



**Kenora Police Services Board
M I N U T E S
March 8, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

Kenora OPP Hwy 17A Detachment Boardroom

Present: 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

Regrets: Andrew Poirier, Member, Board Chair

Media Present: 89.5 the Lake, Daily Miner & News

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 January 10, 2018 be confirmed as written and circulated.

3. Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #2

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

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

Email Communication Summary:

- January 15 - D. Lucas – OPP Northwest Region Command Open House
- January 15 – MCSCS – All Chiefs memo – Safe Access to Abortion Services Act
- January 19 – MCSCS – All Chiefs memo – Sexual Violence & Harassment Action Plan
- January 22 – A. Poirier (original paper copy sent via email) addressed to board in Confidence
- January 25 – MCSCS – Update on MCSCS Response to Ombudsman Report
- January 26 – MCSCS – ONP Expansion Launch for Police Services
- January 30 – MCSCS – Case Selection of Apparent Natural Deaths
- January 30 – MCSCS – Hydro One’s Confidential Contact number for Emergency

- January 30 – OAPSB – Conference Registration
- February 5 – MCSCS – Annual Reporting Requirements: Violent crime Linkage Analysis System and Major Case Management
- February 9 – OAPSB – Conference Registration
- February 12 – MCSCS – Guidance Note on Workplace Violence & Harassment
- February 12 – AMO – Submission by AMO on Policing Bill 175
- February 15 – MCSCS – Chief of Police Job Posting (Wiwemikong)
- February 15 – MCSCS – Ministry’s response to Ombudsman De-escalation report
- February 16 – MCSCS – Chief of Police job posting (Peterborough)
- February 16 – MCSCS – Amateur Combative Sport
- February 20 – MCSCS – SFST Training Update
- February 22 – MCSCS – New MCM Manual
- February 22 – MCSCS – Ontario Major Case Management Manual
- February 23 – MCSCS – Recent Supreme Court Decision: R. v. G.T.D
- February 26 – OAPSB – Presentation at the Standing Committee on Justice Policy
- February 27 – MCSCS – 2018 Domestic Violence Coordinators Network Train Conf
- March 1 – MCSCS - Ontario Major Case Management Manual

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 – December, 2017
- OPP Monthly Reports – January 2018

Discussion:

S. Crabbe reviewed the December 2017 report which is for the City of Kenora. The costing information on the first page remains unchanged from previous reports. This revenue is primarily from criminal record checks. Calls for service total for Kenora is 1,441 and yearend total is 18,329 which is about 15% higher than average.

In December they saw the same trends that have been reported which is an increase to violent crime and property crime. 32% increase in violent crime and the trends are continuing. Drug crime is continuing to see increasing trends and they are focusing on proactive drug enforcement. Clearance rates continues to be well above the national average for violent and property crime and is general with smaller town policing and cooperation with investigations. The OPP continues to see assistance from the public in investigations.

Criminal record checks show a decline, but it is only due to a reporting mechanism through vulnerable sector record checks.

In totality we look at optimizing time at how officers address these criminal code and provincial statute charges laid. Prolific factors continue to be substance abuse, mental health and alcohol related factors.

Motor vehicle collision types are similar to the previous year with no overwhelming trends. Deer is a big factor and driving too fast causing losing control. There were two fatalities in 2017 and were both driver error on other driver, not the deceased.

There were no substantiated complaints noted in 2017. No complaints are substantiated to where disciplinary are done or are either withdrawn.

Staffing personnel continue to decline. 28 positions are vacant, absent or long term WSIB long term absences resulting in 24% less staff. These vacancies have an impact on everything they do as they are an operations based community service. It affects a number of units, call wait times, proactive partnerships that they can sustain and manage. Staffing is priority moving forward in 2018. It forces us to look for efficiencies including scheduling efficiencies, staffing is reinforcing the need to do that.

In January there were 1,237 calls for service. There is a 10% increase over 2016 and 2017 over total call volume. Based on 2017 data they conducted a more in-depth review on the data. January seen significant reduction from 2017 in violent crime and 2017 was a peak in classifications. The district jail is a source of call volume. 15% of call volume happened at Kenora Jail. That is a municipal cost. Domestic calls and district jail were the highest volume of violent crime. Various break and enters into businesses and prolific offenders contributing to the largest call volume. There is a significant increase to property crime. Theft is up 76% which were thefts from unlocked vehicles. Shoplifting in the 30 theft under is primarily from the LCBO, Walmart and grocery stores. Break and enter and fraud affecting four businesses resulted in 14 of the charges.

With drug crime they have multiple active investigations with drug crime. Another factor is emphasis on highway enforcement and vehicles passing through our area. They have over \$200,000 in seized assets in currency and illegal substances. Factor in drug crime numbers going up. Clearance rates continue to be well above nationally and provincially. There have been a number of charges laid under HTA and making an effort to look at utilizing civilian staff for data entry to allow for increasing police presence.

There is an increase in impaired charges 1,100% increase. Most are attributed to a number of the public calling in for driving erratically.

LLA continues to be low, as there are continued partnerships with organizations which is an alternative to cell time. The MAP and other solutions are looking for alternatives to enforcement which connects people with social services and health services seeing. They are experiencing a great deal of successes with those.

Motor vehicle collisions are down significantly. Deer collisions were down with no motor vehicle collision fatalities.

Detachment Commander Crabbe explained that he came to Kenora on a 6 month appointment and that temporary appointment comes to the end of this week. A permanent commander will be announced within a month or so and the board will be a part of that process. Jeff Duggan will be the acting commander and Officer Crabbe will be going back to Red Lake and Pikangikum FN.

Legalization of marijuana continues to be a concern and it was questioned if there was any plans for the detachment. The challenge is that you can't measure it. The Criminal Code already has drug measurers in it for enforcement. Two sections of the code, physically

impaired, biological impairment although there is currently no screening device in terms of measuring THC in blood or body. They are waiting for a device to be identified so that they have a tool for measurement. They have to equip officers to identify physical signs of impairment as they can try to analyze and predict what the impact will be. They are already laying charges, impaired by drug has been a criminal offence for long time.

Calls for service are still going up and the new policing costs are still higher. Jail calls and other calls for service have nothing to do with the taxpayers for the most part. These are outside influences and we need something fairer on cost for service for three communities in the Kenora district.

5. New Business

OAPSB Conference – The conference is set for May 23-26 in Blue Mountain. Three rooms have been booked. No detachment staff are attending, but Dave Lucas will be there. Jeff will check with Dave to see if he is approving any detachment commanders to attend from the region.

6. Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 19, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.