

Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

January 15, 2026 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
 Ralph Falcioni, Community Representative
 Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam, Community Representative
 Rox-Anne Moore, Community Representative
 Caleb Garrow-Ledoux, Provincial Representative
 Christopher Bortolin, 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 Conmee
 Reeve Wendy Wright, Township of Gillies

1. **Preliminary Matters**

1.1. **Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Year**

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Member Don Smith was nominated by those present. Member Don Smith was asked whether he would stand for election, and he advised that he would. The Secretary called for further nominations. None were forthcoming. Member Don Smith was acclaimed as Chair of the Board for 2026.

The Secretary then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Brian Wright was nominated by those present. Member Brian Wright was asked whether he would stand for election, and he advised that he would. The Secretary called for further nominations. None were forthcoming. Member Brian Wright was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2026.

The Secretary turned the chair over to Chair Smith.

1.2. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

1.3. **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. 2026-001

Moved by: Member Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam

Seconded by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for tonight's meeting be amended by adding in closed session, Item 7.1, a verbal report regarding a personnel matter.

CARRIED ✓

1.4. 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 November 20, 2025

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Resolution No. 2026-002

Moved by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meetings held on November 20, 2025 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

2.2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Reports and Items for Discussion

3.1. Police Report – November and December 2025

Members reviewed the police reports. There was some discussion regarding the impaired driving stats.

It was determined that going forward the reports will be quarterly reports rather than monthly, due to the change in meeting frequency.

3.2. Detachment Commander Performance Management

Members reviewed the report. It was determined that Ralph Falconi, Rox-Anne Moore, Brian Wright and Don smith will sit on a sub-committee to determine the Action Plan Commitments that are due to the OPP Strategy Management Unit by March 31st.

3.3. 2026 Insurance Renewal

Members present reviewed the report.

Resolution No. 2026-003

Moved by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the insurance renewal proposal from Intact Public Entities for 2026.

CARRIED ✓

3.4. 2026 Budget

Members present reviewed the report.

Resolution No. 2026-004

Moved by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

Seconded by: Member John Sobolta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves the 2026 budget appended to the report with amendments that remove the OAPSB membership and meeting expenses.

CARRIED ✓

4. Correspondence

- 4.1. November 19, 2025: Letter from SolGen – Update to O. Reg 416/23: Oaths and Affirmations under CSPA
- 4.2. November 24, 2025: Email from OAPSB – A Look at the OPP's 2024 Snapshot and What it Means for Your Detachment Board
- 4.3. December 5, 2025: Email from OAPSB – New Governance Tools Now Available for Boards and Administrators
- 4.4. December 15, 2025: Email from IoP – Public Release of the First Decisions by the Inspector General of Policing with Accompanying Findings Reports
- 4.5. December 19, 2025: Email from OAPSB – Year End Reflections and What to Expect in 2026
- 4.6. December 23, 2025: Email from OAPSB – Fourth Quarter Newsletter and a Look Ahead to 2026
- 4.7. January 2, 2026: Email from OAPSB – New Year Update: Legislative Changes and Discussion Groups Now Open

Members reviewed the correspondence in 4.1 to 4.7. No resolutions were passed.

5. By-laws

There were no by-laws presented at this meeting.

6. New Business

Chair Smith brought up the need to send out a media release to introduce the Board. The Secretary was directed to draft a media release and have the Chair review it before circulating.

7. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2026-005

Moved by: Member Ralph Falcioni

Seconded by: Member John Sobolta

The time being 6:11 pm, the Board will enter closed session under paragraph 44(1)(b) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* to consider item 7, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

7.1. Personnel Matters

The Detachment Commander provided a verbal report regarding a personnel matter and responded to questions from Members. There was no direction for action related to this matter.

Resolution No. 2026-006

Moved by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

The time being 6:24 pm, the Board will rise from closed session and reconvene in open session.

CARRIED ✓

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.