

LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held at the Township of O'Connor Municipal Office
On Wednesday, June 27, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee
Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor
Mr. Joseph Beitz, Community Member (resident of Neebing)

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing and Board Secretary
Staff Sergeant John Reppard, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
Inspector Al Gordon, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment Commander

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) Administration of Oaths of Office

Mrs. Evans administered the oath of office for Mr. Beitz.

(b) Confirmation of Chair and Vice Chair

Members confirmed, on consensus, the pre-establishment election of Mayor Holland as Chair and Councillor Loan as Vice Chair.

(c) Call to Order

Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

(d) Attendance

Attendance was recorded.

(e) Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Holland asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda. None were forthcoming.

Res. No. 2018-001

Moved by: Member Loan

Seconded by: Member Beitz

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

CARRIED ✓

(c) Request/Receive Declarations of Interest:

Chair Holland called for any declarations under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. No declarations were received.

2. REPORTS, DEPUTATIONS, OR CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING DIRECTION:

2.0 Introduction: Inspector Al Gordon

Chair Holland introduced members present to newly appointed Inspector Al Gordon.

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting January 27th, 2018 (for approval)

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Res. No. 2018-002

Moved by: Member Loan

Seconded by: Chair Holland

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the I meeting held on January 27th, 2018, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED ✓

2.2 Minutes of the Meeting April 25, 2018 (for approval)

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Res. No. 2018-003

Moved by: Chair Holland

Seconded by: Member Loan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meeting held on April 25th, 2018, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED ✓

2.3 Confirmation of Pre-establishment Activities

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2018-004

Moved by: Member Loan

Seconded by: Member Beitz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lakehead Police Service Board hereby ratifies all of the actions taken by the following persons on behalf of the Board prior to the Board's establishment, with the exception of the passage of By-law 2018-001 on January 24th, 2018:

- a) Mayor Kevin Holland, Mayor of Conmee Township;
- b) Councillor Jerry Loan, Councillor with O'Connor Township;
- c) Councillor William Groenheide, Councillor with Gillies Township; and
- d) Mayor Ziggy Polkowski, Mayor of the Municipality of Neebing.

CARRIED ✓

Recruitment for the Community Member appointment was discussed. It was agreed that each member municipality would advertise the vacancy in their newsletters and seek applications from interested parties. Applications are to be directed to the Board Secretary. Members of the Board, and members of the member municipality's councils are to be encouraged to approach suitable and interested residents to encourage participation.

Discussion turned to the funding of the Board. The merits and equity of several funding models were discussed.

2.4 Financial Report

Members, on consensus, approved the expenditures of the Board, to date.

2.5 Proposed Budget

Member Loan recommended that the Board join "Zone 1" of the OAPSB. There is an additional cost of \$120.00, based on his discussion with Mayor Jody Davis of Terrace Bay. This should be added to the budget.

Res. No. 2018-005

Moved by: Member Loan

Seconded by: Member Beitz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed budget, amended to include membership in Zone 1, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED ✓

2.6 Report re Election Policy

The Secretary overviewed the report and the policy requirements.

Res. No. 2018-006

Moved by: Member Loan

Seconded by: Member Beitz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Election Policy be approved as circulated.

CARRIED ✓

2.7 Report From Staff Sargeant Reppard Regarding February, March, April, May calls

Staff Sargeant Reppard reviewed the reports and answered members' questions.

3. REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:

Members present were able to view the information correspondence.

4. BY-LAWS:

4.1 Replacement By-law 2018-001 of the Board – Procedural Rules

The Secretary overviewed for members the changes made to the replacement by-law as compared to the one that had been prior to Board establishment.

Res. No. 2018-007

Moved by: Member Beitz

Seconded by: Member Loan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2018-001, as presented in the agenda package, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

5. DISCUSSION: NEW BUSINESS RAISED BY MEMBERS; DISCUSSION WITH OPP; ETC.

Member Beitz advised, with respect to scheduling meetings, he will be away from December 28th to mid-April. Members present felt a meeting in mid-December could be followed by one in late April to accommodate his schedule.

Chair Holland provided an overview to the members present of the conference that he and Vice Chair Loan had attended in May. 2 specific issues had been discussed in depth over the time frame – firstly, the new Police Services Act legislation, and secondly, the impacts of the pending cannabis legalization. He was approached with respect to being on the Provincial Board. This will await the municipal elections in October. He thanked Staff Sargeant Reppard for recommending that they attend.

More will be forthcoming on the differences between detachment-wide boards and local police service boards. The attendees were advised that responsibility for policing falls on Section 10 boards rather than municipalities.

With respect to the Cannabis legalization, lessons are being learned from Colorado's experience. Calls for service increased and costs to municipalities increased. Discussion was held on other applicable laws – such as zoning by-laws. Provincial sharing of tax revenues with municipalities is not clear. How will the revenue be distributed? Will municipalities without any cannabis businesses within their boundaries get a share at all? Costs will increase, and it is doubtful that revenues will adequately compensate for those increased costs. Law enforcement personnel are concerned, and all are of the opinion that the legalization was "rushed". Some concerns are:

- Repercussions from organized crime for "moving in" on their turf;
- How/when to enforce elements of the law;
- How to test for impairment – drawing blood may be required – transport the person to hospital? Nurses/doctors have been known to refuse to draw blood if it is not for "medical" purposes.
- Colorado is having problems, as there is no legally acceptable test
- Marijuana has different impacts on different types of people and on different races of people
- Marijuana has different potencies – which affect impairment
- Marijuana mixed with alcohol is also problematic
- The medical marijuana industry is experiencing contamination problems (moulds, faeces in product).

On behalf of Neebing Council, the Secretary asked Staff Sargeant Reppard about police “patrols”. A discussion ensued about “focused patrols”. Tell constituents to report problems (speeding, noise, partying) to the OPP. Where there is a frequency of occurrence, a focus patrol can be established. Inspector Gordon commented that calling in will help the OPP establish analytics of times/places so that police can have a better chance of getting to the right place at the right time.

6. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Kevin Holland
BOARD CHAIR

Rosalie A. Evans
BOARD SECRETARY