



## **Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers**

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**Present:** S. Dias, Board Chair  
D. Reynard, Member  
H. Pihulak, Board Secretary  
J. Duggan, OPP Detachment Commander  
A. Illman, OPP Detachment Commander  
A. Poirier, Member  
D. Canfield, Member

**Absent:** W. Van Belleghem, Member

### **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 September 24, 2020 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

### **3. Presentations/Delegations**

None

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s) – Resolution #2**

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held June 25, 2020 be confirmed as written and circulated.

### **5. Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)**

#### **➤ Community Safety & Well Being Plan**

The latest draft of our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2.0 was distributed to partners in mid-August for feedback. Participation in the Community Safety and Well-Being Workshop that took place in October 2019 was a key step in the process of updating this plan. Since that time, City Staff have been collaborating with agencies such as the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP), OPP Kenora Branch, the Kenora Substance Abuse & Mental Health Task Force, Council, the Police Services Board, etc. for input on preliminary drafts and we are now at a stage to accept additional comments for further refinement of the Plan.

During your review, you will notice several blank sections under the "Priority Risks" section. The intent is to proceed with a request appointing an Advisory Committee of

Council to oversee the Plan and it will remain in draft format until that group has a chance to review and approve anticipated outcomes/implementation leads.

Sara provided a risk-driven tracking database 2019 annual report by the Ministry of the Solicitor General. It was released August 28, 2020. There is information within this annual report that relates directly to Community and Safety Well-Being Planning. Some of the items that are coming out of it in order to be successful there is a need for housing as we are the highest in the northwest for homelessness. The mental health related individuals is high. In the northwest we have the most difficulty connecting to mental health services. There will be some local data that CMHA will be working on and will be provided to the Board at a later date. The biggest barrier is where to house individuals. There is a lack of primary care access and why is there a barrier.

There is already success stories with the addition of the Bear Clan. They are responding to calls of missing children and are helping these kids and get access to help. They continue to support the police with many of the calls and are being well received.

## **6. Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3 Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by D. Reynard & Carried:-**

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

- July 2 – OAPSB – OPP Detachment Board Composition
- July 6 – J Duggan – 2020-2022 OPP Strategic Plan
- July 7 – S. Dias – Mental Health Crisis calls
- July 27 – H. Pihulak – Community Safety & Well Being Draft Plan
- August 10 – MCSCS – Court security and prisoner transportation program
- August 10 – H. Pihulak – Policing survey results
- September 1 – MPB Financial Services Unit – Jan-Jun 2020 Detachment Revenues
- September 21 – OAPSB – 2020 Virtual Labour Seminar Sponsorship

## **7. New Business**

### **➤ Found Property New Process**

The City of Kenora's summer students conducted an inventory of the current found property that the OPP has in lock up. A document has been created with photos of all property with an allocated number. The document ready to be released and posted on the City site and promoted through the City's social media.

There is a lot of valuable property that the OPP would like to get back to the rightful owners. The campaign will start shortly.

### **➤ Community Survey Results**

The community policing survey results were sent to the Board on August 10<sup>th</sup>. They have also been included with the agenda package for review.

Overall the response was fairly positive. Most acknowledged there are issues but it is identified where the concern is in the community and it depends on the individual. There is increased staff presence in the downtown area and now with the Bear Clan there appears to be positive things happening. Overall it gave a fairly positive reflection of the policing in Kenora. Drugs are the primary concern and these are the issues that take time to

address. There was nothing surprising in the survey results. We needed the data as it is a key piece of the business plan and strategic planning process. The Board was pleasantly surprised on the number of responses. Its data we can use to move forward to develop our community base strategic plan for the board. It demonstrates that everything isn't negative and there is a lot of positive response to the survey.

We need to ensure we continue to promote the online reporting option for the public. Where people are getting their information from was important information to have so we communicate in the right means for Kenora people. The lock it and lose it campaigns will continue to be important. A lot of what is most important to the community is the drug enforcement. Tell the public what we are doing appears to be important. Every Monday we are looking to do a week in review to tell the public what the focus has been, how many calls for service, and stuff like that. It would be an education piece for the public.

