

LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held at the Township of O'Connor Municipal Office
On Wednesday, April 25, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Ziggy Polkowski, Municipality of Neebing
 Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee
 Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor
 Councillor Bill Groenheide, Township of Gillies

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing and Board Secretary
 Acting Staff Sergeant John Reppard, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment

Staff Sergeant John Reppard, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment Commander
 Mr. Graham Wight, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- (a) Call to Order: The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m
- (b) Approval of the Agenda: Chair Holland asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda. None were forthcoming.

Res. No. 2018-001

Moved by: Member Polkowski
 Seconded by: Member Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this evening's meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED ✓

- (c) Request/Receive Declarations of Interest: Chair Holland called for any declarations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. No declarations were received.

2. REPORTS, DEPUTATIONS, OR CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING DIRECTION:

2.1 Deputation by Mr. Graham Wight

Mr. Wight advised members present that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services does not recognize the Lakehead Police Services Board as a legally constituted Board because it is not following the rules in the Police Services Act relating to Board composition.

Chair Holland explained the discussion he and others present, including the Secretary, had had with Minister LaLonde during the ROMA conference in Toronto in February.

Mr. Wight indicated that, despite those comments, there is no choice at this time but to abide by the provisions of the Police Services Board as it currently exists. Only two council representatives are permitted on a five person Board. Accordingly, none of the meetings of the Board held to date are considered legal, as there was never a quorum present.

The Ministry will not recognize the Board, and will direct the Thunder Bay Detachment of the OPP not to recognize the Board, and will not begin recruiting for Provincially-appointed members of the board, unless and until the Board composition conforms to the legislation.

Further discussion regarding these matters took place.

No satisfactory conclusion could be reached.

Mr. Wight left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Members present discussed next steps. By consensus, it was agreed that each Municipal Council would be requested to confirm the appointments of Mayor Holland (Conmee) and Councillor Loan (O'Connor), plus a community representative, whose name would be put forward by the Municipality of Neebing.

Members present confirmed the desire for Chair Holland and Vice Chair Loan to attend the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards conference in Southern Ontario in May.

3. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no recognized quorum, Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Kevin Holland
BOARD CHAIR

Rosalie A. Evans
BOARD SECRETARY