



Kenora Police Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes

**Friday, March 25, 2022
2:30 p.m.**

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

Approval of the Agenda – Resolution #1

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

That the agenda of the Regular Kenora Police Services Board March 25, 2022 meeting be hereby approved as presented.

Presentations/Delegations

None

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

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

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held February 24, 2022 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Receipt of Correspondence – Resolution #3

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

That the following correspondence

- February 28 – Debra Bruyere – Zone 1 Directors

New Business

➤ Strategic Plan update

Dan Penner provided a briefing to Board Secretary Heather Pihulak, Their final stakeholder session is tonight with Kenora Chiefs and representatives from the three neighbouring communities. They completed the other two earlier this month and had great conversations with local organizations which are all being summarized in meeting minutes and provided to us. From there, they will craft an outline of the plan for board/detachment commander review before developing a refined draft.

➤ Multi-sectoral collaboration in relation to Developmental Services

The agencies had a presentation on the program and there is a contact support line to deal with individuals who are having issues with mental health and require support. It would

be interesting to have statistics on the data of persons in the community who may require this support.

➤ **OAPSB 2022 Spring Conference and AGM - May 26-27, 2022**

Heather presented the OAPSB spring conference and AGM information to the Board. Board member Canfield is interested in attending in person and Board Chair Dias can attend virtually. Board members are to let Heather know by Wednesday if other members wish to attend to take advantage of the early bird rate.

Detachment Commander's Report – 2021 Year End Statistical Report

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

That the Kenora Police Services Board hereby accepts the Kenora OPP monthly report for the year end 2021 as presented.

Discussion: Acting Detachment Commander Jim Neild provided the 2021 year end statistical report for the Board. There has been a number of complaints in the City this year on aggressive drivers so those areas have been targeted.

The property crime should be highlighted. Theft under \$5,000, having stolen property and mischiefs are up significantly. The foot patrol there are initiatives about vehicles being broken into and the other major step they need to work on shortly here is people need to think about locking their vehicles. Need to have people engaged about locking things. Cars, sheds, and homes. The numbers are going up and the numbers continue to climb every single day. How do we address that going forward and certain initiatives which will help to reduce calls for service.

Drug crime numbers are similar to the year before. The stats don't correlate well as many drug crimes take a great deal of time to show under full reports.

Criminal record checks are being downloaded to a central location which will be helpful to the detachment and reduce workload for local detachment staff.

Foot patrols are up to 1,600 hours in 2021 and looking to create a bicycle unit. School patrol hours are lower as a result of the pandemic as schools were closed or very low attendance.

Mental health stats were reviewed. There were 580 calls for service related to mental health calls. This is more than one per day over the year.

They are looking at hiring students this summer and promote the lock it and lose it program. Finding a way to promote this in the community to create a habit with everyone. Whatever we can help with at the City we are happy to do that. Jim will get materials to Heather to have Bylaw Officers hand out when on parking patrol.

Andrew Poirier questioned the concerns with certain areas about speeding and additional electronic speed devices would be positive to slow people down. The City has two and an additional one has been included in the City budget for 2022.

Foot patrols are going to need to be increased for all the activities resuming in 2022. They will start tagging with bright lime green tags on doors that they have checked or businesses that

Next Meeting Date

➤ April 21, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn to Closed Session – Resolution #5

Moved by A. Poirier, 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 2:57 p.m. under section:

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

Reconvene & Adjournment – Resolution #6

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

That the Board reconvenes to its open session at 3:47 p.m. with no reports from its closed session.

That the Regular Kenora Police Services Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 3:47 p.m.