A report back to the community on the results of the survey is important. Develop an overall summary so the public knows the results and can see the importance to the community. Also demonstrates the positive. Heather will work on a summary for the public and get it out to the community.

➤ **2020-2022 OPP Strategic Plan**

The 2020-2022 OPP Strategic Plan was sent to the Board on July 6, 2020.

The Board will use this information as well as the community survey information to develop their community Strategic Plan. Jeff has to identify a strategic plan for the Kenora detachment. It is a three year process and at year three you can evaluate and see what is still important.

➤ **2020 CSP Grant Return**

The City receives a \$225,000 allocation for year one of the CSP grant which has been included in the City's budget for policing. Based on the invoices/final report, the OPP only spent a total of \$220,921.84 of the \$225,000 allocation for year 1 - 2019-20). As a result, a total of \$4,078.16 had to be returned to the Ministry as the full allocation amount wasn't utilized.

It's important that the full \$225,000 be allocated to this program as any underspending directly impacts the City's budget. We are currently budgeting \$225,000 per year for the next 3 years under this program and underspending will result in a deficit to the budget. If it's not all spent on an annual basis that after the next 3 years they will likely reduce the allocation to Kenora. It's important for the OPP to ensure that the budgets are being followed and any changes need to be brought to Council. Council will have to approve any kind of additional purchase outside the budget since the funding will not be increased to cover it.

➤ **CCTV Grant Program Application**

The Ministry of the Solicitor General announced a new Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This grant intends to expand CCTV systems in more municipalities, as part of the Ontario Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy (GGVRS). The maximum funding request for each project is \$200,000 for one year (2020-21). Police services will be required to pay for 50 per cent of the project costs.

Detachment Commander Duggan worked with City staff to identify key locations to add additional cameras in the City under this project funding folder. We submitted an application in the amount of \$100,000 of which \$50,000 would be a funded portion and the City's contribution would be \$50,000. Annually, Council has provided \$10,000-\$40,000 in camera funding to provide assistance to the OPP with investigations. The 2021 draft capital budget includes \$50,000 for this project.

➤ **January-June 2020 Detachment Revenues**

Detachment revenues are to be credited back to municipalities quarterly throughout the year, approximately two months after the end of the quarter (May, August, November, and February). January to June 2020 revenue credits have been sent to the municipality. The total revenue collected at our detachments for the January through June period is approximately 30% of the total 2019 revenue. The volume of security checks performed during this period was significantly reduced as a result of the measures put in place due to the COVID pandemic.

**Items on HOLD - 2020**

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

**8. Detachment Commander's Report – Resolution #4  
Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by D. Canfield & Carried:-**

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP monthly reports for the month of June, July and August 2020 as presented.

**Discussion:**

Calls for service for June, July and August overall calls for service are down by just over 1,800 for year to date. We don't know if that is related to COVID or other, but it is good to see calls for service being down.

The marine unit hours are accurate and they had significant increased marine unit hours this summer and were on various lakes around the area. Increased time on Lake of the Woods, less on the River and smaller lakes. Lots of positive feedback for being on the smaller lakes. Had some mechanical issues with the boat so anticipating a new boat next year.

Robberies are up but all cleared by charge. Nothing of significant value or incident, small. Slight increase of break and enters. Significant decrease in theft unders but there is an increase in telephone fraud. There are several that go unreported. Overall if you look at the numbers time will tell the reasons why the numbers have gone down.

466 hours of patrol hours. 211 foot patrol hours for June. Significant increase in patrol as less calls for service. Having no training certainly helped having no training in summer as more officers are available during busy times.

Hope to have a bike patrol next summer if we can get training done and bikes for the unit. They have to take training for a week and half in order to be assigned to the bike patrol unit.

Tent encampments – talking to the KDSB and Constable Bernie both have been up to the tent cities with the KDSB to try and get people engaged in Ontario Works and rent supplements. There are two main tent encampments in the City and D/C Duggan provided an update on the activity and number of people living there.

### **9. Next Meeting Date**

- October 29, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

### **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 10:25 a.m. under section:

*(b) Intimate financial or personal matters (1 item)*

### **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 10:28 a.m. with no reports; and further

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

### **13. Reconvene to Open Session**

The Board reconvenes to open session at 10:31 a.m. with no reports.