

Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: 3267 Highway 130, Rosslyn, ON

PRESENT: Councillor Don Smith, Municipality of Shuniah
Councillor Brian Wright, Municipality of Neebing
Councillor John Sobolta, Township of O'Connor
Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam, Community Representative
Ralph Falcioni, Community Representative
Rox-Anne Moore, Community Representative
Caleb Garrow-Ledoux, Provincial Representative
Robert Michelizzi, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Josh Kluge, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Erika Kromm, Board Secretary

REGRETS: Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)
Clarke Chapman, Lac Des Mille Lacs
Beth Boon, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)
Councillor David Halvorsen, Township of Connemara
Reeve Wendy Wright, Township of Gillies

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

1.2. Approval and/or Amendment of the Agenda

Chair Smith asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda.

Resolution No. 2025-011

Moved by: Member Brian Wright

Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

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

CARRIED ✓

1.3. Request/Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (if any)

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.1. Minutes of the Meeting held June 12, 2025

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Resolution No. 2025-012

Moved by: Member Caleb Garrow-Ledoux
Seconded by: Member John Sobolta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meetings held on June 12, 2025 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

2.2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Members present reviewed the report.

3. Reports and Items for Discussion

3.1. Police Report

Members reviewed the police reports. Insp. Michelizzi responded to questions and provided an update on recruitment activities. Chris Bortolin was the successful candidate for the Staff Sergeant position. Nearly all positions have been filled.

Insp. Michelizzi responded to questions about the reports. There was some discussion about the call statistics.

The Secretary was directed to find out if anyone was signing up for the CamSafe program.

3.2. Annual Report (due June 30)

Members present reviewed the report. One correction was noted on page 44. The Secretary was directed to circulate the annual report to member communities.

3.3. OPP Reporting Statistics Resolution

Members present reviewed the report. There was some discussion regarding the statistics. Additional information is needed to provide more details for the resolution. The resolution will be revised and brought forward for another review at a later meeting.

3.4. Board Appointments Resolution

Members present reviewed the report.

Resolution No. 2025-013

Moved by: Member Rox-Anne Moore
Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

WHEREAS the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 135/24 under the CSPA created the OPP Detachment Boards across the province, including the Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Board (operating as the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board);

AND WHEREAS the regulation requires members to be appointed to the boards by either the communities or the Minister as outlined in Table 1 of the regulation;

AND WHEREAS to date the Minister has only appointed one of the three provincial representatives to the Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Board (operating as the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board);

AND WHEREAS there have been multiple qualified individuals apply to the province to be a member of the board who have not receive any response;

AND WHEREAS without a full complement of members, it is a challenge to have quorum at board meetings and advance the business of the Board;

AND WHEREAS there are many OPP Detachment Boards and Police Service Boards that are still waiting for appointments of provincial representatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Board (operating as the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board) respectfully request that the Public Appointments Secretariat put sufficient resources in place to fast-track appointments to this Board and other boards across the province;

AND FURTHER THAT a review be conducted to determine where improvements and efficiencies can be implemented in the application and appointments processes;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Treasury Board Secretariat, Solicitor General, Inspectorate of Policing, MPP Kevin Holland and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.

CARRIED ✓

4. Correspondence

4.1. September 1, 2025: Email from OAPSB Zone 1 – OACP & OAPSB Zone 1 Annual Meeting

Members reviewed the correspondence. The Secretary was directed to rsvp the following members for the annual joint meeting: Rox-Anne, Ralph, Caleb, Brian, John and Don.

4.2. August 26, 2025: Email from OAPSB – Fall Forward Updates: Training, Budget Prep & Governance Tools

4.3. July 15, 2025: Letter from Inspector General of Policing – Inspector General Memo #6: Release of the Inspector General of Policing 2024 Annual Report

4.4. June 30, 2025: Email from OAPSB – Quarterly Newsletter 2nd Edition

Members reviewed the correspondence in 4.2 to 4.4. No resolutions were passed.

5. By-laws

There were no by-laws presented at this meeting.

6. New Business

The Secretary was directed to draft a press release to announce the new board.

7. Closed Session

There were no closed session items for this meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.