

Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 22, 2020 9:00 a.m. Electronic/Virtual Attendance

Present: S. Dias, Board Chair A. Poirier, Member

D. Reynard, Member D. Canfield, Member

W. Van Belleghem, Member H. Pihulak, Board Secretary

J. Duggan, OPP Detachment Commander

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

2. Approval of the Agenda - Resolution #1 Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board for the May 22, 2020 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

3. Presentations/Delegations

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s) – Resolution #2 Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held January 24, 2020 be confirmed as written and circulated.

5. Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)

➤ **Primary causal factors in fatal motor vehicle collisions – reporting zero**There are no updates from Detachment Commander Duggan on this matter. The new report has been put on hold since the pandemic and he is anticipating there will be a new format shortly.

Strategic Plan – Development Plans

Heather & Sara did meet to discuss the strategic plan development prior to COVID-19. Jeff noted that the OPP 2020-2022 strategic plan is out and he will send it to Heather to distribute to the Board once he receives an electronic copy. The new plan looks completely different than past years, and he encourages everyone to review when received.

D/C Performance Review

This matter is on hold.

OPP Response to 9-1-1 calls

Since the change in responding to cell phone 9-1-1 calls, the calls have dropped off expediently and the officers are not receiving many now. This should be reflected in the billing costs.

6. Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3 Moved by W. Van Belleghem, Seconded by D. Canfield & Carried:-

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

- ➤ January 24 OAPSB Invitation to OPP Regional Roundtable Sessions
- ➤ January 30 OAPSB OPP Governance Summit presentation
- ➤ February 3 Zone 1 Policing Advisor Change Tom Gervais
- February 4 OAPSB OPP Governance Summit Q & A's
- ➤ February 4 OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM invite
- > February 6 Zone 1 Request for Nominations OAPSB Board of Directors
- March 18 OAPSB Declaration of Provincial Emergency & Enforcement
- March 20 J. Duggan Update for Board
- March 22 OAPSB Remote Meetings
- ➤ March 23 OAPSB Conference cancellation
- > April 16 OAPSB AGM Notice
- April 16 OAPSB Section 10 Elections
- > April 20 J. Duggan update to the Board
- April 26 MCSCS CSWB Plan COVID-19 extension
- April 27 Zone 1 AMO Presentation
- May 1 AMO OPP Detachment Boards Discussion Paper
- ➤ May 5 OAPSB Zone 1 and 1A Section 10 Elections invitation
- May 11 Zone 1 Letter from Mayor Holland
- May 13 OAPSB Zone 1 and 1A Section 10 Elections invitation

7. New Business

Update from Regional Roundtable Session (Sara/Heather) attendance

Heather and Sara attended the Governance session that was scheduled at the end of January in Toronto. The focus was around strategic planning for the board and community consultation and there has to be very specific indicators that demonstrate dealing with the vulnerable population. There was a lot of discussion around board composition and board sizes. Every area is unique and different so it will be evaluated. Consultations continued but the Board size has not been confirmed.

> AMO Discussion Paper Input

The consultation is open until May 28th and we can submit consultation comments. One of the concerns was the DSAB participation and unless something has changed drastically that is an absolute no. That was a discussion at a DSAB meeting and if there is no interest at that level this becomes a moot point. There will be a response sent back in by the DSAB with their position and it is suspected that the Boards is not in support of that, would suspect that there is not an appetite to take on any other roles and responsibilities. Sara requested that Heather sends out the OPP contract again to the Board. Once the new boards are formed it is anticipated that there will be no provincial appointees they want the boards to be reflective of the community they serve. It is important to our board to have an indigenous influence on our Board at some point once they decide how big our

board will be. Important that we expand or change over that we have representation of the Indigenous population. With the change in legislation there will be mandatory training required and with this the board wishes to see support for this mandatory training through funding for participating in the mandatory training.

Heather will put the Boards response together and outline our concerns and our support by May 28th.

Community Safety & Well Being Plan Updates from the Sol Gen

Correspondence dated April 24th due to COVID amendments to the Act that the deadline has been extended to January 2021.

Release from Custody Issues and OPP Response

It has been widely published that jails and courts were looking at releasing people from the jail into the public. We have to manage people in the community, and we have concerns about the people they have released. Talked to Thunder Bay and they run a risk table which brings all the partners together and run a risk form where they will be staying, released into social houses not owned by the people and can't have guests more than 10 days. Currently with duty counsel and anticipate will go through and will start using shortly, ultimately it is a JP decision, but will know where people are getting released to. It has been known that these people are being released to victim houses, across the street from victim houses, and the entire decision around this release from custody is causing significant problems and concerns in our community.

Items on HOLD - 2020

- o PSB Annual Report to Council
- Business Plan
- Community Meeting
- Community Survey

Sara and Heather met earlier and discussed a community meeting and community draft survey. Believe it fits in well with COVID-19 as more people are online and have time to review and participate in a survey. Before we go to the next steps and can form part of the presentation back to Council or the community we are looking at doing the survey first. Heather will circulate the draft survey for comment by the Board.

8. Detachment Commander's Report - Resolution #4 Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by W. Van Belleghem & Carried:-

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP monthly reports for the months of January, February, March and April 2020 as presented.

Discussion: Detachment Commander Duggan provided a high level highlight of the reports. Everything is down with the exception of sexual assaults. The municipal revenue portion is not available because of COVID-19. Not doing criminal record checks, because of the pandemic it has sped up the process for online criminal record checks. Calls for service are 1,387 which are down by over 600 in the first quarter. Sexual assaults are up for the month of April and the only one that is up. Theft overs are up and relates to cell phones that were stolen and bank accounts that were accessed. Mischiefs are up along with our drug crimes are up as a result of more officers working on drug crimes in the

detachment. Number of cruiser patrol hours is up 946.5 is up and foot patrol 82 hours. Have gone to target enforcement plan and specific officers assigned to foot patrol now.

Historical data displays that are total calls for service to date are down. All training has been cancelled and a lot of vacation has cancelled which means more officers to do a lot of proactive work being done, patrols that have not been able to be done, recovering stolen property, local in service training unit that are working with us.

Behaviour mental health screener – mental health calls for service were 103 occurrences. 99 had the screener. Wait time in emergency is going up to 3 hours 9 minutes and needs to be addressed with the hospital. Will be reviewing with admin as the goal is 60 minutes. Some of the important numbers include out of the 99 people that went to the hospital only 19 were admitted. Adult mobile crisis team and CMHA Kenora will put the social work piece together and that team will be operational. There will be a youth team and an adult team, with opposite shifts so there is 7 day per week coverage. The goal is to try and offer services in the community, sitting at hospital for 3 hours means that 2 officers are sitting there and not on the street.

It was questioned about the process for the gatherings of more than 5 people. There are a ton of people at Garrow, swimming so wondering if enforcement is taking place. Education first to people and it is at the officer's discretion. Enforcement is the last means. We have only had to turn to enforcement once. If it is happening, certainly anyone can call. Businesses come straight to Jeff and deal on a case by case basis. Have been able to work through many different scenarios. Getting a lot of calls about people out of the 50 kms outside of the Manitoba border, or self-isolating when they return. Turned back to the local MPP for his input to the Manitoba government.

9. Next Meeting Date

June 25, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. – Virtual

10. Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5 Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by D. Reynard & 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 9:51 a.m. under section:

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

11. Reconvene to Open Session

12. Adjournment – Resolution #6 Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-

That the Board reconvenes to its open session at 10:06 a.m. with no reports; and further

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