



**Policing Committee Meeting**  
**February 24, 2015**  
**RSC12 Woodstock Office**

**In Attendance:**

Elaine English, Chair, Mayor, Canterbury  
James Kennedy, Chair, LSD Debec  
Arthur Slipp, Mayor, Woodstock  
Alexis Fenner, Mayor, Plaster Rock  
Craig Melanson, Mayor, Hartland

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jo-Anne Lockhart, Executive Director

**Regrets:**

Steve Manual, LSD Canterbury  
Brian Hayden, LSD Woodstock

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Elaine English, Chair.

**Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by **Craig Melanson** and seconded by **Jim Kennedy** to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Arthur Slipp requested an amendment to the November 20, 2014 minutes under Policing Priorities f) to clarify the Town of Woodstock study as follows: "The Town of Woodstock study is on the sustainability of the Force; very happy with current service." This amendment has been made to the November 20, 2014 minutes as requested.

A motion was made by **Alexis Fenner** and seconded by **Craig Melanson** to approve the amended minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Business Arising:**

**Hartland Meeting with RCMP:** Craig Melanson gave an update on the February 11, 2015 Hartland Town Hall meeting with Sergeant Don Daigle and Staff Sergeant Marie-Josée Darveau of the RCMP. Craig Melanson explained the presentation was from an operational perspective and was very good; however, there were questions which required the presence of senior staff and therefore were not



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addressed to the audience's satisfaction. Some of the frustration with the RCMP has been the lack of timely response to situations and some excellent examples of problems in the Hartland area were presented to the officers. The officers' stated people needed to call in an occurrence before they could respond and it was pointed out to the officers' calls are placed, but the response is not timely and is often the next day. Several in the audience stated that after a lack of response, people stop calling. The officers reiterated they cannot respond to calls they do not receive and therefore, records do not correctly indicate the number of occurrences which leads to misinformation about the severity of the problem.

Alexis Fenner stated criminal occurrences (vandalism, break-ins) in Plaster Rock have decreased since an increase in police visibility due to her involvement in approaching the RCMP and her visit to the Oromocto headquarters. The police presence was very active during the World Pond Hockey tournament the weekend of February 20-22, 2015 and several arrests were made, primarily drugs and driving under the influence.

Elaine English suggested it may be beneficial to have another meeting with Superintendent Warr. Arthur Slipp stated the RCMP's credibility has been destroyed and he is considering not attending the Mayors' meeting with the RCMP. Elaine English suggested these concerns be expressed at the Mayors' meeting in March 2015.

**Mobile Speeding Sign:** Jo-Anne Lockhart gave an update on the mobile speeding signs. Jo-Anne Lockhart approached Sgt. Daigle at the February 11, 2015 Hartland meeting to request the RCMP's help in finding mobile speeding signs to rent or buy for RSC12. Sgt. Daigle responded via e-mail on February 20, 2015 there is at least one mobile sign available to RSC12 for **free**; however, the sign cannot be put in place until the spring when the snow has cleared. Sgt. Daigle also informed RSC12 would receive statistical data generated by the mobile unit.

Discussion ensued as to where the sign should be located and it was decided to discuss further once the sign is ready for delivery. There was also discussion around how the sign would be delivered to RSC12 and how it would be moved from one location to another within the area. Jo-Anne Lockhart will follow up with Sgt. Daigle on how the signs are moved from one location to another.

**New Business:**

**New Committee Member:** Elaine English announced Brian Hayden was appointed at the February 3, 2015 Board meeting.

**SCAN Feedback:** Committee members expressed positive comments about the presentation; Alexis Fenner stated the Plaster Rock Council want a SCAN presentation and Elaine English stated there is a presentation in Meductic in April 2015 for the Villages of Canterbury and Meductic and the Canterbury LSD. Jim stated he was surprised with the work SCAN is doing and stated it was the "best kept secret". Arthur Slipp filled in the background of how SCAN was originally a trial through the Federal government and given its success has been transferred to the Department of Public Safety. One of its greatest traits is it takes the fear out of reprisal because the informant never has to go to court. Craig Melanson stated the examples given by Frank Kingston were great.



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Policing Survey Results: Elaine English mentioned there was a meeting between Region 10 and 11 about policing activities today, February 24, 2015, in Fredericton, to which RSC12 was invited but could not attend. Jo-Anne Lockhart will get feedback from this meeting.

Elaine English gave out the Policing Survey results done in late November 2014. It was pointed out some of the communities were missing. Jo-Anne Lockhart will send out the survey again to all RSC12 members and update the summary sheet.

Policing Cost per Capita: Craig Melanson asked about the policing cost per capita information Dave Whiting was researching. Craig pointed out this would be good information to pass on to the new Board in May 2016. To the knowledge of the RSC12 office there is no documentation related to this issue. Elaine English will contact John Jurcina, Policing Consultant, Policing and Community Services and John Garvie, CAO of the Town of Rothesay and will give an update at the April 21, 2015 Policing Committee meeting.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Alexis Fenner to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Elaine English, Chair

