



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, January 28, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Virtual Attendance**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board met electronically as permitted by the Provincial Emergency order. Citizens and our Media Partners are encouraged to watch the recorded meeting at:

<https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2021-01-28.html>

Present: D. Reynard, Member
A. Poirier, Member
J. Duggan, OPP D/C
W. Van Belleghem, Member
H. Pihulak, Board Secretary

Regrets: S. Dias, Board Chair

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

Approval of the Agenda – Resolution #1

Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by D. Canfield & Carried:-

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board for the January 28, 2021 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

Presentations/Delegations

N/A

Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s) – Resolution #2

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held November 26, 2020 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)

Community Survey Results Report

A draft survey report was provided to the Board. This report is a summary of the community survey results that took place last summer. The Detachment Commander outlined the importance of the top 11 areas the community feels are most important with policing in our community.

In regards to how we communicate the survey report out to the public, the Detachment Commander commits to sharing through his media outlets and communication methods along with the City's communication streams.

The board felt that the D/C and Board Chair should do a joint interview with the local media to release the info.

The board would like to have a public meeting at some point again – once we can be in person which hopefully will be this fall.

Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3

Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by W. Van Belleghem & Carried:-

That the following correspondence be hereby received by the Kenora Police Services Board:-

- November 25 – OAPSB - CSPT Review
- December 4 – S. Dias – CSPT Response from Chair
- December 15 – MMAH – Enforcement of Orders under the ROA
- January 8 – MCCSS – Board thank you COVID-19
- January 17-D. Bruyere – Zone 1 invoice

New Business

Election of Chair & Vice Chair

There was full consensus of the Board to defer the election to the February meeting so all members of the Board could be in attendance.

Detachment Commander's Report – Resolution #4

Moved by W. Van Belleghem, Seconded by D. Canfield & Carried:-

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP November and December 2020 monthly reports as presented.

Discussion: Detachment Commander Duggan reviewed the report. Estimated policing costs for 2021 is estimated at \$6,471,490 which is considerably higher than 2020. Calls for service for November was 1,184 and 1,201 for December.

The calls for service are going down, however, it is difficult to determine what specifically it can be attributed to. Time will tell if the trend will continue, but we hope it does see a continual decline. Our sexual assault calls are up, there are trends emerging which they are addressing. Assaults and robberies are down.

General patrol hours are up and foot patrol hours are consistent with last year.

The mental health calls were reviewed and they have a new mobile crisis response team which started November 2. It is civilian members and plain clothes officers. They are working on cases and in the process of hiring civilian, the LHIN has provided funding for a second team. It runs seven days per week. There will be a youth team working on youth in care or youth attached to services. Once both teams are up and running the stats should improve. Jeff will try to improve the mental health reports for viewing as they are difficult to read.

The Kenora detachment is down three positions but will be filled in May. As there are vacancies he is hopeful he will get experienced officers who want to come back to Kenora.

The detachment does have a full time accommodated member who is reviewing City footage and all of the offences. The member we have doing it is full time as it is a full time job. This is very beneficial to the OPP and is assisting us with solving crime.

The funding model for the new team is from the LHIN and on a yearly basis. We can't see that funding ever going away, as it is an appropriate response to mental health calls for service. They are pushing for full time, 24/7 which is going to be a lot of funding from the LHIN. It is full time equivalency position with the OPP. Where do we get those positions from, the numbers that we are seeing, are numbers that will impress anybody. Doing the community care, diverting from the hospital, those numbers alone pays for itself.

Next Meeting Date

- February 25, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – City Hall Council Chambers or Virtual

Adjournment – Resolution #5

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 9:40 a.m.