

Lakehead Police Services Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Web Conference

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee, Municipal Appointee
Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor, Municipal Appointee
Cathy Woodbeck, Provincial Appointee
Axel Nowak, Provincial Appointee
Faith Ling, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Dave Moscall, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Erika Kromm, Board Secretary
Mayor Erwin Butikofer, Municipality of Neebing, Guest

REGRETS: John Sobolta, Municipal Appointee

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1. Call to Order

Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Holland asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda. None were requested.

Resolution No. 2021-004

Moved by: Member Woodbeck

Seconded by: Member Nowak

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

CARRIED ✓

1.3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1. Minutes of the Meeting held January 13, 2021

Members present reviewed the minutes. One correction was noted to Member Nowak's name in the attendance section of the minutes.

Resolution No. 2021-005

Moved by: Member Nowak
Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meeting held on January 13, 2021 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED ✓

2.2. Matters arising from Minutes

There was some discussion regarding upcoming changes to the Police Services Act.

3. Petitions and Delegations

There were no petitions or deputations received for this meeting.

4. Reports

4.1. Draft Budget 2021

Members reviewed the draft budget for 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-006

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan
Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021 budget appended to the report be approved.

CARRIED ✓

4.2. Police Report – January, February, March 2021

Officer Ling provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

Member Loan noted that he will contact Officer Ling with any questions.

There was some discussion regarding the increase in calls due to COVID, in particular, mental health calls. Officer Moscall advised that Canadian Mental Health would be willing to attend a meeting. The Board Secretary was directed to arrange to have Canadian Mental Health to present at a future meeting.

Officer Ling stressed the importance of the public calling the OPP to report incidents so that the detachment can more strategically place officers.

Officer Ling left the meeting at 6:52 pm.

4.3. Chair Report (if any)

Chair Holland provided an overview of the recent OAPSB activities. There was good representation for the Lakehead Police Services Board at the Zone 1 meeting. Much of the Zone 1 meeting focused on advocating for the challenges surrounding the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans and the inclusion of First Nations in the new detachment board structures. The Board Secretary was directed to draft a letter to OAPSB regarding these challenges.

Chair Holland was appointed to the arbitration board with no added cost to the Lakehead Police Services Board. The arbitration board only deals with the Section 31 contracts, which only include Thunder Bay and Dryden within the detachment.

Chair Holland participated in the interviews for the new Detachment Commander and is confident that Chris Lawrence will do a good job.

4.4. Member Report (if any)

Member Woodbeck advised that she received an email for provincial appointees advising of an upcoming training series.

Chair Holland asked if the new members felt that the OAPSB Zone 1 meeting was beneficial. Both members Nowak and Woodbeck advised the meeting was beneficial and provided greater context to ongoing issues.

4.5. Meeting with Shuniah Regarding Detachment Boards

Chair Holland advised that he would like to advocate for two separate boards within the Thunder Bay Detachment and would like to arrange a meeting with the Shuniah Police Services Board. The Board Secretary was directed to send a letter to the Shuniah Police Services Board to arrange a meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1. March 1, 2020: Email from OAPSB 2020 Spring Conference and AGM (May 27 - 28, 2021) Sponsorship

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

5.2. March 10, 2020: Email from OAPSB 2020 AGM (May 27 - 28, 2021) Call for Resolutions

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolutions was passed.

5.3. March 16, 2020: Email from OAPSB 2020 AGM (May 27 - 28, 2021) Registration

Members present reviewed the correspondence. Chair Holland will be attending as a member of the OASPB. The Lakehead Police Services Board will not send another member.

5.4. March 22, 2021: Letter from Solicitor General regarding Update on the New Detachment Boards

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

5.5. March 25, 2021: Email from OAPSB regarding Detachment Board Proposal Submission Process

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

5.6. March 29, 2021: Letter from Township of Gillies regarding 2020 LPSB Invoice

Members present reviewed the correspondence. Members are holding to their original position that the Township of Gillies is required to pay the 2020 invoice.

6. By-laws

No by-laws were presented for passage.

7. New Business

No new business was raised by members at this meeting.

8. Closed Session

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

9. Adjournment

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