COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Andrea Mood-Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- George El-Jakl – Arrived at 7:15 p.m.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held April 11, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

PRESENTATION RE: POLICING SERVICES

Michele Matthews, Contract Administrator and Danielle DesJardins, RCMP Liaison, Public Safety and Security Division of the Department of Justice appeared before the meeting to provide information on policing in Nova Scotia. Copies of both presentations are attached and form part of the minutes.

Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. During this time information was provided on how the Policing Service Agreement is structured and how detachment members are allocated. Reassessment of detachment complement can be carried out upon request.

Ms. Matthews and Ms. DesJardins were thanked for their presentations and left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

GOOSE LAKE ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE

During a recent presentation by the Goose Lake Road Committee, it was suggested that a road maintenance fee be put in place to be charged to individuals holding camp leases and wood cutting permits.

As a result of discussions, it was noted that $25,000.00 has been put in the 2023-24 Municipal Budget for upgrades to the municipal portion of the Goose Lake Road and the Association receives a fee collected from property owners in the Goose Lake area as per The Goose Lake Area Private Roads Maintenance and Improvement By-law. The Association can also apply for a yearly grant under the Municipal Grants Policy. Should additional funds be required, the Association can request an increased fee be charged to their property owners.

It was agreed that the Wood Cutting Policy and Camp Lease Policy be referred to a future committee meeting for discussion.

RFP – REAL ESTATE SERVICES – MODB2302

On February 27, 2023 the RFP was posted on the Nova Scotia Procurement Website and on social media inviting proposals for real estate services for a 3 year period for the sale of surplus municipal properties.

The following two proposals were received:

Proponents	Cost
EXIT Realty Inter Lake	$1.00 – $50,000 of value - $3,000 flat fee. $50,001 and over - 6% of the list price + HST
GovDeals	5% of the final auction price

Based on the evaluation criteria, it is recommended that the proposal submitted by Bobbi Maxwell, EXIT Realty Inter Lake, be accepted.

Resolution COW230403

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the proposal received from EXIT Realty Inter Lake for real estate services, for a 3 year period, for the sale of surplus municipal properties, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Members were provided with an email from Mandy Symonds, President of the Southern Nova Scotia Seasonal Workers Alliance requesting a letter in support of reforming Employment Insurance. The number of hours worked required at the present time, is at a record high of 665 with the best weeks set at 21. There has also been some suggestion that the number of hours required will soon reach 700 with 22 best weeks.

Southern Nova Scotia Seasonal Workers Alliance is requesting that Employment Insurance be reformed as follows:

- required number of hours be reduced to 420
- 35 weeks of employment insurance
- best weeks be set at 12

Ms. Symonds is requesting Council to send a letter of support to the local MP Rick Perkins and Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion.

Resolution COW230404

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to MP Rick Perkins and the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion in support of Employment Insurance Reform, as per the request of the Southern Nova Scotia Seasonal Workers Alliance.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Ms. Symonds previously invited members to attend a public meeting scheduled for April 22, 2023, at the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Hall, at 6:30 p.m.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO GIC

The Municipality has received $6,000,000.00 from the Province of Nova Scotia for the construction of a new recreation centre. Construction would likely not begin before the fall due to availability of contactors and material. Funds are currently earning interest at a rate of 5.05%. Staff has explored the option of putting funds into a 6 month GIC to earn additional interest while waiting for the project to start. At present the best rate sourced is 6.05% for a 6 month period with funds being locked in. This would generate an additional $30,000.00 in interest.

A copy of the Staff Report presented is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Resolution COW230405

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that staff proceed with placing the $6,000,000.00 received for the construction of a new recreation centre into a GIC for a 6 month period.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the adoption of an Investment Policy be explored.

NSFM UPDATE

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period March 21st to April 17, 2023.

One of the topics reported on was “Retroactive Pay for RCMP Officers”. The update advised that NSFM attended a meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada, at which time it was explained that the Treasury Board and Public Safety Canada have decided

that municipalities must pay these retroactive amounts based on the current cost-share formula and that letters from Public Safety Canada and invoices with the specific amounts to be paid will be sent to contract holders and that payment will be due by April 1, 2025.

