KENORA OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
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Kenora Police Services Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026
2:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Present: B. Manson, Acting Chair
L. Koch, Vice Chair
J. McGrath, Member
S. Dias, Member
J. Duggan, Kenora OPP
H. Pihulak, Admin Support to the Board

Regrets: K. Van Belleghem, Chair
S. Norlen, Member

L. Koch, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and Vice Chair Koch read a Land Acknowledgment.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
All Members to declare any pecuniary interest from a meeting in which they were not present, or on today's meeting agenda.

There were none declared.

Approval of Agenda
a) Introduction of Amendments to the Agenda
b) Motion to Approve Agenda as Presented

Motion #1 – Moved by J. McGrath, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:
That the Agenda for the January 13, 2026 Kenora OPP Detachment Board meeting be approved as amended.

The election was deferred.

Election of Chair/Vice Chair
The election was deferred to next meeting.

Presentations/Delegations
- Tom Gervais, Police Services Advisor, Police Services Liaison Unit (virtual)

The Zone meeting in Thunder Bay Tom spoke with the Board Chair and the topic of the Boards area of responsibility was raised. The map that accompanies the regulation was shared with the Chair and there were concerns about the map.

The existing map does not include all of the City of Kenora and there has been some further consideration for further responsibility for the Board and changes are forthcoming.

The intent was for this Board to be responsible for everything with the exception of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls. Otherwise, the SNNF Board would be responsible for everything outside of the City of Kenora. When we did it, we found the SNNF boundaries and that was the way it was originally drawn. We cannot have three boards in our area, so someone has to be accountable for the rest of the area.

The Board should discuss it and in the meantime we are stuck with the map the way it is. We will discuss at the next meeting.

OPP Detachment board 1 was supposed to be everything except Sioux Narrows Nestor Falls. The reason for this is the Kenora board is much more functional than the SN/NF board. By that I mean we meet more often have policy and procedure, have the City Admin support and have much more discussion at meetings.

OPP Detachment Board 2 was supposed to be just Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls township which is actually pretty big when you look at a township map.

If the Kenora Board could provide feedback I can pass along to Tom. We will not be able to get a third board as it was tough to get two as the intent of re drawing the boundaries was to have one board for each Detachment. Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls did not want this as they do not want to meet monthly, they do not want to travel to Kenora and the issues in Kenora are much different than that of Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution #1
Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-

That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held October 15, 2025 be confirmed as written and circulated.

Board Deliverables & Decisions

a) Board Self-Assessment
b) Confirm Annual Meeting Schedule

New self assessment tool – heather provided an example.

Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)

Outstanding Policy Development

a) Policy #KODB-4-1, Board Communication

Motion #3 – Moved by J. McGrath, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-
That Policy #KODB-4-1, Board Communication be hereby approved as amended.

Discussion about the OPP's communication and the visible posts.

Detachment Commander would be speaking about emergency.
6.4 change to: Coordination with the OPP Detachment Commander to confirm which elements of the event fall under operational communication in accordance with the OPP's communication policies.

Statistical Reporting
This is the October-December 2025 Kenora OPP Statistical Information. In February Jeff will do a year's data. The trend is not changing dramatically or September's report.

This report is just for the City of Kenora. The data is confusing if you include areas outside of the City of Kenora. There was one fatality in collision in the City in 2025. HTA numbers are up as they had a push at the end of the year to bring statistics up. Although impaired driving is lower than 2023, the numbers are high and we need to continue to get the message up.

There was a homicide in November, but it does not appear on the reporting because it is not cleared yet as it is an ongoing case. Sexual assault is down 23% and robberies are up 33% (small numbers being 3 or 4) and other offences are down 14.3%.

Detachment Commander Local Action Plan / Alignment with CSWBP

New year for the OPP Strategic Plan so there will be a new plan now. The Detachment Commanders bring forward what they hear from the Boards and incorporate those into the new Strategic Plan.

It as

Motion #4 – Moved by B. Manson, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-
That the October-December 2025 Statistical Information of the Kenora OPP be hereby received.

Strategic Plan
Sub Committee Update – strategic plan tracker

Heather will send out to everyone.

New Business

The Board made suggestions for future presentations to the Board. Some of the suggestions include:

- Justice Centre or we could go there
- CMHA
- Makwa Patrol
- NW Health Unit
- Chamber of Commerce
- BIZ
- Any other organizations that could be part of the solution in relation to downtown safety for the street people and for our residents
- Representative from both School Boards, Bill 31. They would like to have officers assigned and paid for by the Board. Until the officer compliment is full the OPP cannot accommodate any further
- Mental Health Centre of Excellence (Ministry)
- Supportive housing - WNHAC

Communication to the Board (emails directed to the Board)

- Public release of the first Decisions by the Inspector General of Policing with accompanying Findings Reports
- OAPSB Newsletter October-December 2025

Adjourn to Closed Session
Motion #5 – Moved by J. McGrath, Seconded by B. Manson & Carried:-

That in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, as amended, Section 44(2) authorization is now given for the Board to move into closed session to discuss items pertaining to the following:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual (1 matter)

Return to Open Session

Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, February 17 @ 2:00 p.m. – Kenora OPP Detachment Office