



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Virtual Attendance

Present: S. Dias, Board Chair D. Canfield, Member
W. Van Belleghem, Member A. Poirier, Vice Chair
D. Reynard, Member H. Pihulak, Board Secretary
J. Neild, OPP Acting Detachment Commander

Board Chair S. Dias called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and Board Secretary H. Pihulak read the land acknowledgment:

As we gather, we recognize that we are on Treaty Three Lands which are steeped in rich Indigenous history and home to many First Nations, Inuit and Metis people today. We continue to be thankful for the partnerships with Indigenous people.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

Approval of the Agenda – Resolution #1

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

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board April 21, 2022 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

Presentations/Delegations

None

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

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held March 25, 2022 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3

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

That the following correspondence

- March 2 – OAPSB Conference Information

New Business

➤ Strategic Plan update

Dan Penner provided an update on the project. In March they completed a number of stakeholders and Indigenous community representatives. They are developing the draft strategic plan and will review with the Board before finalizing. They are doing some

additional consultation with the Indigenous groups and once that is completed they will move to finalize the draft.

They conducted a community survey from February 10-28 and there were 261 completed responses. Questions related to general perceptions of Kenora's safety now and trending. Community safety issues and priorities and police services in Kenora personal experiences. The survey results were consistent with past community safety/policing surveys.

There was an extensive stakeholder invitation list and the strategic sessions were two hours in length between February 24 and March 21st.

In terms of next steps they are focusing on a second Indigenous stakeholder meeting and once the meeting is done, they will have the draft of the initial plan ready and will then review with the KPSB in mid-May. The target to get the plan completed is end of May.

➤ **Provincial Appointment to the Board**

Dave Canfield was appointed to the City of Kenora Police Services Board until May 22, 2022, at which time the appointment will expire.

Heather received a letter from the Solicitor General on April 20, 2022 that pursuant to subsection 27(10) of the Police Services Act, Sylvia Jones has officially reappointed Dave to the City of Kenora Police Services Board, effective from May 23 2022, for a period of six (6) months, or until such time as an appointment has been made by Order in Council, whichever occurs first.

Detachment Commander's Report – January-March 2022

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP monthly reports for the months of January-March 2022.

Discussion: Acting Detachment Commander Jim Neild provided the January-March 2022 statistical report. They are still dealing with a high volume of theft concerns in the community and need to continue to encourage people to lock their homes, vehicles and sheds/garages.

Criminal record checks will be changing very soon as the transition moves in May and will free up staff time. The patrol hours are consistent and there is a significant increase in traffic accidents. Increased patrol hours are 315 hours for the three months. They are trying to increase presence on foot patrol throughout the community. Being out on foot in different areas is important and the hours will be increasing as the weather improves.

Dealing with mental health calls is challenging and there has been an increase of 60% and it's growing through the pandemic. The mental health calls for service are high here and there are people being helped every single day and we are well placed to have a team in place to help people get help. Suffering from cognitive disabilities could be valuable information, and the Detachment Commander will see what they can do to extract that

information. Information from the NWHU on what preventative services are available is helpful to the Board as well. When there is a lack of supports that adds to the number of calls.

Next Meeting Date

➤ May 24, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5

Moved by A. Poirier, Seconded by D. Canfield & 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 2:36 p.m. under section:

(b) Intimate financial or personal matters (4 items)

Reconvene & Adjournment – Resolution #6

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

That the Board reconvenes to its open session at 2:53 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 2:53 p.m.