

LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held at the Township of O'Connor Municipal Office
On Thursday, December 13, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee
Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor
Mr. Joseph Beitz, Community Member (resident of Neebing)

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing and Board Secretary
Inspector Al Gordon, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment Commander
Officer Gerritt Beitz, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment

GUESTS: Councillor Karen O'Gorman, Township of Gillies

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming Year

Secretary Evans called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. for the purposes of selection of Chair and Vice Chair. She asked for nominations for the Chair's seat.

Councillor Loan nominated Mayor Holland. Member Holland agreed to stand for the role. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and Mayor Holland acclaimed as Chair.

Secretary Evans asked for nominations for the Vice Chair's seat.

Member Beitz nominated Councillor Loan. Councillor Loan agreed to stand for the role. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and Councillor Loan acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

Secretary Evans turned the Chair back over to Chair Holland.

(b) Call to Order

Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

(c) Attendance

Attendance was recorded.

(d) 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. 2018-013

Moved by: Member Beitz

Seconded by: Vice Chair Loan

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. DEPUTATIONS, REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING DIRECTION:

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting November 8, 2018 (for approval)

Members present reviewed the minutes. The Secretary noted that the date on the first page needed to be corrected. No other changes were requested.

Res. No. 2018-014

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Beitz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meeting held on November 8th, 2018, be amended to correct the date on the first page, and approved as amended.

CARRIED ✓

2.2 Administrative Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes

Members present reviewed the report. Chair Holland advised that he is aware, based on his seat at the NOMA table, that NOMA is seeking to have the policing funding formula adjusted.

Secretary Evans was directed to draft a "Mission Statement" and "Job Description" for members, and present them for discussion at the next meeting.

2.3 Administrative Report on Upcoming Requirements

It was noted that Bill 175 is currently "on hold". Some parts will be going ahead at some point. More information may be available from the ROMA conference in January, 2019.

2.4 Request from Gillies to Discuss "A Review of Costs Related to Board Formation and Ongoing Function"

Councillor O'Gorman advised that Gillies is seeking a sense of the final commitment, as well as ongoing costs. Secretary Evans advised that the 2019 budget would be presented at the April 24th meeting. No dire changes are anticipated from the 2018 budget.

2.5 Request from Gillies to Discuss "Mechanism for Reporting to Municipalities without Representation on the Board"

Members present discussed the matter. It was noted that the meetings are open, and can be attended by any member representatives. Minutes are provided to the Clerks of all member

municipalities. Chair Holland advised he is open to calls with questions at any time. Vice Chair Loan confirmed the same.

2.6 Report from Staff Sargeant Reppard Regarding November Calls

Officer Beitz was introduced. Inspector Gordon advised he is assigned to the Lakehead Police Service Board as liaison officer.

Officer Beitz reviewed the calls report with members present – noting there was not a large time gap between this meeting and the last one. It was noted that RIDE programs are not considered calls for service.

It was noted that there may be some border issues regarding calls for service – for example – the park at Kakabeka Falls is technically in Oliver Paipoonge, but is tagged for Conmee.

There was discussion about cannabis impairment recognition and legal challenges. The OPP is training “drug recognition experts”.

Members present discussed “focus patrols”.

There was discussion about the “Center of Responsibility” for the District of Thunder Bay. It is a “situation table”. It is growing. Information sharing with Kenora is occurring. The group is looking for funding in order to continue.

Chair Holland addressed issues impacting police, ambulance and emergency rooms relating to mental health and addiction calls.

3. REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:

3.1 Correspondence Received

There was discussion about what “hosting” a Zone 1 meeting looks like. Facilities are not available within our municipalities.

Chair Holland indicated he would be willing to volunteer to be Interim Zone 1 Chair if the Board supported that.

Res. No. 2018-015

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Beitz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board supports Chair Holland acting as Interim Zone 1 Chair.

CARRIED ✓

3.2 Correspondence Sent

As noted in the Agenda, no correspondence had been sent since the last meeting.

3.3 Power Point from TBDML Conference

Members present reviewed the presentation.

4. **BY-LAWS:**

No by-laws were presented for passage.

5. **DISCUSSION: NEW BUSINESS RAISED BY MEMBERS; DISCUSSION WITH OPP; ETC.**

Chair Holland remarked on the report relating to the Thunder Bay Police Service Board and asked whether there is any “fallout” for the OPP. Inspector Gordon advised this was specific to the City. The OPP may be requested to peer review investigations, but nothing has transpired as yet. Chair Holland asked whether this would impact our member municipalities. Inspector Gordon replied that, if the OPP were asked to assist the Thunder Bay Police, people would be brought in from outside the area and there would be no impact.

Chair Holland asked whether the Provincial level concerns about the appointment of the Commissioner was impacting morale or having any other implications. Officer Beitz indicated that, from the “front line”, there is no day to day impact. The rank continues to be respected.

Inspector Gordon advised the Board that half of the command staff of the OPP will be eligible to retire this spring. A succession plan is in place, so things should not be too disrupted.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed Session was held at this meeting of the Board.

7. **ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

There being no further business to attend to, Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present wished all a Merry Christmas, and all the best in the New Year.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Kevin Holland
BOARD CHAIR

Rosalie A. Evans
BOARD SECRETARY