

**Minutes of the R.M. of Victoria Beach-Police Board (“the Board”)  
Public Meeting held on Tuesday January 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**

The meeting was held virtually due to the rise in COVID 19 numbers. Members of the public could attend the meeting virtually if requested. No requests were received.

Members of the Board in attendance: Mike Bartmanovich, Andrew Smith, Elizabeth Murray

Also in attendance: Chief Constable Kevin Birkett

**Welcome and Introduction of Board Members**

As Chair of the Board, Ms. Murray called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum of the Board.

Andrew Smith was introduced as a new member of the Board.

**Approval of Minutes of October 12 2021 Meeting**

**Motion:** Mr. Bartmanovich motioned to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2021 as circulated prior to the meeting. Ms. Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Bartmanovich motioned to approve the Agenda as circulated prior to the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Report from the Board**

Ms Murray reported the following activity since the public meeting on October 12, 2021:

- 1) Council has passed a By-Law increasing the size of the Board from 3 members to 5 members. In accordance with that By-Law, Council has appointed Mr. Smith to the Board. The Department of Justice has yet to appoint the provincial representative to the Board.
- 2) Chief Constable Birkett commenced his tenure on November 1, 2021, bringing with him a wealth of policing experience.
- 3) Chief Constable MacPherson finished his interim position on December 31, 2021.
- 4) Patrol Sergeant Andy Boehm has been hired as a second full time police officer commencing January 4, 2022.
- 5) The Board met with Mr. Bartmanovich, as Councillor, and Mayor McMorris in early December to receive an update with respect to the RM's plan to establish a Community Safety Officer program.

## **Report from Chief Constable Birkett**

Chief Constable Birkett reported as follows:

- 1) There has not been much activity or service call of note to report.
- 2) Patrol Sergeant Boehm is familiarizing himself with his role as a full time officer in the community.
- 3) Chief Birkett is searching for a third full time officer or two part time officers for the summer months.

## **April 2022 Meeting**

The next public meeting of the Victoria Beach Police Board will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Details of the time and location of the meeting to be determined.

## **Termination of Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Elizabeth Murray  
Chair of the Victoria Beach Police Board