



**Kenora Police Services Board
M I N U T E S
October 12, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

Kenora OPP Hwy 17A Detachment Boardroom

Present: Andrew Poirier, Member, Board Chair
Dave Canfield, Member
Sara Dias, Member
Heather Kasprick, Board Secretary
Ryan Gordon, OPP Detachment Manager
Paul Van Belleghem, OPP Detachment Operations Manager
Jeff Duggan, Detachment Commander

Media Present: 89.5 the Lake, Kenora On-Line Q104, Daily Miner & News

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – Resolution #1

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board and the last Closed Board Meeting minutes held June 18, 2018 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:

- June 29 – MCSCS – Ontario Special Investigations Unit Act
- July 3 – OAPSB – Ontario Special Investigations Unit Act (duplicate)
- July 11 – MCSCS – Basic Constable Training Program Allocations
- July 12 – OAPSB – Board of Directors Announcement
- July 13 – MCSCS – National Crime Prevention Strategy
- July 19 – MCSCS – MOU – Ministry Labour/PSB
- July 19 – MCSCS – Annual Report on Issues Related to the Protection
- July 19 – MCSCS – Human Trafficking Restraining Orders
- August 16 – MCSCS – Cannabis Legalization
- August 30 – MCSCS – New Vulnerable Road User Safety Measures
- September 4 – MCSCS – Special Constables Cannabis Act

- September 11 – MCSCS – Bill C-46
- September 18 – MCSCS – PEM grant reporting requirement
- September 28 – OAPSB - Creating Equitable Outcomes for Communities We Service: An Introduction & Everyone Wants a Respectful Workplace
- October 4 – MCSCS - Centre of Forensic Sciences Town Hall Meeting Invitation
- October 4 – MCSCS – Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- October 4 – MCSCS – Potential Canada Post Labour Dispute
- October 4 – MCSCS – 9-1-1 Emergency Response Survey
- October 5 – MCSCS – Cannabis E-Learning

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 Report for the Board – June, July & August 2018

Discussion:

Detachment Commander Duggan reviewed the detailed report with the Board. Costs to date for 2018 are \$5,729,785 which are slightly lower than the estimated costs. Estimated costs for 2019 is \$6.135 Million definitely higher than estimated costs for 2018. This is also the last year of the phased in billing model.

Total number of calls for service in June 1,432, July 1,576 and August 1,463.

In the June violent crime we see decreases. Where we see increases is theft under and mischiefs. 20 are thefts from unlocked vehicles and we continue to try to get the public message out. If you leave it open you are likely going to lose it. There is not a lot of smashing of locks or windows to get in, mostly crimes of opportunity where doors are unlocked. They continue to encourage people to lock all their property including locking your sheds, garages, cars.

The drug crime itself the investigations are ongoing but drug crime takes longer for investigation.

Unfounded incidents are noted as there has been a change in how these are reported. You will see a significant drop in that as they are now highly scrutinized.

Criminal record checks are a huge part of one admin assistant position who does criminal record checks 100% of the time. This process is looking at going to an on-line system and the OPP is hoping that this goes forward and frees time for full time staff to work on other administration.

For July violent crime we are seeing a decreases in assaults with 24 this year and 29 last year at this time. Break and enters are from unlocked vehicles again. Drug crime reflects lower numbers but those numbers are changing as investigations get wrapped up. Clearance rates are 79.4 comparable to June. Property crime clearance rates will jump up.

For August there is a decrease in violent crime and an increase in property crime. There is a huge spike in bicycle thefts in August. Again, thefts from vehicles are wallets and purses from unlocked vehicles. Clearance rates for August are 78.4.

Criminal code and provincial statute charges laid for June are a total of 133. Traffic related charges are slightly down from June last year.

Criminal code for July total was 224. August 2018 total reflected an improvement in impaired charges from 20 last year to 6 this year. Distracted driving up from 5 to 8.

Motor vehicle collisions are related primarily to animals.

July 0 fatal, 3 personal injury, 28 property damage – Total 31
August 0 fatal, 2 personal injury, 30 property damage - Total 32

The number of cruiser patrol hours are 389. D/C Duggan advised that he is really encouraging officers to do directed patrol either downtown, businesses or high crime areas. You have visibility but they are doing something not just driving around the block. Foot patrol hours were 55.25 in June and they have been trying to step up foot patrols downtown. He is encouraging community officers to make face to face contact with businesses and stressing that they need to report these occurrences. In August foot patrol went up to 97.75 hours.

Based on calls for service the thefts from business is while they are open. From about 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There are times where it will spike, but generally speaking that is where we are having the most of our calls for service. We are adjusting shifts so we have more people working around that time. Jeff gets a call report every morning which shows him how many calls for service which will show what types of calls, property, violent crime, traffic stops, those are all at his disposal to use. He gets monthly reports as well which allows him to see trends and adjust staffing accordingly.

It does not break down mental health calls for service specifically unless it is attached to a violent crime.

