KENORA OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
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Kenora Police Services Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2026
3:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Meeting Room

Present: L. Koch, Chair
K. Van Belleghem, Member
J. McGrath, Member
S. Dias, Member
J. Duggan, Kenora OPP
H. Pihulak, Admin Support to the Board

Regrets: S. Norlen, Vice Chair

L. Koch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and member K. Van Belleghem 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.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion #1 – Moved by S. Dias, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:
That the Agenda for the July 8, 2026 Kenora OPP Detachment Board meeting be approved as amended.

2.0 Presentations/Delegations
Removed from agenda

3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)
Resolution #2
Moved by J. McGrath, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-
That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held March 30, 2026 be confirmed as written and circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)
It was questioned if anything has changed with the Crown's office and relief. There have been no changes other than a summer student in the office temporarily.

5.0 Outstanding Policy Development

Conflict of Interest Policy - #KODB-1-6
Resolution #3
Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by S. Dias & Carried:-

That the Kenora OPP Detachment Board 1 hereby adopts a Conflict of Interest policy #KODB-1-6 as presented.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Policy - #KODB-1-5
Resolution #4
Moved by J. McGrath, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-

That the Kenora OPP Detachment Board 1 hereby adopts a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy policy #KODB-1-5 as presented.

6.0 Statistical Reporting

March, April, May 2026 Statistical Information
The first form is something new person in crisis data form "PIC" for short. This form is in use and is being tweaked as it is being used and we anticipate it will get better and provide more information.

Traffic data, fatalities, personal injury and property damage. There have been no fatals in the city for this period. No criminal code and statues laid, and we are down in criminal code. HTA up 13% which is a push across the province which is in response to fatalities on the highway. This is more in response to what is occurring to what is happening on the highways. Making sure we are working with MTO and targeting traffic stops. 58% rise in 2026 for speeding, 5% for seatbelt and the impaired are down 13% from last year.

Violent crime is down for March, April May YTD, 26% and 29%. Property crime is up and there has been a rash of property crimes and they are not local crimes. Have recovered a lot of property that has been stolen. Thefts are up 45% and thefts under are up and they are having a meeting with the AGCO regarding some issues.

Drug crime unit is doing a lot of warrants and ceasing a lot of drugs which is good news for the community. Possession charges are up 91% and is reflecting a lot of good work. It was questioned how often officers are administrating narcan and Jeff can produce a report to reflect how often it is being administered. All officers carry at a minimum two.

Clearance rates are typical for Ontario at 74% violent and 37% for property.

The mental health data shows that 79% of calls are resolved at scene, 44% diverted from hospital and 70% of those use some type of community service. The conversations are happening with CMHA – 792 mental health calls are very high and we continue to question

if there is something else we can do with that. Other communities have other models such as using paramedics, however, our paramedics may not have capacity for that.

In 2026 we have had zero fatal overdoes, non-fatal we have had 12. YTD we are at 20. 2025 we were at 33. It is down, but it is not because people aren't overdosing it is because naloxone is being administered.

Cruiser patrol hours: 2024–1,600, 2025-1,500, 2026 2,400 hours
Foot patrol hours: 2024 636, 2025 320, 2026, March April May 623

CSP grant put in for the foot patrol and we have not heard back from the province. Summer is almost over and if we don't receive it by August we don't want to use it for winter. The downtown spaces, the activation of the spaces that has been happening through the tourism department we see a reduction in calls for service and brings people to town for purpose and pushes people out and do other things when there are many people downtown.

Bike patrols there are 4 members trained and one instructor. We are trying to get them out as much as we can and hope to see them out more in the next 2-3 months. Goal is downtown, visibility and talking to people. Driving down alleys, people don't expect them and it is focused on a community service tool. E-bikes might be coming but they are expensive.

Jeff went to BC for an officer exchange program and was placed in Langley BC and it is about 222 officers which is larger than ours. Their shift complements are not much higher than ours, there is a difference in how the policing is built, the civilians are employed by the City and the budget includes everything. Went to a meeting where they were asking for additional officers. Squamish is smaller than Kenora, but they have homeless issues, shelters, and safe injection sites so there is lots to learn from them. The purpose of the trip was to witness other detachment operations

Resolution #5
Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by J. McGrath & Carried:-
That the March, April & May 2026 Statistical Information of the Kenora OPP be hereby received.

12. Strategic Plan
- Removed

13. New Business

Zone 1 Meeting – April 30
K. Van Belleghem provided the main items discussed at this meeting which focused on the new Police Governance Organization from the OAPSB. The new platform requires new registration. Published on the website is new membership fees and elections guide. If there is training that you would like to see, please send into the PGO. Detachment Commander performance evaluations were reviewed and highlighted. Next meeting is November 4th and the goal is to have four meetings per year.

Police Service Board Chair Meeting – June 10 Thunder Bay
L. Koch attended the June 10 meeting virtually and Jeff was there in person. L. Koch shared the presentation with the Board. They did a presentation on granting and there is a lot of money available and they are there to support us in applying.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General's (SolGen) public safety grants fund initiatives that address key issues such as mental health, substance abuse, and crime prevention; enabling communities to take a proactive approach to public safety.

These grants emphasize multi-sectoral collaboration, bringing partners together to strengthen community well-being, reduce crime and ease the demand on police resources and the need for reactive law enforcement.

Accessing SolGen funding supports stronger partnerships between OPP detachments and municipalities, ensuring initiatives are locally driven and responsive to community needs.

Rabbit Lake Road Speed Enforcement
This item is a priority for the area and Council. They can do enforcement, but education and then enforcement is more helpful. If people are being stopped and it is a deterrent and if people see this it may slow people down.

How the OPP are using AI
Sandra Mouland is going to do a presentation to the Board as she is the officer focused on AI use.

Annual Report Submission
It is in getting translated and Jeff will share it with the Board. We need to present it to Council and it will appear on the July 21st agenda of Council.

Police Record Checks
There will be new requirements for criminal record checks for school boards and that is hundreds of checks. It was questioned if this was something that would be processed through OPP. The volunteer checks that are done they are conducted by the police jurisdiction of the area you live.

13. Communication to the Board (emails directed to the Board)
- None

14. Next Meeting Date
- Tuesday, September 15 @ 2:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers