

Lakehead Police Services Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

January 13, 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
John Sobolta, Municipal Appointee
Chris Lawrence, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Faith Ling, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Dave Moscall, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Erika Kromm, Board Secretary

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Secretary assumed the chair and formally called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Member Nowak nominated Member Holland. Member Loan seconded the nomination. Member Holland was asked whether he would stand for election, and he advised that he would. The Secretary called for further nominations. None were forthcoming. Member Holland was acclaimed as Chair of the Board for 2021.

The Secretary then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Nowak nominated Member Loan. Member Sobolta seconded the nomination. Member Loan was asked whether he would stand for election, and he advised that he would. The Secretary called for further nominations. None were forthcoming. Member Loan was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2021.

The Secretary turned the chair over to Chair Holland.

1.3. 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. 2021-001

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

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

CARRIED ✓

1.4. 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 October 20, 2020

Members present reviewed the minutes. One correction was noted to Inspector Gordon's name at Item 4.1.

Resolution No. 2021-002

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meeting held on October 20, 2020 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED ✓

2.2. Matters arising from Minutes

There was no discussion on matters arising from the minutes.

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. Expenses are expected to be similar to 2020, with the exception that no one will be attending the Labour Conference. Gillies' portion of the budget will be distributed among the other member municipalities. The Secretary of the Board will present the revised budget at the April meeting.

4.2. Police Report – October, November, December 2020

Officer Ling provided an overview of the report and responded to questions about COVID quarantine checks.

Member Loan noted the report indicated that O'Connor had an animal incident in which the by-law officer responded; however, Administration does not recall such an incident involving their by-law officer. Officer Ling will follow-up to confirm that the incident occurred in O'Connor Township.

4.3. Chair Report (if any)

Chair Holland provided an overview of the recent OAPSB activities. The OAPSB variance report shows the association is in a positive position. Information regarding board structures was received; however, no news on the legislation. Zone 1 did not have a meeting in the fall.

Chair Holland participated in an arbitration meeting.

Training has not been completed for members Nowak and Sobolta. Chair Holland will follow-up.

4.4. Member Report (if any)

There were no reports from any of the members for this meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1. October 26, 2020: Email from OAPSB Chair regarding OAPSB Membership Renewal

The Board Secretary was directed to renew the OAPSB membership for 2021. Members will review the membership for 2022.

5.2. November 2, 2020: Email from OAPSB regarding an anti-Semitism Resolution passed by the Halton Police Board

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Resolution No. 2021-003

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lakehead Police Services Board supports the resolution passed by the Halton Police Board regarding anti-Semitism.

CARRIED ✓

5.3. November 25, 2020: Email from OAPSB regarding a review of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment Program

Members present reviewed the correspondence; however, there is not sufficient time to respond.

5.4. December 7, 2020: Email OAPSB Newsletter regarding membership renewal, website member input survey and Labour Seminar presentation downloads

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

5.5. December 21, 2020: Email OAPSB Newsletter regarding website member input survey, save the date for virtual conference (May 27 - 29, 2021) and membership renewal

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

5.6. January 4, 2021: Email from Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding new Lakehead Group contract and municipal appointment

Members present reviewed the correspondence. Members discussed the assignment of officers and requirement for an annual review of by-laws. Any additional comments or questions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. **By-laws**

No by-laws were presented for passage.

7. **New Business**

Member Woodbeck asked if there were any upcoming changes relating to the board structures. Nothing new was known but it was speculated that changes likely would not occur until after the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans were due in July 2021.

Chair Holland asked how the declaration of a State of Emergency changed operations for the OPP. Inspector Lawrence advised that they now had the authority to disperse crowds and issue fines for violating orders. The OPP will take an educational approach before using other enforcement options.

Inspector Lawrence advised that the OPP will be going into a recruitment process for the Commander position at the detachment. The Superintendent will reach out to discuss further.

Member Loan welcomed John Sobolta as a member to the board.

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 6:51 pm.