



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Kenora OPP Hwy 17A Detachment Boardroom

Present: Andrew Poirier, Member, Board Chair
Dave Canfield, Member
Sara Dias, Member
Shaun Crabbe, A/Insp Detachment Commander
Ryan Gordon, OPP Detachment Manager
Jeff Duggan, OPP Detachment Operations Manager
James Neild, OPP Operations Sergeant
Heather Kasprick, Board Secretary

Media Present: 89.5 the Lake, Daily Miner & News

Board Secretary, Heather Kasprick, swore in new board member Sarah Dias at the start of the meeting and immediately following Ms. Dias's oath of office, she took her seat.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – Resolution #1

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held December 6, 2017 be confirmed as written and circulated.

3. Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #2

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-

That the following correspondence submitted to the Kenora Police Services Board, be received and ordered filed:

Email Communication Summary:

- Dec 5/17 - G. Ramburuth, MCSCS – S. Dias Appointment
- Dec 7/17 - H. Hashi, MCSCS – Amendment to the Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act
- Dec 7/17 - S. Kassam, MCSCS – Expansion of the Ont Naloxone Program to Police Svcs
- Dec 13/17 - T. Biordi, MCSCS – 2018/19 Funding Stream Selection
- Dec 15/17 - H. Hashi, MCSCS – Police Powers of Release Training
- Dec 15/17 - H. Hashi, MCSCS – Human Trafficking Investigation Pilot Course
- Dec 15/17 - D. Bruyere, OAPSB Zone 1 – 2018 Membership Dues
- Dec 18/17 - S. Crabbe, OPP – PEM Grant

- Dec 21/17 - OAPSB – 2018 Membership renewal
- Jan 5/18 – S. Crabbe – Kenora OPP November data
- Jan 8/18 - S. Doherty, MCSCS – 911 Disclosure

4. Receipt of Reports – Resolution #3

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-

That the following reports be hereby received and filed:

- OPP Monthly Reports – November, 2017

The report captures November statistics and they are still working on 2017 year end data and will be shared once they have it. It is only reflective of the City's municipal boundaries.

There were 1,363 calls for service at end of November. From November 2016 that is a 12% increase for calls for service.

There have been consistent trends upwards in violent crime and property crime on a consistent basis. Substance abuse and mental health are substantial factors to those crimes.

With drug crime a street crime unit is concentrating on drug enforcement. In November there were several proactive drug arrests and there are multiple investigations ongoing. Drug crime investigations are complex and are very time consuming with police resources and strategies. Meth is more prolific so we need to maintain partnerships and ensure enforcement is there.

Criminal code and provincial statute charges laid are consistently seen in criminal code non traffic. Through liquor enforcement act and through direct result of change, enforcement with people with liquor is changing.

The OPP have been consistently reporting about trends regarding violent crime and the relation with substance abuse and mental health. It is ever important to increase our partnerships with community safety and well-being agencies and partners.

Under staffing, the OPP are reporting that 20% of constable positions are vacant which is a significant portion of their constable compliment. In 2018, we will see further vacancies of up to 5-8% more as they have obligations and as command staff they are having to realign resources and realize their delivery of services. Attrition issues and other areas have similar challenges as well. Front line positions are vacant. In 2017 there will be historical benchmarks set and the call volume will be reflected. It is compounded by those increases and it is a challenge facing the detachment on a daily basis.

D/C Crabbe is proud of how active the detachment is in the community. The new detox first program that Sargent Neild will expand on is having much success and it is one of many programs that the detachment staff are part of. Sargent Neild then explained the program.

Sargent Neild is the operations sargent and is working on a program since August 2016. They have an ongoing issue with intoxicated persons in the community. Historically, these

individuals are picked up and then lodged in police cells for safety. They looked at this as an issue and created a 'Detox First' initiative. Lake of the Woods District Hospital, Morning Star, taken to a place of safety other than the detachment. Now transporting to detox centre. While these people are there, they are given an opportunity to obtain services. A Counsellor, just someone to talk to, offered referrals, overall given support. There is also the MAP in which they transition into the MAP program. This program is expanding and growing. They didn't expect this to get to this success level that it has. The violence in the area has dramatically decreased, relationships with officers and clients are on a first name basis. They do have the right to arrest for intoxication but this way they are bringing them to an organization where they can get help and changing a pattern of how things have been done for decades. They are now accessing these programs and services for help. They are staying and having coffee, talking about their issues, and accessing the services they need. The numbers as a result has decreased. There is less time for the officers to take to detox as there are many requirements when someone goes into a cell. It gives officers more time to do proactive policing. There is a cost savings for guards, officers, vehicles, etc. Morning Star is feeling the pressure as they are having higher numbers. Officers are attending Morning Star more often.

This is one example of the mobilization efforts and this is one of many. Officer Neild has credit for generating this partnership and finding a cost savings in delivering the new method of dealing with intoxication. This was obviously not the intent. It was delivering the proper services. They have recognized \$170,000 cost savings in terms of guard costs and it has had an impact from a municipal billing perspective. It is going to be continued to support and build upon.

Mayor Canfield spoke to the costs for policing and that they will once again be advocating for the policing costs when meeting with the Ministers at OGRA / ROMA and AMO with the new government. Mayor Canfield requested some kind of letter from the OPP that can support the fact that we have an increase calls for service which is directly contributing to our cost of policing. D/C Crabbe noted that prolific addresses can be supplied and the number of calls for service to those addresses.

It was noted that the Police Services Board should get more proactive with the government on showing them all the good things we are doing and set up a meeting with the Minister to push them to provide some further financial assistance.

The Detachment is involved in provincial and regional teams and Paul Van Belleghem is on a temporary assignment with the emergency management team which is a 3 month temporary assignment for now covering a regional position. The acting intern staff sergeant in charge of finance, HR, fleet and supply is Ryan Gordon.

5. New Business

Board Composition - Years back when we had the hybrid model we had 5 board members and then representation from the OPP and Kenora Police Service with a combination of municipal and provincial appointments. After the change in policing model we reduced our board composition to 3. It has been discussed whether that represents the community well and if the composition should change. There are programs, links to the community, that weren't there 10-15 years ago and there is a significant amount of dollars coming out of

municipal budget and there should be some reflection there what the board's role is and what it does without getting into micro managing.

It was noted that we should hold a community meeting soon as this hasn't been done in quite some time. A strategic plan and a mandated role of the board which should be completed every 3 years which is noted has not been completed. Traditionally, the Board has adopted the policing strategic plan as to include the Board and not held a separate planning session.

Meeting Minutes/Agendas – Heather noted that all minutes/agendas will now be posted on the City's website along with all other board and committee minutes.

Board Chair Andrew Poirier presented new board member Sarah Dias with a Board orientation package.

6. Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting will be held March 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.