The Community Services Officer report highlights what they were doing over the summer. They have met with several business owners about some of the activities going on downtown and trying to address those where we can. Some issues facing is the law about what they are permitted to legally do with people who are loitering. We are making sure all the contact with the public is lawful because it's not against the law to stand around. We continue to work with local stakeholders such as the NWHU and the City and different organizations to try to address the root causes of why this is happening. They continue to meet regularly with the LOWDH to address the issues there. In 2 weeks we are meeting with Kenora BIZ regarding issues downtown this will be more of a forum type meeting.

In a staffing update, they currently have 3 vacancies. There are additional staff shortages due to retirement, short term sick leave, parental leave, transfers and so forth. They have two new recruits which are brand new uniformed officers who will be here 6 years. Member transfer in from Pickle Lake. We are scheduled to get 5 new recruits in February. These have all identified Kenora as their chosen location. One is from Winnipeg, Thunder Bay,

Sault Ste Marie and Kenora. We are going to attract some people from our western provinces. They are at the Ontario police college and will graduate in February 2019 with boots on the ground beginning of February.

Mayor Canfield questioned the crystal meth prevalence in the community. Commander Duggan noted that it is definitely an issue in our community. We are trying to address through the hospital but a treatment for a meth addiction is very hard to get. Trying to get it to Kenora. Unfortunately, we don't have a handle on it. It's highly addictive and the spinoff of the ones that are addicted drive the property crimes, etc. From the hospital side of things that is what they are looking at. Commander Duggan had a good meeting with the new CEO at the hospital and they are looking at this. They are receptive to listening which is positive.

Paul Van Belleghem pointed out that at the last meeting in June Board Member Dias questioned the mental health calls. Year to date end to the end of August there were 124 incidents. Year previous we were at 130. Those incidents tend to be rather lengthy with minimum 2-3 hours to be with individuals at the hospital. Transfer of care protocol, starting to reduce that number a little bit. Those are incidents that are not necessarily the best response for policing. They are discussing how they can we better respond to those incidents.

There is a prevalence of alcohol and drugs with most calls. It is a very onerous task and we looked at every call at least 40% was directly related to alcohol and drugs but caution using number as you can't capture the motivation to the crime. We know the issues, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, mental health, however, we are cautious on putting a number on it but it is definitely high.

The 2017-2019 Action Plan was presented by Inspector Duggan and the 2017 Progress report.

5. Items for Review – Resolution #4

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Disposition of Found/Recovered Property by the Kenora Ontario Provincial Police and accepts the recommendations outlined for disposal.

Incident #	Description	Property Value	Synopsis	Finder Yes/No	Suggested Disposition
TP16039368	Toshiba laptop computer	Unknown	Found on roadway	Yes	Return item to finder
TP17048431	HARMON KARDON receiver & sub woofer	Unknown	Found on sidewalk	Yes	Return item to finder
RM17102430	Woman's rings x2	Unknown	Found on roadway	Yes	Return item to finder
TP16081899	Hewlett Packard laptop computer	Unknown	Turned in at store – No owner	NO	To Triple Play for office use

TP1707553 1	MSI Laptop	Unknown	Found Tunnel Island – No owner	Yes	Return to Finder
RM1211118 4	4 - \$1 bills	\$4	Found money – no owner	No	To Triple Play
TP1803236 3	\$200.00 cash	\$200.00	Found money-no owner	Yes	Return to Finder

6. New Business

a) Update on how complaints are to be processed and handled by the Board

Inspector Duggan advised that any complaints received by the Board should be handed to him directly and D/C Duggan will review and turn over to the office of the Professional Standards Bureau for review. Under the Police Services Act part of Boards responsibility is to ensure process of complaints are handled. D/C Duggan will send the process out to the Board.

b) Strategic Plan of the OPP

D/C Duggan distributed the Ontario Provincial Police’s strategic plan for the Boards review.

c) Confirmation of 9-1-1 Emergency Response Survey Completion

Commander Duggan did respond to the survey and it is something that the OPP responds to collectively. They are different from every communication centre. A lot of questions staff could not answer here locally. It is all captured through our central communication centre unit commander in Thunder Bay which was responding on our behalf.

d) Cannabis Legalization

We are 5 days away from the legislation. Our concern as a City is what is going to happen over the next year. Crime generally goes up not down. A couple of things are going to come into play and we will need coordination between bylaw enforcement and the OPP. Some situations we are going to have is bylaw and property standards. We are concerned about what is going to happen and that calls will increase. Every officer will be trained in standard field sobriety testing and drug recognition experts, there are two here, and will be called out to do their evaluation when needed. The public messaging will be not to drive high while using marijuana. Make sure it’s an approved online source where you are getting it from. There have been plenty of presentations and we are in for a whirlwind. The OPP doesn’t create the laws they enforce them. It’s going to happen whether we are ready or not and we have to work with it. In preparation for the 17th the OPP are meeting with the Catholic School Board and have an information session planned for parents and students.

7. Upcoming Meeting

This is the last meeting of this board so we will look into December for the next meeting. Andrew thanked everyone for the 4 years he has been part of the Board. Andrew has enjoyed his time on the Board.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned to a closed session at 9:52 a.m. and returned to an open meeting at 10:16 a.m. There were no reports from the closed session.

Open meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.