



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Virtual Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board met electronically as permitted by the Provincial Emergency order. Citizens and our media partners are encouraged to view the recorded meeting at: <https://video.isilive.ca/kenora/2021-04-27.mp4.html>

Present: S. Dias, Board Chair D. Reynard, Member
W. Van Belleghem, Member A. Poirier, Member
D. Canfield, Member H. Pihulak, Board Secretary
J. Duggan, OPP Detachment Commander
A. Illman, OPP Operations Staff Sergeant

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

Approval of the Agenda – Resolution #1

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

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board for the April 27, 2021 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

Presentations/Delegations

None

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

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held March 25, 2021 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)

Attendance at OAPSB Spring Conference & AGM

Heather confirmed that attendance has been confirmed for Sara, Dave, Andrew and Dan. It will need to be reassessed prior to conference if the group can still gather at City Hall for the conference together or if the restrictions will only allow independent attendance.

Because the May Police Services Board meeting conflicts with the conference, the Board meeting will be changed to Wednesday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. to accommodate the conference attendance. Heather will send the amended meeting invite.

Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3

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

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

- March 25 – OAPSB – Update on Board Composition
- April 6 – D. Bruyere – Zone 1 Meeting information

New Business

Police Services Board Composition – Resolution #3a
Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by A. Poirier & Carried:-

Whereas the new Community Safety Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), is forecasted to be proclaimed in early 2022; and

Whereas under the new CSPA, all municipalities receiving OPP policing services will have the opportunity to participate on an OPP detachment board and make recommendations to the Province on Board composition; and

Whereas prior to the June 7, 2021 deadline, Municipalities will be required to submit one proposal indicating the recommended composition of their board; and

Whereas municipalities will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board but identify the number of seats each municipality will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments; and

Whereas the Kenora OPP detachment services more than one municipality which includes the City of Kenora and the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls; and

Whereas the CSPA allows an OPP detachment to establish one, or more than one, OPP detachment board; and

Whereas when detachments that are considering requesting more than one detachment board should consider factors such as geography, variations in population size, calls for service/service demands, the number of municipalities and First Nations within an OPP detachment; and

Whereas the Kenora Police Services Board has assessed the options and needs of the Board moving forward;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Kenora Police Services Board recommends that the new Kenora Police Services Board is a seven (7) person board which will include one member being of Indigenous decent; and further

That due to the physical distance, significant variation in needs of the municipalities, the Kenora and Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Police Services Boards remain separate and individual boards to meet the unique needs of this area; and further

That the selection of the community members for the new Kenora Police Services Board be in accordance with the City of Kenora Council Boards and Committees Appointment process.

Discussion: S. Dias had a discussion with the Province around community membership and they are processing the question internally and will take the recommendation forward that the members should be members living within the City of Kenora boundary.

Detachment Commander's Report – Resolution #4

Moved by D. Reynard, Seconded by D. Canfield & Carried:-

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP March 2021 monthly reports as presented.

Discussion: Detachment Commander Duggan reviewed the March 2021 monthly report statistics with the Board. Calls for March were 1,392 calls for service. This is up a little bit from last year, however, last March was the initial onset of the pandemic. Sexual assaults are down overall. Assaults are down and robberies are as well. Have had some residential break and enters but have resulted in arrests. Theft under is the same trends, bikes, sheds. Frauds are up from 1-9 there are a few email frauds where people have been directed to report to anti-fraud centre. Continue to do quite a few vulnerable sector checks. Two ongoing public complaints. Cruiser patrol hours were 736 and foot patrol hours were 83.25. In process of getting marine patrol and summer patrols ready to go.

The average wait time in emergency at the hospital was 2 hours and 39 minutes and still meeting with hospital administration to try and get these hours down lower.

Jeff reviewed the Kenora Mobile Crisis Response Team quarterly stats. It provides a great breakdown of the action of this team.

The OPP is manning a check stop at the Manitoba border have 6 officers and a command post set up at the border. Checking a few hundred vehicles per day and trying to sort through each question. The government has put an order in place and will be there until the order is lifted by the province.

The bikes are here for the bike patrol being launches this summer. They are not new bikes but are new to them. Training hasn't occurred yet. The border operation is sucking resources dry but do intend to get the training done this summer and everything is coming together except the training piece.

In the first week it was not deemed as cottage construction as essential. The order doesn't specify what essential work is. As of Saturday morning they are allowing contractors through to do construction projects but are hoping that contractors from out of province that are working with contractors locally are taking all precautions. The variants are on the rise in Manitoba and this is the reason that the border is closed trying to prevent the spread.

Trying to get down to a 60 minute wait time at the hospital as the provincial standard established. The hospital has done some renovations to have a secure room for these patients and try to make it more of a handoff to the hospital once the paperwork is completed.

Detachment Commander Duggan provided a thank you to Adam, Jim Neild and all the officers who are working at the provincial border closure. All of the border patrol is on overtime and a lot of these officers are working on their days off and there are six officers working 24/7.

Next Meeting Date

- May 26, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m. – Virtual

Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by W. Van Belleghem & 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 8:30 a.m. under section:

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

Reconvene & Adjournment – Resolution #6

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

That the Board reconvenes to its open session at 8:45 a.m. with no reports from its closed session; and further

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 8:46 a.m.