

Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

June 12, 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
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
Jodi Peckford, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Kyle Armstrong, 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

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. **Oaths of Office**

Caleb Garrow-Ledoux completed the Oath of Office.

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. 2025-008

Moved by: Member Ralph Falcioni

Seconded by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for tonight's meeting be approved, as amended by adding Item 4.3, a resolution from the Kenora OPP Detachment Board.

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 May 15, 2025

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Resolution No. 2025-009

Moved by: Member Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam

Seconded by: Member Caleb Garrow-Ledoux

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meetings held on May 15, 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. Jodi Peckford provided an update on why some of the offence categories were grouped together in the reports. The groupings are largely due to the classifications from Statistics Canada to allow for comparable reporting across the country. Generally, members believe this is misrepresenting of the facts by making the numbers for more violent offences appear higher than reality. The Secretary was directed to draft a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Insp. Michelizzi responded to questions about the reports. He advised that the Annual Report will be completed by June 30th and that there will be new recruits coming into the detachment over the summer.

3.2. Annual Report (due June 30)

Members present reviewed the report. There were no changes to the draft Annual Report.

3.3. OAPSB Conference Highlights

Rox-Anne Moore provided a verbal report on the highlights of the OAPSB Conference. She felt that the pre-conference training was the most beneficial part of the conference. It was worthwhile to attend the conference to network with other boards. She obtained extra copies of the Rules of Engagement training session and felt it would be a worthwhile read for other members of the board. The Secretary will watch for an electronic version on the OAPSB website to circulate to the Board. The next conference will be held in Niagara Falls in 2026.

4. Correspondence

4.1. April 25, 2025: Email from OAPSB Zone 1 – Meeting Poll

4.2. April 25, 2025: Email from OAPSB Zone 1 – May 27th Meeting Recording

Members reviewed the correspondence in 4.1 and 4.2. No resolutions were passed.

4.3. May 20, 2025: Email from Kenora OPP Detachment Board – Youth Crisis

Members reviewed the correspondence.

Resolution No. 2025-010

Moved by: Member Ralph Falcioni

Seconded by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board supports the resolution from the Kenora OPP Detachment Board recognizing the youth crisis in our region as a public health and social emergency directly linked to Adverse Childhood Experiences.

CARRIED ✓

The Secretary was directed to circulate a copy of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan that was jointly passed by Conmee, Gillies, O'Connor and Neebing.

5. By-laws

There were no by-laws presented at this meeting.

6. New Business

There was no new business brought forward at this meeting.

7. Closed Session

There were no closed session items for this meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.