



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Virtual Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board met electronically as permitted by the Provincial Emergency order.

Present: S. Dias, Board Chair D. Canfield, Member
W. Van Belleghem, Member A. Poirier, Member
D. Reynard, Member H. Pihulak, Board Secretary
J. Duggan, OPP Detachment Commander
J. Neild, 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 January 27, 2022 meeting be hereby approved.

Presentations/Delegations

None

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

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

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

Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)

a) Strategic Planning Next Steps – Dan Penner & Ryan Segal - Urban Systems

The strategic plan outlines the project goals which are to engage and build consensus among the detachment commander, Council, city staff and broader community on community safety priorities. Establish a clear vision and mission statement and supporting values for the Board. Develop measurable goals and actions to address community safety concerns. Include strategies for reporting and monitoring.

All of the information that is compiled by the OPP is good information for the community. Ultimately the key strategic plan contents establishes and identifies the role and responsibility of the Board to the broader community. Objectives and actions for different policing areas in crime, traffic and waterways and strategies the OPP deliver.

The work plan for the project outlines that we are now into stakeholder engagement and community engagement over January and February 2022 and were holding off anticipating in person engagement, however, with the continued restrictions this likely is not possible.

Activities to complete are 2-3 hour planning sessions with various stakeholders include the board, Council community agencies and groups, education, healthcare and business community and neighbouring Indigenous communities.

Dan will send out a survey to establish a meeting date for the Board to meet. It is proposed to hold public meetings in the evening of February 16 & 17 for two stakeholder groups. The Indigenous stakeholders will be contacted individually to determine what is best to connect with those parties.

A three hour time slot is suggested and Dan will send the survey out to members of the Board to pick a date/time.

The community engagement with residents and seasonal residents will be done virtually. On February 1st they will release the community survey. Heather will work with Dan Penner on a press release in regards to the community survey.

The community survey will focus on the perceived comfort level with general safety and police services. The survey will be online but not public so feedback from the Board will be important for the Board to provide their feedback into the survey questions.

They are moving ahead quickly now so there will be a lot taking place in February. If there are questions from the Board reach out to Dan soon so they can be considered in the next few weeks.

Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3

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

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

- December 7, 2021-Kelly Cole Kelly Cole, Town of Penetanguishene Police Services Board – Rates of Recidivism
- December 16, 2021–City of Sarnia – Catch and Release Justice
- December 24, 2021-OAPSB-Call for Nominations-Appointment to the OMERS SC Board
- January 20, 2022 –OAPSB -Amendments to the Police Record Checks Reform Act
- January 21, 2022-SOLGEN-Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review

Discussion: Would like to discuss SOLGEN-Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review at the next meeting once Acting Detachment Commander Neild has had the opportunity to review.

New Business

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

In accordance with the Kenora Police Services Board Procedural bylaw, Section 4, and Section 28 (1) and (2) of the Act, the members of the Board shall, at the first public meeting of each year, elect from amongst its members, a Chair and Vice Chair for a one year term. In accordance with the procedural bylaw, the Secretary shall conduct the election.

Heather Pihulak, Board Secretary opened the 2022 Kenora Police Services Board elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair as required by the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Board Secretary Heather Pihulak called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Dave Canfield nominated Sara Dias as Board Chair. W. Van Belleghem seconded the nomination. Ms. Dias agreed to let name stand.

Board Secretary called for any further nominations. There were none.

Board Secretary declared Sara Dias as the Board Chair for 2022.

Board Secretary then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Dave Canfield nominated Andrew Poirier as the Vice Chair. Mayor Reynard seconded the nomination. Mr. Poirier agreed to let his name stand.

Board Secretary then called for any further nominations. There were none.

Board Secretary declared Andrew Poirier as the Board Vice Chair for 2022.

Concerning Rates of Recidivism

The Detachment Commander has reached out to other detachments to gain some of the information. This is something that will likely come up at the OAPSB AGM and is the proper place for it to be discussed. This will be included on the next agenda should the information be ready for next meeting.

Catch and Release Justice Resolution of Support

Nothing to discuss

Detachment Commander's Report – Resolution #4

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP November 2021 monthly report as presented.

Discussion: Acting Detachment Commander Neild noted there were 176 hours of foot patrol in November and a large increase in time in the schools. We have pushed to have

RIDE programs daily and for the month of November there were 30 ride programs in 30 days. It is a way to ensure we are being seen in public and deter impaired drivers on the roads.

In November there were 1,418 calls for service which is historically average. There has been a large increase in property crimes. There is an increase in theft under by about 30% and they are looking at operational things they could do to bring this number down.

Clearance rates are averaging close to 2020 and worth noting the month of November there was a significant increase to the number of motor vehicle accidents.

The health screening report had 31 mental health calls and 50% were diverted and this is a direct reflection of the crisis mobile response team and if didn't have that diversion that would increase the numbers to the emergency department. Wait time at the emergency department is still 2 hours and 44 minutes. This team is making a significant difference in the response to the hospital.

Next Meeting Date

➤ February 24, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5

Moved by D. Reynard, 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 1:45 p.m. under section:

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

Reconvene & Adjournment – Resolution #6

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

That the Board reconvenes to its open session at 2:27 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 2:27 p.m.