

Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

January 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: 3267 Highway 130, Rosslyn, ON

PRESENT: Reeve Wendy Wright, Township of Gillies
Councillor Don Smith, Municipality of Shuniah
Councillor Brian Wright, Municipality of Neebing
Councillor John Sobolta, Township of O'Connor
Councillor David Halvorsen, Township of Conmee
Beth Boon, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)
Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam, Community Representative
Ralph Falcioni, Community Representative
Robert Michelizzi, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
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

1. Preliminary Matters

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

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair. Member Smith was nominated by those present. 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 2025.

The Secretary then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Wright was nominated by those present. 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 2025.

The Secretary turned the chair over to Chair Smith.

1.2. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

1.3. Oaths of Office

Ralph Falcioni and Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam completed the Oath of Office.

1.4. 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. 2025-001

Moved by: Member Sobolta

Seconded by: Member Faclioni

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

CARRIED ✓

1.5. 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

2.2. Minutes of the Meeting held June 20, 2024

2.3. Minutes of the Meeting held September 19, 2024

2.4. Minutes of the Meeting held October 17, 2024

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Resolution No. 2025-002

Moved by: Member Wendy Wright

Seconded by: Member Brian Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meetings held on May 2, June 20, September 19, and October 17, 2024 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

2.5. 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. A/Insp. Michelizzi advised that Chris Lawrence has been promoted. He is still the Acting Detachment Commander. Chris Bortolin is now the Acting Detachment Commander in Nipigon and Mitchell Brennen is with the Thunder Bay Detachment on temporary assignment until the end of February.

There will be some focused patrols to address concerns regarding ATVs on area lakes. There will be more attention on the US Border. Body cams are on the way and will be in use soon.

A cultural survey was conducted within the detachment with positive results. Three areas for improvement included engagement and conflict resolution; ability to contribute more; and reward/recognition.

The Board Secretary was asked to follow up with the Ministry to determine if the police reports can be shared with Council.

3.2. Insurance Policy Quotes

Members present reviewed the quotes.

Resolution No. 2025-002

Moved by: Member Ralph Faclioni

Seconded by: Member Wendy Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meetings held on May 2, June 20, September 19, and October 17, 2024 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

3.3. OAPSB Membership

Members present reviewed the report. The Board Secretary was asked to bring examples of what is available in the member portal of the OAPSB website to the next meeting for further review.

3.4. 2024 Draft Budget

Members reviewed the report. Wendy Wright advised that Gillies Council will be writing to the Solicitor General regarding the allocation of the Board's budget among the municipalities.

The Board Secretary was directed to ask the Ministry about the ability of the First Nations to contribute to the Board's budget, if they chose to do so.

Resolution No. 2025-003

Moved by: Member Brian Wright

Seconded by: Member Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2025 budget be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

4. Correspondence

4.1. January 9, 2025: Email from OAPSB – January News and Updates

4.2. December 10, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Funding Announcement

4.3. December 3, 2024: Email from OAPBS – December News and Updates

4.4. October 31, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Board Name and Logos

4.5. November 11, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Official Email Addresses

4.6. November 1, 2024: Email from OAPSB – November News and Updates

Members reviewed the correspondence. No resolutions were passed.

5. By-laws

5.1. Procedure By-law

Resolution No. 2025-004

Moved by: Member Wendy Wright

Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the by-law to establish rules and order for the board be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.2. By-law to Adopt Operating Name

Resolution No. 2025-005

Moved by: Member John Sobolta

Seconded by: Member Dave Halvorsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the by-law to adopt an operating name the board be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. New Business

The Board Secretary was asked to create a planning calendar for the Board.

Remuneration for the mandatory training was discussed. By consensus it was determined that each member would be paid \$300 for completing all of the mandatory training.

The Board Secretary was directed to create a press release to introduce the new Board.

7. Closed Session

7.1. Community Representative Applications

The Board entered into Closed Session to review the applications for the Community Representative seat. Once the Board rose from Closed Session, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2025-003

Moved by: Member Dave Halvorsen

Seconded by: Member Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board recommends that the member councils appoint Rox-Anne Moore to the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board as a Community Representative.

The Board Secretary was directed to provide letters to the applicants to advise on the outcome of their applications.

CARRIED ✓

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2025.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.