

# LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Held virtually via the Zoom platform

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee, Municipal Appointee  
Councillor Jerry Loan, Township of O'Connor, Municipal Appointee  
Cathy Woodbeck, Provincial Appointee  
Inspector Al Gordon, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment Commander  
Shara Lavallée, Board Secretary

REGRETS: Officer Gerritt Beitz, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment  
Vacant – Provincial Appointee  
Vacant – Community Appointee

GUESTS: Rosalie A. Evans, Acting Clerk for the Township of Conmee

### 1. Preliminary Matters

#### 1.1. Call to Order

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

#### 1.2. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Holland asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda.

Inspector Gordon requested the following:

LPSB report – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to be added as Item 4.2

Chair Holland requested the following:

Email from Mr. Gervais	to be added as Item 6.1.6
Email from Township of Gillies	to be added as Item 6.1.7
Discussion of future meetings	to be added as Item 7.1

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-003**

Moved by: Member Woodbeck  
Seconded by: Vice-Chair Loan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended

**CARRIED**

1.3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

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

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1. Minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting

Members present reviewed the minutes. No amendments were requested.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-004**

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be approved

**CARRIED**

2.2. Matters arising from Minutes

Former Board Member Joe Bietz passed away from illness. A card was sent to his family expressing condolences on behalf of the Board.

Current COVID-19 concerns have affected operations. It is expected that the Board shall only have 3 meetings this year instead of trying to make up the cancelled April 2020 meeting.

The request for monthly OPP reports is currently hindered by the current extraordinary demands on police time. Once OPP operations return to normal, the request will be reconsidered.

### 2.3. Budget 2020

While only 3 instead of 4 board meetings are expected to occur in 2020, it was agreed to leave the current budget at 4 board meetings in the event an emergency or special meeting is called.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-004**

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2020 budget be approved

**CARRIED**

### 3. Petitions and Delegations

#### 4. Reports

##### 4.1. Police Report – January, February, March 2020

##### 4.2. Police Report – April, May, June 2020

Statistics show a downturn in crime and overall policing issues. Due to an increase in information provided by the public, there have been increased focused patrols. The OPP have made adjustments to operations in response to the COVID-19 concerns. Overtime work has increased due to stricter health measures including self-isolation after potential exposure to COVID-19. A need for specialized facilities for mental health emergencies and addiction emergencies was explained by Inspector Gordon.

### 5. Correspondence

#### 5.1. Chair Report

Chair Holland attended several OAPSB meetings as the Zone 1 director. Opposition was noted to the idea of DSSABs absorbing operation of Police Service Boards as current issues with DSSAB operations have yet been resolved. Changes to current Provincial policing legislation is not expected to occur for another 1-2 years.

Chair Holland was offered and accepted an appointment to the Police Arbitration Committee.

5.2. Member Report (if any)

No member had items to report.

5.3. Presentation from OAPSB meeting, dated January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

Received.

5.4. Email from Tom Gervais, received February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

Received.

5.5. AMO – OPP Detachment Boards (paper webinar April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020)

Received.

5.6. Letter from Commissioner, received June 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

Received.

5.7. OAPSB Annual General Meeting Update, received June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

Received.

5.8. OAPSB Response – OPP Detachment Board Composition, received July 2<sup>th</sup> 2020

Received.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Appointment of Mr. John Sobolta

6.1.1. Appointment by Township of O'Connor

6.1.2. Appointment by Township of Conmee

6.1.3. Appointment by Municipality of Neebing

6.1.4. Notification from Township of Gillies

6.1.5. Letter from Chair to Township of Gillies in response to Item 6.1.4

6.1.6. Gillies/Gervais

6.1.7. Gillies letter

The Board considered Item 6.1 and Sub-items 6.1.1 – 6.1.7 as a whole. It was noted that Police Advisor Mr. Gervais concurred that the Board had fulfilled its duty to inform all member municipalities about the municipal appointee member vacancy. All Board meetings are public and all member municipalities may direct council members to attend. However, Mr. Gervais suggested that formal participation of member municipalities may be appropriate in the form of scheduled deputations.

Mr. Gervais also provided the following recommendations:

“With only two council seats available, there are two participants who cannot voice concerns at the table without the consent of the Board. I recommend the Board consider:

- amending the rules of procedure to establish a standing agenda item for every meeting on policing concerns specific to the two excluded municipalities and invite their councils to have a delegate speak on any concerns;
- inviting the two excluded councils to appoint a council member (or other person) to advise the Board with respect to the objectives and priorities for police services in their municipalities. This type of relationship is formalized in PSA s.6.1 between municipalities where one provides service to another (such as Thunder Bay and Oliver Paipoonge). The invitation would extend to attending Board meetings, speaking as a delegate per above, and participating in discussions at the pleasure of the Chair. These are done with the understanding that they are present in an advisory capacity only, are not Board members and cannot make motions, vote, or count for quorum.”

The Secretary was directed to prepare a report regarding the recommendations for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Sobolta’s application for the municipal appointee member position shall be placed on hiatus until consensus can be reached among the member municipalities. Meanwhile, he is encouraged to consider applying for the provincial appointee member position.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. Future Meetings

Since the last meeting of the Board, COVID-19 health concerns required the cancellation of the meeting scheduled April 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. The July 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting was rescheduled to July 15<sup>th</sup> upon the request of Inspector Gordon. The next

meeting is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The location shall be the Township of Conmee's municipal office.

7.2. Resource

Inspection Gordon recommended the OPP 2020-2022 Strategic Plan as an informative resource.

8. Closed Session

none

9. Matters Arising from Closed Session

none

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.