

LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICE BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held at the Township of O'Connor Municipal Office

January 8th, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee, Municipal Appointee
Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor, Municipal Appointee
Cathy Woodbeck, Provincial Appointee
Inspector Al Gordon, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment Commander
Officer Chris Lawrence, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for Municipality of Neebing and Board Secretary
Shara Lavallée, Board Secretary appointed for 2020 (arrived 6:03 pm)

REGRETS: Officer Gerritt Beitz, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Vacant – Provincial Appointee
Vacant – Community Appointee

GUESTS: Mayor Erwin Butikofer, Municipality of Neebing
John Sobolta, local resident
Tom Gervais, Police Services Advisor (Ministry of the Solicitor General)
(arrived 6:12 p.m.)

1. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

Secretary Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 nominations for the Vice Chair's seat. Member Woodbeck 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 by Chair

Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Secretary Lavallée arrived at 6:03 p.m. and took over secretarial duties.

(c) Approval and/or Amendment of the Agenda

Chair Holland asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda. Chair Holland requested the following addition:

Chair Report to be added as Item 3(j)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended

CARRIED

(d) Request/Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (if any)

Chair Holland called for any declarations of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. No declarations were received.

2. DEPUTATIONS, REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING DIRECTION

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting held October 21, 2019

Members present reviewed the minutes. No amendments were requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be approved

CARRIED

2.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Members present reviewed the report and discussed various portions.

Inspector Gordon requested a copy of the Board's current contract with the OPP. Secretary Lavallee was directed to fulfill this request.

Inspector Gordon directed the Board's attention to Section 10 grants available to the Board. Some people present expressed the understanding that the Section 10 grants would not be applicable to the Board's situation or goals. Inspector Gordon provided an example: the Municipality of Shuniah had received a Section 10 grant (specially Community and Safety Policing) to obtain funding for one extra police officer.

Chair Holland noted that an additional police officer could be used for by-law enforcement. However, Inspector Gordon explained that municipal by-law enforcement by police officers would be restricted by existing contract stipulations. Additionally, municipal by-laws must be carefully constructed to ensure both validity and reliability without merely 'doubling up' on provincial laws. It is important for the municipalities to identify which by-laws are appropriate for OPP enforcement before moving forward on this option.

Temiskaming as an exception to the detachment-wide board imposition

Mr. Gervais clarified the current situation with Temiskaming and its police board. No decision has been made regarding to a proposed exception to the detachment-wide board imposition. Mr. Gervais did acknowledge the challenges experienced by unorganized and large rural townships regarding police service boards. Board members responded with the argument that current OPP billing isn't sustainable using the current methods of calculation.

Draft Response to the Township of Gillies

Regarding the withdrawal from the Board by the Township of Gillies, Mr. Gervais confirmed that the province is responsible for any withdrawals or changes to the Board. Inspector Gordon confirmed that he is willing to meet with the Gillies council to discuss their desire for withdrawal from the Board. Due to potential changes in board detachment structure, it may be best to adopt a 'wait and see' approach before making adjustments to the current board. Mr. Gervais and the Board discussed the proper response to the concerns of the Township of Gillies. Administration shall prepare a response as directed.

Community Member Appointee

The Board reviewed the application of interest by John Sobolta for the Community Member position on the board. Personal information regarding Mr. Sobolta was available to the Board under Item 6.1 of the agenda. Upon discussion with Mr. Sobolta, the Board agreed with his suitability for the position. The Secretary was directed to send a letter to all member municipalities to approve Mr. Sobolta's appointment to the Board.

Break

Before continuing to the next item, Chair Holland paused the meeting so that Mr. Gervais could introduce himself to the Board and staff. Mr. Gervais was appointed as Police Services Advisor by the Ministry of the Solicitor General. Previously, he had been employed by the Windsor Police for 30 years. He expressed an appreciation for the challenges present in Northern Ontario, especially the geographical challenges associated with providing police services. Mr. Gervais is available to provide advice to board members (as a group or as an individual). He can also advise municipalities regarding their issues or concerns. If requested, he will attempt to attend meetings.

