KENORA OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
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Kenora Police Services Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers Meeting Room

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

Regrets: S. Dias, Member

L. Koch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and member S. Norlen 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 J. McGrath, Seconded by S. Norlen & Carried:
That the Agenda for the September 15, 2026 Kenora OPP Detachment Board meeting be approved as amended.

2.0 Presentations/Delegations

Policing in the Digital Age, Sandra Mouland
Sandra has been working with OPP since 2008 and have lived here since 1991. She has spent the last six years have been in the video evidence unit.

Sandra provided an overview of what the video evidence unit does. The unit has remote access to many cameras throughout the city that are beyond just the City owned assets. They have relationships with many partners in the community that are owned by other community partners. There is an internal tasking system that was developed in 2020 that

is used internally. There are approximately 434 camera views from other partners. In 2025 there were 3,161 review hours of video footage.

Community connection and frontline integration is a model that is admired amongst other communities, and the footage is assisting the crown in prosecuting crime related matters.

The officers do not watch active video footage; they are only using it search for specific incidents. Sandra provided an overview of the technology and how it is used.

The more access to video the police have, the more helpful it is to solve crime. The public can register their home or business security cameras with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) through the CAMSafe Registry. CAMSafe is a voluntary program that helps police quickly locate potential video evidence if a crime happens near your property. Register at: https://camsafe.ca/register.

D/C Duggan advised the Board that detachment officers are going to be attending the Police Services Board meetings. Two members of the OPP joined the meeting today, one coach officer and one new recruit.

3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)
Resolution #2
Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by J. McGrath & Carried:-
That the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Kenora Police Services Board held July 8, 2026 be confirmed as written and circulated.

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes (Outstanding Items)
- None

5.0 Outstanding Policy Development

Code of Conduct Policy #KODB-1-7
Resolution #3
Moved by S. Norlen, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-

That the Kenora OPP Detachment Board 1 hereby adopts a Code of Conduct Policy #KODB-1-7 as presented.

Resolution #4
Moved by K. Van Belleghem, Seconded by J. McGrath & Carried:-

That the Kenora OPP Detachment Board 1 hereby adopts a Board Member and Training Policy#KODB-2-3 as presented.

6.0 Statistical Reporting

June, July and August 2026 Statistical Information
D/C Duggan provided an overview of the June, July and August 2026 stats for the detachment. Overall, the report shows a decrease in crimes apart from thefts under. Social disorder crimes are still up, and this is what is driving our policing costs. Violent crime has decreased over last year, and sexual offences have decreased over same time last year,

and firearms, robbery occurrences and everything is coming down. Overdose occurrences have increased. Violent crime is 80.3; public complaints are low with only 3 this reporting period. 453 foot patrol, 27.5 bike patrols, we have a trainer now so we can train as many people as we want to which will allow for expanding that program next summer. There is talk about obtaining e-bikes which would make it easier for officers to move around. There is an increase in fatal motor vehicle collisions.

In the last two weeks, and particularly two days last week, we had almost 60 overdose calls. The NWHU and WNHAC came out and helped with naloxone kits and there is a bad batch of drugs in town. The opioids are extensive and we are saving people with the naloxone kits because they are visible and in visible areas. They are seeing it in groups of users.

It was questioned if there is a way to break out the calls for service for the Shell and Safeway that Council can have during budget discussions which will demonstrate the increased calls for service. The billable calls for service data are up (Jan-Aug 7,141) billable calls for service increase of almost 2,000 hours. It was questioned if OPP should be attending ambulance assist calls as those are all billable calls. There are several reasons charges are withdrawn but the Crown is withdrawing 57% of the charges the OPP lay. D/C Duggan continues to have conversations with the Crown with what other process can be done that won't result in withdrawing charges.

The Golden Helmets event that was held last weekend enjoyed their visit and they want to return.

D/C Duggan met with the Mayor, Heather and Council discussing actions that they are going to incorporate into their operational plans. They are getting three new recruits in November and two in January which is an additional five team members.

Resolution #5
Moved by S. Norlen, Seconded by K. Van Belleghem & Carried:-
That the June, July and August 2026 Statistical Information of the Kenora OPP be hereby received.

10. Strategic Plan

None

11. New Business

a) Police Governance Ontario (PGO) Zone 1 Annual Conference -November 4, Thunder Bay

Chair Lindsay Koch will attend.

b) Bike Patrol Program Report

They will be training more officers for next summer and looking into e-bikes for the officers.

c) 2027 Budget Submission

Heather provided the 2027 budget submission to Council.

d) Community Safety & Well Being Plan update–Q2 Report, Eric Shih

Eric highlighted the areas of the Q2 report for the work of the Community Safety & Well Being Coordinator and Committee.

This study is above and beyond what any other municipality is doing. If there could be a joint statement done.

e) 2026-2029 Kenora Detachment Action Plan

The document was shared with the Board and will be published on the City's website.

13. Communication to the Board (emails directed to the Board)

- None

14. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 20 @ 2:00 p.m. City Hall 2nd Floor Board Room which will focus on the D/C performance appraisal.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.