Resolution COW230406

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to NSFM, MLA Nolan Young, Minister of Justice, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Premier and all municipal units in Nova Scotia advising that in light of the Federal Government not covering the cost of retroactive pay for RCMP Officers, the Province should be responsible for this cost due to the undue hardship this will place on many municipal units.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that “Community Litter Clean-up Policy” be placed on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Chair Secretary for the Meeting

Presentation to Municipality of Barrington

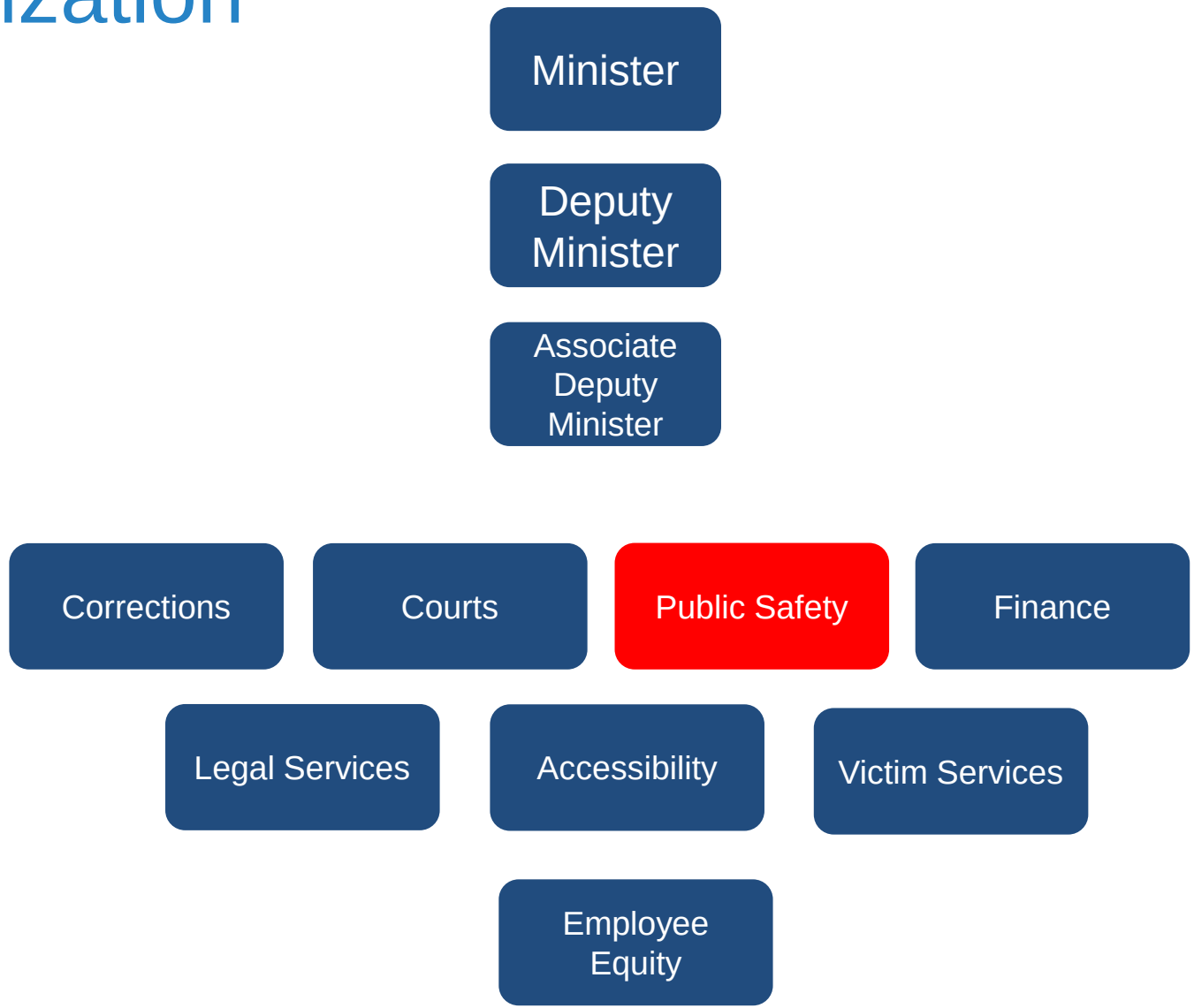
MARCH 14TH, 2023

NOVA SCOTIA

Overview

Department of Justice, Public Safety and Security Division (PSSD)

