



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2021

9:05 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 view the recorded meeting at: <http://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2021-03-25.html>

Present: S. Dias, Board Chair D. Reynard, Member
W. Van Belleghem, Member A. Poirier, Member
D. Canfield, Member H. Pihulak, Board Secretary
J. Duggan, OPP Detachment Commander
A. Illman, OPP Operations Staff Sergeant

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

Approval of the Agenda – Resolution #1

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board for the March 25, 2021 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

Presentations/Delegations

None

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

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by D. Canfield & Carried:-

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held February 25, 2021 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)

Attendance at OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM

The Board discussed the upcoming OAPSB conference. Board members D. Canfield, A. Poirier, S. Dias and D. Reynard are available to attend. W. Van Belleghem will get back to Heather if she is available. The Board will attend together at City Hall in the Chambers.

Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3

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

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

- March 22 – D. Bruyere – Zone 1 Meeting date
- March 18 – MCSCS – OPP Detachment Board Framework

- March 15 – OAPSB –Section 10 update
- March 12 – D. Bruyere –Zone 1 Proposed meeting dates
- March 10 – OAPSB – Notice of the 2021 AGM

New Business

OAPSB Resolution Deadline

The Board does not have any resolutions to consider for submission.

Zone 1 Meeting Date – April 12 hold the date

The Board has been provided April 12 as the date for the upcoming Zone 1 meeting date. Members D. Reynard, D. Canfield, A. Poirier can attend and member W. Van Belleghem will confirm.

Police Services Board Composition – June 7 deadline /training

The Board discussed the information provided by Board Secretary H. Pihulak. Having an Indigenous representative on the Police Services Board would be beneficial.

Detachment Commander Duggan noted that speaking with the Sioux Narrows Police Services Board, they have indicated they would like to keep their board separate. They have written letters, and reached out to OAPSB to express their position.

The makeup of the Treaty Three Police Services Board they have one member from each community that sit on their PSB. The board is 20+ people and they take care of themselves.

We could bring it up at the Zone meeting and see where other Boards are doing.

Detachment Commander's Report – Resolution #4

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP February 2021 monthly reports as presented.

Discussion: Detachment Commander Duggan reviewed the February 2021 monthly report statistics with the Board. Calls for February were 1,149 calls for service. Violent crime they are not seeing a lot of increases there with a slight increase in assaults but significant decrease in sexual assaults. The assaults themselves they had 31 for the month of February but a number of them were classed as unfounded so do not count in the numbers. 18 cleared by charge and the rest are diversions or others.

Property crime there is a slight increase in break and enters. The majority are tied to one specific person. The last break and enter the person committed the entire event was caught on video. D/C Duggan described the last event and some of the details of the events. The cameras downtown cover every inch of Main Street. That case was solely resolved on the video evidence of the person breaking the front door and exiting the back door. The investment that the City has made in the cameras is so important to the OPP and is greatly assisting them with solving crime. They are keeping track of how much they

use the video so if we require more funding for cameras they will have evidence based information to provide.

The OPP is getting calls for theft of fuel and it appears to be a province wide problem. There were four frauds which included a fraud from an Amazon package, theft of mail of picking up someone's mail.

Have had seizures of drugs a lot of great work being done by the street crime and drug units. Under criminal code non traffic charges which is down and is credit to diversionary programs and many calls were breaches and dealing with those calls in-house. The clients at the bail supervision program are taking LEAP training or taking high school education. Definite improvement and are now engaged and this is a positive improvement from the program at the Northlands location.

688 hours of patrol and 37.5 foot patrol hours and that is far too low. It was very cold in February but we will see those numbers go up. Snowmobile hours were 31 and school hours 16.5.

Mental Health stats – 31 occurrences where mental health screen was used. Voluntary escorts 3, involuntary 6, diversion referral 6 out of 33. Total time at hospital 2 hours and 25 minutes. The hospital has gone through renovation so when attending at the hospital there is a room where the patient can be locked into the room and where the person can be in a settling room. That will account for a smoother transition between OPP and hospital.

Kenora Mobile Crisis response team during the month of February they had 69 mental health calls. Attended 33 of those calls. 44 of those calls were designated true mental health calls. Were able to divert 15 people from the hospital. This is a huge success for the program and for the OPP. Front line officers apprehended an additional 11 people with a wait time of 2 hours 25 minutes.

Next Meeting Date

➤ April 27, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. – Virtual

Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5

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

That in accordance with Subsection 35(4) of the Police Services Act, authorization is now given for the Police Services Board to adjourn to a closed session at 9:36 a.m. under section:

(b) Intimate financial or personal matters (2 items)

Reconvene & Adjournment – Resolution #6

Moved by W. Van Belleghem, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-

That the Board reconvenes to its open session at 10:16 a.m. with one report from its closed session:

That the Kenora Police Services Board supports the appointment of an Indigenous representative to the Board.

; and further

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:06 a.m.