

# Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

June 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: 4766 Highway 61, Neebing, ON

**PRESENT:** Reeve Wendy Wright, Township of Gillies  
Councillor Don Smith, Municipality of Shuniah  
Councillor Brian Wright, Municipality of Neebing  
Councillor David Halvorsen, Township of Conmee  
Councillor John Sobolta, Township of O'Connor  
Robert Michelizzi, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment  
Christopher Bortolin, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment  
Erika Kromm, Board Secretary

**REGRETS:** Beth Boon, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)  
Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)  
Clarke Chapman, Lac Des Mille Lacs

There was no quorum for this meeting. Agenda items were informally reviewed.

### **1. Preliminary Matters**

#### **1.1. Updates on Council Appointments**

Members provided updates on who has been formally appointed by their Councils.

#### **1.2. Oaths of Office**

John Sobolta and Dave Halvorsen completed the Oath of Office.

#### **1.3. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Year**

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Member Wright nominated Member Smith. Member 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 Smith was acclaimed as Chair of the Board for 2024.

The Secretary then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Halvorsen nominated Member Wright. Member 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 Wright was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2024.

The Secretary turned the chair over to Chair Smith.

#### **1.4. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

### **1.5. Approval and/or Amendment of the Agenda**

Chair Smith asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda. There were no amendments.

### **1.6. 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 May 2, 2024**

Members present reviewed the minutes. No changes were noted.

### **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**

Members reviewed the police reports. There was some discussion regarding assault statistics and the new report format that was being developed. Vice-Chair Wright requested a ride program or focused patrol at West Oliver Lake.

### **3.2. Draft Budget 2024**

Members reviewed the report. The Secretary was directed to bump up the office supplies budget to \$200 and to request that the member municipalities approve the levy allocation and remuneration.

There was some discussion about the officers that were assigned to the different areas of the detachment. The Board requested the opportunity to meet the officers.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **4.1. May 27, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Important Announcement**

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

### **4.2. June 3, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Zone 1 September 2023 Minutes**

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

### **4.3. June 6, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Next Zone 1 Meeting**

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

## **5. By-laws**

### **5.1. Procedure By-law**

Members present reviewed the by-law. The Secretary was directed to change section 8.1 of the by-law to allow the Chair or Vice Chair to call a special meeting if they feel it is necessary, or if the majority of the Board requests a meeting.

## **6. New Business**

Member Wright advised that a resident had report that an officer said they would not go to Gillies. A/Commander Michelizzi said it would have to be fact checked and to contact the detachment about policy complaints.

## **7. Closed Session**

### **Resolution No. 2024-001**

Moved by: Vice Chair Wright

Seconded by: Member Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 6:43, the Board enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to identifiable individuals.

**CARRIED ✓**

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed:

### **Resolution No. 2024-002**

Moved by: Vice Chair Wright

Seconded by: Member Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:05, the Board rise from closed session and report in open session.

**CARRIED ✓**

### **7.1. Community Representative Applications**

Members present discussed the applications received for the community representative seats. It was recommended that the member Councils appoint Ralph Falcioni and Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam to the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board and that the Secretary continue to recruit for the third community representative seat.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2024.

## **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.