Our Organization



Public Safety and Security Division

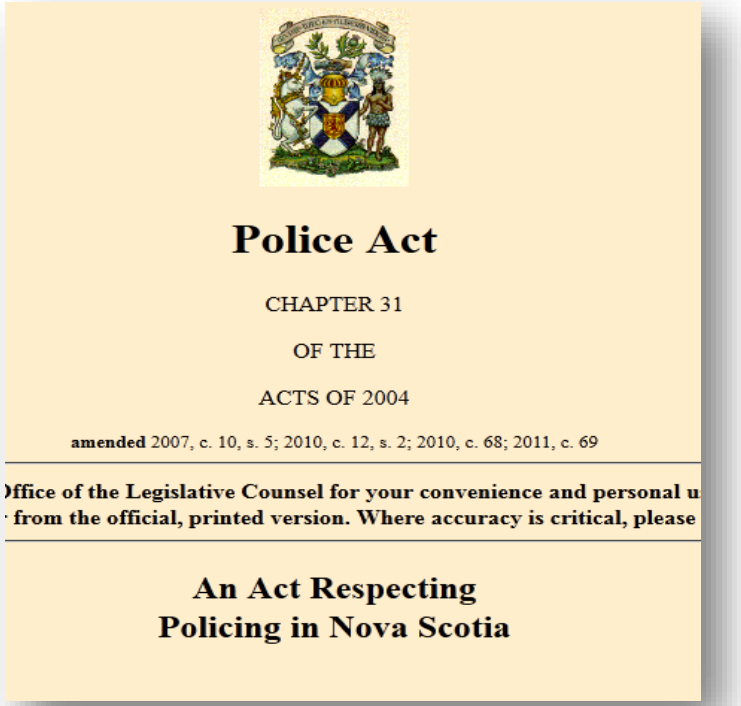
- The Public Safety and Security Division is comprised of the following Units:
  - Policing Strategies
  - Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods (SCAN) and CyberSCAN
  - Corporate Security
  - Provincial Firearms Program
  - Security Programs Office
  - Service Dog Program

Public Safety Stakeholders

- Municipal Police
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (National and Divisional)
- Canada Border Security Agency
- Military Police
- First Nations and Indigenous communities
- Community Organizations
- Private Security Sector
- Public Safety Canada
- Contract Management Committee
- Municipal governments
- Police Advisory Boards and Boards of Police Commissioners
- Nova Scotia Associate Police Governance

Documents Guiding The Work

Legislative Authority
Province of Nova Scotia



Police Act

CHAPTER 31

OF THE

ACTS OF 2004

amended 2007, c. 10, s. 5; 2010, c. 12, s. 2; 2010, c. 68; 2011, c. 69

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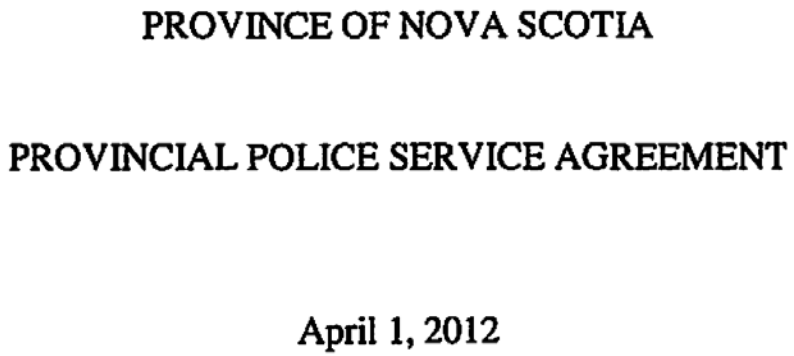
An Act Respecting
Policing in Nova Scotia