2.3 Budget 2020

Secretary Evans reported that reconciliation has been completed. Chair Holland advised which 2020 meetings he expects to attend. The budget shall be adjusted to reflect this information.

3. REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Correspondence (chronologically)

- (a) October 23, 2019: Email from OAPSB Administration regarding OAPSB "News and Updates"
- (b) October 29, 2019: Email from OAPSB Administration regarding OPP Governance Summit (January 30th) and providing a summary of discussion relating to Bill 175 (from May 25th) as well as a power point presentation on "OPP Detachment Boards" from the AMO 2019 Conference (August, 2019)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chair Holland is authorized to attend the OPP Governance Summit on January 30th 2020

CARRIED

- (c) November 2, 2019: Email from Secretary of OAPSB Zone 1, enclosing:
 - 1. Minutes of the October 10th, 2019 Zone meeting
 - 2. Kevin Holland's report (circulated at that meeting); and
 - 3. Report from Graham Wight (who was unable to attend the meeting).
- (d) November 4, 2019: Email from OAPSB Administration regarding "Next Generation 911", enclosing a statement regarding same and terms of reference regarding same.
- (e) November 22, 2019: Email from OAPSB Administration "November News and Updates"
- (f) November 28, 2019: Email exchange between Secretary of OAPSB Zone 1 and Past Board Secretary regarding board position vacancies/appointments.
- (g) December 2, 2019: Email from OAPSB Administration with links to initiatives of the OAPSB
- (h) December 10, 2019: Email from Secretary of OAPSB Zone 1, enclosing all of the following:
 - 1. Zone 1 Report dated May 22, 2019 (from Kevin Holland for the Directors' meeting)
 - 2. Zone 1 Report dated October 9, 2019 (from Kevin Holland for the Directors' meeting)
 - 3. Board of Directors Meeting minutes for meeting held October 9, 2019
 - 4. Zone 1 Report dated November 28, 2019 (from Kevin Holland for the Directors'

meeting)

5. Agenda for Board of Directors meeting November 28*, 2019
6. Letter from Chair of Zone 1 (Kevin Holland) to members of Zone 1 relating to circulation of his reports, etc.

- (i) Email from OAPSB Administration reminding members of the OAPSB Governance Summit
- (j) Chair Report

Chair Holland provided a summary of the following activities and responded to questions:

- Attended TBDML conference October 25-26th 2019
- Attended OAPSB meeting November 28th 2019
- Offered a position on the Ontario Police Arbitration Commission
- Conversation with Inspector Commander Gordon regarding monthly statistical reports

Chair Holland expressed the growing desire in the district for more proactive approaches to illegal drugs. There are concerns the illegal drugs are becoming more lethal.

4. BY-LAWS

none

5. DISCUSSION: new business raised by members, discussion with OPP, etc

Review of Monthly Call Reports

Inspector Commander Gordon provided a brief summary and review of the call reports. Past Secretary Evans asked about enforcement of false alarms fines to recover policing costs. While municipalities do have the right to collect false alarms fines, care must be taken not to discourage use of alarms or 911. New training and software is being planned to reduce the number of false alarms and nuisance calls. It was also noted that service hours were down for the member municipalities.

Police Board Structure

Chair Holland requested clarification regarding the need for member municipalities to share borders. Mr. Gervais explained that shared borders is not a requirement for membership in a police services board. However, shared borders are a requirement for municipal policing yet a waiver of this requirement may be requested.

Police Services Call

It was noted that approximately 75% of the police calls were not property related but social service related.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1 Information relating to Individual interested in Appointment as a Community Member

Appointment to the Community Member position shall be done through resolution by member municipalities. The Secretary shall bring such documents back at the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 8th 2020.