

Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: 19 Holland Road West, Conmee, 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
Kyle Arnold, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Erika Kromm, Board Secretary
Ralph Falcioni, Community Representative (Guest)
Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam, Community Representative (Guest)

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. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

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. There were no amendments.

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 20, 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. The new standard report has all the community statistics combined together. Members requested separate reports that show the statistics for each individual community. There was some discussion regarding the reduced number of officers available for traffic enforcement. The detachment has been proactively enforcing impaired and stunt driving. There were some questions raised about resources for mental health cases.

3.2. Insurance Policy Quotes

Members reviewed the report. There was some discussion regarding the OAPSB membership and the group insurance policy offered for association members. The consensus was that the Board will join OAPSB for 2025 on a trial basis and purchase the insurance policy quoted directly to the Board by Intact Public Entities.

3.3. Update on Council Resolutions and Appointments

Members reviewed the report. There was discussion regarding next steps if not all communities make the appointments for the community representatives. The Solicitor General's office will be contacted for further information. It was also noted that the recommended levy allocation for the budget was not approved by all communities. The budget will be updated to show an equal levy apportionment.

4. Correspondence

4.1. September 5, 2024: Email from OAPSB – September News and Updates

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

4.2. August 30, 2024: Letter from Solicitor General - Mandatory Thematic Training

Members present reviewed the correspondence. Some members were experiencing issues with logging into the new training. The Secretary will resend the link and the information for the support desk.

4.3. August 30, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Mandatory Thematic Training Now Available

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

4.4. June 6, 2024: Email from OAPSB – Next Zone 1 Meeting

Members present reviewed the correspondence. The Board Secretary was directed to register all members present for the joint conference with Zone 1 and OACP in December.

5. By-laws

5.1. By-law to Adopt Operating Name

Members present reviewed the by-law. There were no changes noted.

6. New Business

Member Sobolta advised that O'Connor is discussing the possibility of leaving the Board. There was some discussion regarding benefits of sitting on the board and whether it was possible to leave the Board.

7. Closed Session

Resolution No. 2024-03

Moved by: Member Wright

Seconded by: Member Sobolta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 6:59, the Board enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to identifiable individuals.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2024-04

Moved by: Member Wright

Seconded by: Member Sobolta

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:1, 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. On consensus, it was determined that recruitment would continue with a focus on finding someone from one of the other communities that is not already represented.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2024.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.