



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

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021  
1:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers**

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**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  
J. Neild, OPP Operations Staff Sergeant  
K. Hodson, OPP Operations Staff Sergeant

### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were none declared.

### **Approval of the Agenda – Resolution #1**

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

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board September 29, 2021 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

### **Presentations/Delegations**

None

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

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held June 24, 2021 be confirmed as written and circulated.

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

#### **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:

- May 13 – OAPSB – Detachment Board Composition
- June 9 – S. Dias – OAPSB follow up
- June 24 – S. Dias – Criminal Record Checks
- July 26 – OAPSB – IOP Advisor Updates
- August 10 – OAPSB – OAPSB Comments – Ontario Police Arbitration and Adjudication Commission Proposed Regulation
- September 2 – J. Duggan – Body Worn Camera

## **New Business**

### ➤ **Strategic Planning Process**

Heather provided the board an update on the Strategic Planning process. We will be meeting with the consultant, Dan Penner from Urban Systems to launch our kick off plan with the consultant. The survey results from the community survey have been completed and we have those questions ready for the boards review during this kick off meeting. The Board will meet in person and Dan Penner and Mayor Reynard will attend virtually.

### ➤ **OAPSB Conference Discussion**

Dave Canfield provided an overview of the Police Services Board conference held in May.

Don Smith was elected as our Zone 1 rep for our zone again. He is a long serving member to our zone.

### **Detachment Commander's Report – Resolution #4**

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP June, July and August 2021 monthly reports as presented.

**Discussion:** Detachment Commander Duggan reviewed the June, July and August 2021 monthly report statistics with the Board. June calls for service 1,504, July 1,653 and August 1,743. D/C Duggan reviewed the detailed stats with the Board.

The OPP theft of gas has been changed and those are no longer being dispatched. Those calls all get cleared off to the field support unit. If the gas company can provide a plate they will follow up with the owners. If they can't resolve it that way it goes back to the officer for the investigation. If gas stations implemented the 'pay before you pump' you won't have those issues. There will be some unsolved theft of gas reports but will continue to be cleared to field support unit.

There was one homicide in the City of Kenora and was cleared by charge.

There is a great deal of technology changes and the officers have now moved to e-ticketing. This also allows officers to issue a warning if they only issue them a warning. This gives the officers information across the province.

The marine patrol hours recorded are not accurate. The marine unit had a boat on the water the entire summer on weekends and some days during the week. Jeff will provide a full report to the Board on the marine unit once available.

June 68, 65 of the 68 were attended to by MCERT team. 71 and 93 for July and August. Very good success – two teams are running seven days a week. They are busy and in June there were 44 calls for service. 13 of the 44 voluntary escort to hospital and 14 out of 44 diverted. Average time 2 hours and 30 minutes.

July 36 occurrences, 4 voluntary, 4 involuntary and 10 diverted. 1 hour 50 minutes at hospital.

August 46 calls mental health – 6 out of 45 voluntary, 9 involuntary, 2 existing order, 17 diversions. 2 hour 27 min time at hospital.

Calls for service are going up and different categories of calls for service are going up.

The OPP has a partnership with the City for the video cameras for downtown. The OPP have now created a unit just for them. The general support unit encompasses two units which encompasses 400 cameras in total between housing, public and school boards for access to all their outdoor cameras. Added one rural patrol officer and because we are so concentrated on the City of Kenora we do not dedicate time to the rural areas as there is not a lot of rural patrol hours in these areas and working on relationships with the people in these areas. Added one officer to the unit to do follow up. Investigative excellence officer. General patrol officers don't have time to do follow up to calls. Put into place a system where the officer can notify the investigative excellence officer to follow up with calls that took place the evening before. This isn't a position the City is going to pay for. Generally speaking his patrol zone is outside of the City.

The D/C is working on a downtown safety plan. A request has gone out to all of the detachment members and asked the members how they would fix it. If they get the input and the buy in and input into the plan they will be more willing to execute the plan. Putting something together now and they have all said increased contact with the public and increased foot patrol. Taken the emergency response team members and taken them off shift and put them on their own schedule. They will be extra and those will be the officers that you will see doing the patrols. Winnipeg calls it the community support unit. They will be doing the extra patrols and will be working from Harbourfront to the mall on foot patrol. The operational safety plan will be presented to the board and will entail a short term solution so that everyone feels safer downtown. Going to work with other stakeholders with medium and long term plans.

Planning for next summer and have speciality units with 3 vacancies in crime units, 1 vacancy in community safety office, community mobilization officer role and drug unit has one vacancy. Hope to fill all the current vacancies with recruits coming up. With the OPP taking over Dryden they are going to need more officers there.

The Board complimented the D/C along with senior staff in coming up with solutions to address the concerns in the downtown.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- October 28, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5**

Moved by D. Canfield, Seconded by A. Poirier & 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 9:36 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 1:53 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 1:53 p.m.