

Town of Amherst
Amherst Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes

Date: October 15, 2024
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Commissioner Paul Calder, Chair
Commissioner, Charlie Chambers
Commissioner Hal Davidson, Vice Chair
Commissioner Angela Ryan Bourgeois
Commissioner Caprice Barbour
Commissioner Sandy Fairbanks

Members Absent Commissioner George Baker

Staff Present Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police
Brian Gairns, Inspector
Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

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 Fairbanks

Seconded By Commissioner Davidson

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.4 Acceptance of Minutes - September 17, 2024

The Chair called for any errors or omissions in the minutes. There being none, the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting of the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners were accepted as included in the agenda package.

2. Presentations

2.1 Homelessness/Substance Use Disorder - Ashley Legere - Cumberland Homelessness and Housing Support Association

Chief Pike and Ashley Legere gave their presentation to the Board, included as part of the agenda package.

3. Business Arising

3.1 APD Strategic Plan Verbal Update

Chief Pike advised that Sharon Bristol was unable to attend the meeting today, and that an update would be given at the next meeting.

4. Discussion / Information Items

4.1 APD Crest

Chief Pike reviewed his memo and crest designs included as part of the agenda package. Commissioner Davidson asked if the union was in support of the crest change, Chief Pike replied the idea came from a union member. Overall, the Board agreed they liked the new design and agreed that it seems to be consistent to what other departments are doing. Commissioner Davidson did ask about removing part of the coat of arms from the previous design and if this is appropriate. Commissioner Fairbanks and Commissioner Bourgeois Ryan both indicated they liked the "cleaner" version of the crest designed for Halifax, and would like to see the Police part emphasized. Chief Pike will take these comments into consideration and bring something back for the next meeting.

4.2 APD Badges Verbal Update

Chief Pike gave a verbal update on the new proposed design for badges, which would include a number for each member that they would retire with. The Board agreed they liked the new design.

4.3 Safe Approach Rescue Vehicle Verbal Update

Chief Pike gave a verbal update on the Safe Approach and Rescue vehicle, advising the floor has been replaced and the vehicle has been painted. Lights and decals now need to be added which they hope will be done in time for the Christmas parade.

5. Reports

5.1 Chief's Report

Chief Pike reviewed his report, included as part of the agenda package.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m.

7. Closed Session

**Moved By Commissioner Fairbanks
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