- Authority for policing within NS

- Minister's responsibility to ensure that "an adequate and effective level of policing is maintained throughout the Province"

Policing Service Agreement

- The Agreement
  - The 2012 Provincial Policing Service Agreement (referred to as the PPSA or PSA) is a 26 Article agreement that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the two contract partners (Canada and Nova Scotia), as well as the service provider (Royal Canadian Mounted Police).
    - The RCMP are not a party to the PPSA



PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

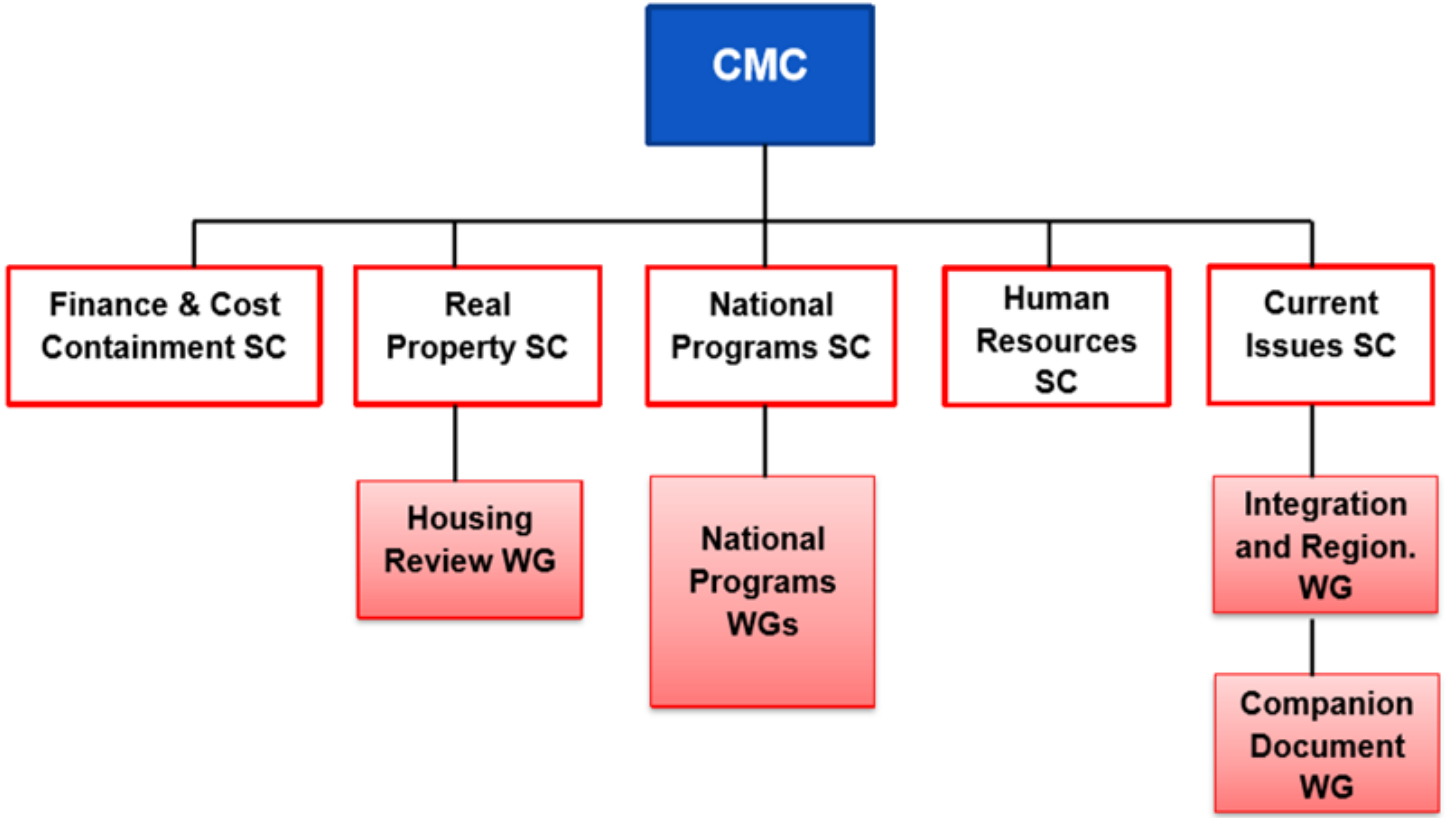
PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT

