

LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held at the Township of O'Connor Municipal Office
On Wednesday, October 21, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee, Municipal appointee
Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor, Municipal appointee
Cathy Woodbeck, Provincial appointee

Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor-Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing and Board Secretary
Shara Lavallée, Board Secretary appointed for 2020

REGRETS: Inspector Al Gordon, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment Commander
Officer Gerritt Beitz, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment

GUESTS: Mayor Erwin Butikofer, Municipality of Neebing

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) Call to Order

Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was recorded.

(b) Waiver of Procedural By-law Section 7.2 (for the December, 2018 meeting)

Res. No. 2019-006

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 7.2 of the Procedure By-law, which provides that meetings shall not be held in December, be waived for the purposes of regularizing the meeting held on December 13, 2018.

CARRIED ✓

(c) 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. 2019-007

Moved by: Member Woodbeck

Seconded by: Vice Chair Loan

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. DEPUTATIONS, REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING DIRECTION:

2.1 Report of the Subcommittee Meeting Held July 24, 2019 (for approval)

Members present reviewed the report. The Secretary explained the conversion of the July 24th Board meeting to a sub-committee meeting due to lack of quorum.

Res. No. 2019-008

Moved by: Member Woodbeck

Seconded by: Vice Chair Loan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendations in the Report at Item 2.1 on this evening's agenda be approved.

CARRIED ✓

Through this resolution, the Board made the following decisions:

- a) To pass a by-law to amend the procedural by-law relating to prohibitions for meetings in particular months;
- b) To approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on April 24th, 2019;
- c) To appoint Member Woodbeck as the Board's representative on the Advisory Committee for preparation of the joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;
- d) To approve the 2019 budget for the Board;
- e) To table preparation of a Mission Statement until the Community Safety and Well Being Plan has progressed to a draft stage; and
- f) To receive correspondence for information.

2.2 Administrative Report the Joint Conference for Zone 1 OAPSB and the OAPC

The Board Secretary overviewed the report. Chair Holland explained he had been unable to attend the conference due to its conflict with a seminar and OAPSB meeting in Toronto on the same date.

Res. No. 2019-009

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report at Item 2.2 on this evening's agenda be received for information.

CARRIED ✓

Discussion took place about the comment made by Mr. Wight, during his presentation, relating to detachment-wide boards. The Secretary was requested to ask the Province for the rationale in providing Temiskaming (and, apparently, only Temiskaming), with an exception to the imposition of the detachment-wide board rule.

2.3 Administrative Report on Zone 1 OAPSB Meeting October 10, 2019

The Board Secretary overviewed the report.

Res. No. 2019-010

Moved by: Member Woodbeck
Seconded by: Vice Chair Loan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report at Item 2.3 on this evening's agenda be received for information.

CARRIED ✓

2.4 Set Meeting Schedule for 2020

Res. No. 2019-011

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan
Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board's quarterly meetings in 2020 be scheduled as follows:

- a) January 8th, 2020;
- b) April 8th, 2020;
- c) July 8th, 2020; and
- d) October 14th, 2020.

CARRIED ✓

3. REPORTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:

3.1 Correspondence Received

- a Email August 2, 2019, Seeking input for AMO meeting with Solicitor General

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

- b Email Exchange (and enclosed letter) August 30, 2019- September 9, 2019, Relating to Input for the Independent Review of the OPP Work

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

- c Email September 5, 2019 Regarding Zone 1 Joint Meeting OAPSB and OAPC

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

- d Email September 7, 2019 Enclosing Updated Agenda for Meeting Noted in (c) Above

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

e Email September 21, 2019 Enclosing a Copy of the Zone 1 By-law

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

f Email September 25, 2019 Enclosing 2020 Billing Statement for Member Municipalities

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

g Email October 2, 2019 Enclosing Minutes from Zone 1 OAPSB Meeting May 24, 2019

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

h Email October 7, 2019 from Gillies Township Enclosing Correspondence from Reeve Wright (dated September 24th) on Behalf of Gillies Township Council

Mayor Holland advised that he had read the letter several times over, and believes it contains several inaccuracies, which are concerning.

