Unit. Information item only; no direction given or action required.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Strategic Planning Verbal Update

Chief Pike gave a verbal update on the Strategic Planning status. Information item only at this time.

4. Discussion / Information Items

4.1 Board Training

Chief Pike reviewed his memo included in the agenda package, indicating that the NS Department of Justice has announced that the training package for Police Commission Boards is now complete and they are ready to start rolling it out. He will get available dates from DOJ and training will be scheduled.

4.2 Vehicle Pursuits

Chief Pike presented his memo included in the agenda package. Information item only; no direction given or action required.

5. Chief's Report

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

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled when training dates become available.

7. Closed Session

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

Motion Carried

8. Adjournment

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Natalie LeBlanc
Municipal Clerk / Board Secretary

Paul Calder
Chair