



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Sara Dias, Board Chair
Dan Reynard, Member
Whitney Van Belleghem, Member
Andrew Poirier, Member
David Canfield, Member
Jeff Duggan, OPP Detachment Commander
Heather Pihulak, Board Secretary

1. Oath of Office – D. Canfield

Board Secretary Heather Pihulak swore in new Board member David S. Canfield to the Board.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest by any member of the Board.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – Resolution #1

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held May 7, 2019 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Presentation to the Board

FSET made a presentation on a new product they have developed for police services to keep in touch in which you replace a PC with a phone.

Treaty 3 Police Service had many challenges with keeping in touch with officers. Many challenges with 23 First Nations communities with 55,000 square miles. Prior to this other officers did not have tools within their cars except a radio. They didn't have a way to communicate. That kind of challenge for them was very difficult. Driving hours outside a community and police a community they needed to provide some kind of support. Logistically and geographically they tried to find a way to make it easier.

The solution is a single officer issued device they can use in the cruiser and one on their hip that they can access everything directly. Bringing the office to the officer. It was questioned where we are going to find the dollars to buy phones for everyone and the data plans. It was suggested that what you are spending on desktops right now and other equipment, could not cost much more.

Board Chair Sara Dias thanked the presenter for his presentation and he left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

4. Outstanding Items from Minutes

a) Primary causal factors in fatal motor vehicle collisions – reporting zero

Still reporting zero on this report and there is a problem with ICON and it is a province wide problem. D/C Duggan will report the data once it is available.

b) Strategic Plan (Jeff to provide to Secretary for distribution)

D/C Duggan will provide this to the Board.

c) Community Meeting on Policing – Annual Requirement

D/C Duggan wants to have everyone at the same table and he has a meeting on Friday with Minister Rickford. Having everyone at the same meeting could be helpful and once you have a member of the government involved it gives people the chance to ask questions on budget cuts and what's available.

It was questioned what was the purpose of the meeting prior and we should stick to the intent of that meeting. D/C Duggan has never done a public meeting and there hasn't been one for a few years. The Board supported going with the direction D/C Duggan is talking about and that the focus right now is for the community. Best for this year to focus on the direction that is building based on the initial meetings.

Direction from board is take the recommendation from the D/C and he will talk to Minister Rickford on his intentions of a public meeting and move forward based on that discussion.

d) Update on D/C Performance Review Template

Our template is pretty poor and not sure what we want to use for someone in Mr. Duggan's position. Board members should provide feedback to the Board Chair on the two templates provided.

5. Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #2

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

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

- May 7 – MCSCS Revised application forms - CSP Grant
- May 14 – S. Dias – Toronto PSB Psychological Assistance for Staff
- May 14 – S. Dias - Investment in enforcement of drug-impaired driving
- May 22 – S. Dias – Chief Evaluation Template Example
- May 24 – MCSCS – Appointment of D. Canfield to Kenora PSB
- May 27 – OAPSB - Educational Forum on Police-Hospital Transition Protocols for Persons in Crisis

6. Reports to Receive – Resolution #3

Kenora OPP April 2019 Monthly Reports

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP April 2019 monthly reports as presented.

Number of calls for service for April 1,753 up from 2018 and he expects that to keep going up as summer approaches. There are more calls for service over last year.

In violent crime, we see pretty much the same for 2018/2019 total year to date for violent crime is down slightly at 5% and is not much higher. Assaults are up from reporting at the Kenora District Jail. Call volume from the jail which must be reported and is information calls. They must call every time and that results in an incident report.

Break and enters are higher than last year and we are still seeing the unlocked personal items and seeing a lot of construction type thefts.

Reporting patrol hours of 368 cruiser patrol hours, 65 hours of foot patrol jumps to 133 hours in May and are out more on foot patrol. They try to get out daily as command staff and the big thing with meeting with the Chamber is they would like to see a downtown office. Looking for some type of community policing office downtown that is centrally located, if it works, we can build a case for it. It fits in with some other stuff going in downtown and will come to fruition soon. It won't be staffed full time, but will be contact information if no one is there. For Jeff it is for the officers to have somewhere to just be present and looking to have an interview there. It will be helpful for staff to just go there instead of going all the way back to office.

D/C Duggan provided an update on the public forum. A lot of good communication with the business community and the presentation is to provide information on what the OPP can do for them. A lot don't understand what the authorities are and limitations on what they can and cannot do. They continually encourage the businesses to call if they are having issues. They are continuing to work with the business community and he put his contact information on the last slide of the presentation, including his cell number. He is getting a lot of calls as a result.

They have two policing students downtown and will be a liaison with businesses on cameras and initiatives they can do to protect themselves.

There were 26 occurrences with mental health. 5 out of 22 were admitted and 4 were released. 13 were unspecified. Looking into why that is. Either transferring care to the hospital, but if there is a way we can update what happens with that person, but we will have to have meetings with the hospital to find a solution to tracking those.

A. Poirier has received a lot of calls that they are noticing a change and people are generally feeling like something is changing, they see the presence so whatever you have done so far people are happy with.

7. New Business

Camera Registry – The OPP are running a program through the City where you can register your camera with the City and we could get it on the City portal. You can advertise that if you have a camera at your location. The information is confidential and you won't have to testify because it's all on video. They have had a lot of success with it. They are creating a map with all the cameras on it.

8. Next Meeting

To be determined.

9. Adjournment – Resolution #4

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:04 a.m.