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**JOINT POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

**1. Call to Order/ Record of Attendance**

The meeting was called to order by chair Councillor Nick Hilton at 4:35 p.m. with the following in attendance: Councillor Loren Cushing, Councillor Gordon Boudreau, Councillor Kathy Bourque, Citizen Representatives Doris Landry, Cathy Thomas, Councillor Loren Cushing Peggy Boudreau, Senior Safety Coordinator; RCMP Representative Constable Fernandez; Victoria Brooks, CAO District of Yarmouth and Jenny Porter, Municipal Clerk, District of Yarmouth.

**Regrets:** Citizen Representative Raymond Doucette

**2. First Nation Land Acknowledgement -** I/we would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands of the Acadia First Nation, part of Mi'kma'ki (meeg-ma-gee), the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

CAO Brooks requested to add an in-camera item 6.1 Public Security – MGA 22:2 (h).

**4. Approval of Agenda**

***It was moved by Citizen Representative Doris Landry, seconded by Citizen Representative Cathy Thomas to approve the agenda as amended.***

***Motion carried.***

**5. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2023**

***The minutes from July 13, 2023 meeting were approved by consensus.***

## 6. RCMP Report

Constable Fernandez with the Street Crime Unit provided a quarterly update on behalf of Staff Sgt. Shaffner.

There was discussion on mental health calls and the process of how they are handled between the RCMP and Healthcare.

### 6.1. In-Camera

***It was moved by Citizen Representative Janine Muise, seconded by Councillor Gordon Boudreau to move in-camera at 5:01 p.m.***

***Motion carried.***

#### 6.1.1. Public Security – MGA 22:2 (h)

***Consensus was reached by the Joint Police Advisory Committee to move out of in-camera at 5:06 p.m.***

*The Chair called the meeting back to order at 5:06 p.m.*

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. Argyle Joint Police Advisory Committee Citizen Representative Appointment

Argyle recently appointed Janine Muise as a citizen representative.

### 7.2. Briefing Note – NSFM Workshop

CAO reviewed the briefing note with the members.

*Councillor Cushing left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.*

***It was moved by Councillor Gordon Boudreau, seconded by Citizen Representative Doris Landry to make the following recommendations to the Councils and that the CAOs for the District of Argyle and the District of Yarmouth keep each other well briefed on the topics:***

***1. The Argyle and Yarmouth Councils correspond with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, cc'ing the NSFM & YCJPAC, requesting the draft terms of reference for the Provincial Policing Services Review be submitted to Police Advisory Committees in NS for review and feedback.***

***2. The Argyle and Yarmouth Councils correspond with the NS Department of Justice affirming a desire for the YCJPAC to actively engage in the***

**Provincial Policing Priorities process.**

**Motion carried.**

***It was moved by Citizen Representative Doris Landry, seconded by Councillor Kathy Bourque to correspond with Charcy Marchand requesting details on training topics and possible presentations.***

***Motion carried.***

***It was moved by Citizen Representative Cathy Thomas, seconded by Citizen Representative Janine Muise to invite Danielle DesJardins to meet with the committee and discuss her role and the support she can provide.***

***Motion carried.***

**7.3. Invitation to Constable Mario Gougeon**

The committee discussed inviting Constable Mario Gougeon to present to the committee on the collaborative work he does with the schools.

***It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Citizen Representative Doris Landry to invite Constable Gougeon to a future meeting.***

***Motion carried.***

**7.4. Dept. of Justice Training**

See motion above.

**8. Old Business**

**8.1. Public Safety Concerns**

The committee discussed different public safety concerns throughout the Municipalities.

**9. Community Connection**

**9.1. Topic for Spring Newsletter**

The committee discussed the topic of Mental Health and NS Police Training Initiative for the Spring Newsletter.

***Consensus was reached by the Joint Police Advisory Committee to submit***

*an article to the Argyle and MODY newsletters outlining the opportunity to become a police officer through the NS Police Training Initiative and mental health resources.*

**9.2. Public Survey Model (Committee Brainstorm)**

Tabled until next the meeting.

**10. Correspondence**

**10.1. For Information**

**10.1.1. TOR Approved by MODY (attachment)**

**10.1.2. TOR Approved by MODA (attachment)**

**11. Question Period**

**12. Next Meeting Dates**

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 4:30 p.m. Argyle Office

Thursday, July 18, 2024, 4:30 p.m. MODY Office

Thursday, November 21, 2024 4:30 p.m. Argyle Office

**13. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Councillor Nick Hilton, Chair

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Jenny Porter, Municipal Clerk