The first paragraph complains that “no response was ever received when Council requested a meeting with a member of the Board”. Although the Board had not sent a formal response, this matter was discussed by the Board, in the presence of Gillies Councillor Beth Jones and Gillies Clerk Jenna Hakala, at the Board meeting held on April 24, 2019, as reflected in the minutes of that meeting. Vice-Chair Loan had agreed to attend a Gillies Council meeting, and it was his understanding that someone from Gillies would be in touch to schedule the deputation. He had not been contacted.

There are no other “documents” than those discussed at the Board meetings. Clarification from Gillies Council on what they believe to be missing will be required.

As members of the Board had not been present during discussion between Gillies Council and Inspector Gordon, as reflected in the correspondence, it would not be possible to address the comment that the OPP refused to enforce township by-laws. The content, stating that Inspector Gordon had The OPP has enforced by-laws for other member municipalities, and, although not all by-laws (particularly, as an example, animal control by-laws) are enforced by the OPP, many other by-laws (for example, noise, parking, etc.) have been. Chair Holland agreed to follow up with Inspector Gordon in this regard.

With respect to concerns about lack of a website for the Board, this was something simply not brought to the Board’s attention. All documents are available to all member municipalities at any time. The statement in the letter that “the only way Gillies is able to get specific documents...is to attend the Police Board meetings” is troubling in this regard.

With respect to budgetary concerns, during the presentation of the proposed 2020 budget at the Board meeting in April, the Secretary had been directed to make changes. The approved budget was significantly less than the draft she had prepared. This was all discussed at the April 24th meeting, with Gillies’ representatives present. The budget has certainly not experienced the “doubling” recorded in the letter.

Res. No. 2019-012

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan
Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board Secretary be directed to draft a letter in response to Gillies Township's correspondence, pointing out the discrepancies and asking the Council to reconsider its motion;
AND, FURTHER, THAT the letter be distributed, in draft form, to other members for review prior to sending it;
AND, FURTHER, THAT the Board Secretary look into creation of a simple, information-providing website for the Board and report back.

CARRIED ✓

- i Email October 13, 2019 Enclosing Power Point Slides from one of the Presentations at the Joint Conference

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4. BY-LAWS:

By-law 2019-001, to amend the Procedure By-law, was presented for discussion. Two versions had been included in the agenda. Members present preferred the version on page 64.

Res. No. 2019-013

Moved by: Member Woodbeck
Seconded by: Vice Chair Loan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 2019-001, to amend the Procedure By-law by deleting Section 7.2, be passed.

CARRIED ✓

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

No representatives of the OPP were present at the meeting, and no statistical reports had been provided for discussion.

Chair Holland reported on his attendance at the OAPSB meeting in Toronto. As he had sent a letter, on behalf of Zone 1 to the Solicitor-General and Premier, regarding detachment-wide boards, he had an opportunity to discuss it at the meeting. The Board executive had initially expressed some concerns, but after seeing the support from other members, there was general (informal) approval of the correspondence. The OAPSB has an obvious concern relating to detachment-wide boards, as its membership will be significantly impacted.

Chair Holland reported on his attendance at the labour conference. The presentations had been more geared to municipal police services boards rather than the Section 10 OPP boards, however, there was an interesting presentation relating to OMERS.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Although on item of correspondence was scheduled for Closed Session, members present advised they had reviewed the correspondence and it did not need to be discussed. Accordingly, the Board did not resolve into Closed Session.

Res. No. 2019-014

Moved by: Vice Chair Loan
Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Item 6.1 on this evening's agenda, Member Beitz' resignation be accepted, with regret,
AND THAT, the Secretary send a letter on behalf of the Board to thank Member Beitz for his service;
AND THAT member municipalities seek out persons who may be interested in being appointed to the Board as the community representative.

CARRIED ✓

7. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Kevin Holland
BOARD CHAIR

Rosalie A. Evans
BOARD SECRETARY