April 1, 2012

2012 RCMP Provincial and Territorial Police Service Agreements

Companion Document

Contract Management Committee



Thank you

NOVA SCOTIA
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RCMP Policing Services Overview

Danielle Desjardins
DOJ - RCMP Liaison

RCMP Liaison to DOJ

Mandate:

To liaise between RCMP and DOJ Public Safety and Security Division to oversee communications with clients and stakeholders on issues related to policing in Nova Scotia.

Activities/Functions:

- Communication with Municipalities policed under the PPSA and related stakeholders
- Works to resolve issues in collaboration with DOJ and RCMP
- Addresses stakeholder inquiries, responds to formal correspondence, prepares briefing notes
- Available as a resource to stakeholders on policing agreements and the RCMP
- Collaborates with DOJ colleagues and other government staff on RCMP-related projects
- Liaises with RCMP (Strategic Planning) to share information and to collaborate on common policing files such as: Resourcing and Workload Analyses, Policing Reviews and Proposals, Reconciliation of Resources, Other Studies and Reports
- Preparation of Memoranda of Understanding and other Agreements

Nova Scotia's Provincial Police

Support Services: Specialized assistance provided for the most complex, emergent and serious crimes

Training Centre: Located in Dartmouth means less time away from frontline duties for officers

Administrative Support: Hundreds of employees to manage non-operational delivery of policing services

Equipment and Infrastructure: The how and where policing services are delivered

Regular Members	1053
Civilian Members	108
Public Service Employees	367
Total RCMP Resources in NS	***1528***

As of January 1, 2023

Policing Priorities

Local Priorities	As determined in consultation with local community officials, Police Advisory Board and Detachment	Report through Annual, Unit Performance Plan and to Police Advisory Board/officials
Provincial Priorities	Human Trafficking, Gender Based & Sexual Violence, Serious & Organized Crime (incl. guns), Hate Crime, ERT and CIC Training, First Nations Policing, Wortley Report Recommendations, Mental Health, Staffing Levels and Vacancies	Report through Semi Annual Presentation, Quarterly Reporting, Annual Performance Plan
National Priorities	Serious & Organized Crime, National Security, Youth, Indigenous Communities, Economic Integrity, Vision 150 + Equity Diversity & Inclusion Strategy	Report through Annual Performance Plan

STAFF REPORT
SUBMITTED BY: Leah d'Eon
DATE: April 13, 2023
SUBJECT: GIC

ORIGIN

The Municipality of the District of Barrington has recently received a grant from the Province of Nova Scotia for the construction of new recreation centre. This grant creates a surplus of cash in the municipality's operating account.

BACKGROUND

The municipality has received $ 6,000,000 from the province of Nova Scotia for the construction of a new recreation centre. The tender documents are expected to be ready in May, with a deadline for bids by the end of June/ mid July. Construction would likely not begin before the fall due to availability of contractors and materials.

The grant is now currently in the municipality's operating account. All the municipalities bank accounts earn an interest rate of prime minus 1.65% which currently is 6.70 – 1.65 = 5.05%. This is great interest rate however there is an opportunity to earn additional interest on the funds while they are not being used.

Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) is a secure investment that guarantees 100% of your original investment, while earning interest at a fixed rate.

DISCUSSION

We are exploring the option of putting the funds into a 6 month GIC to earn additional interest while waiting to the project to start.

The best rate we have been able to source is 6.05% for a 6 month period with the funds locked in. This would generate an additional $ 30,000 in interest.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This would generate an additional $ 30,000 for the general operating fund that has not been budgeted for.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

We are currently discussing GIC's with several banking institution. We would select the bank with the best rate. This may not be with our current banking provider.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that staff proceed with placing the funds into a GIC for a 6 month period.

ATTACHMENTS