

Lakehead Police Services Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Conmee Municipal Office

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

REGRETS: Vacant – Community Appointee

GUESTS: Erika Kromm, Clerk for the Municipality of Neebing
John Sobolta, Community Appointee applicant

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1. Call to Order

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

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-006

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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 July 15th 2020 meeting

Members present reviewed the minutes. No amendments were requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-007

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Woodbeck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes be approved

CARRIED

2.2. Matters arising from Minutes

A new policing agreement is being drafted for the amended Lakehead Police Services Board comprised of the municipalities of Neebing, O'Connor and Conmee. The Lakehead Polices Services Board would continue under the new agreement.

Instead of formally assigning deputations and advisors from each member municipality, the Board decided to wait until the new policing agreement took effect before revisiting the issue as status quo may be sufficient for the restructured Board.

3. Petitions and Delegations

None

4. Reports

4.1. Police Report – July, August, September 2020

Statistics continue to be below or near average in crime and overall policing issues.

Chair Holland requested that the OPP inform municipalities of significant cases before the media. Inspector Holland assured the Board that municipalities have priority over the media regarding notification.

Chair Holland advised Inspector Gordong that municipal resources such as the community centre were available for OPP use if needed.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Letter from Solicitor-General

Mr. Axel Nowak was been appointed by the province to the Lakehead Police Services Board for a three-year term effective July 23, 2020. Mr. Nowak's Oath of Office also provided to the Board for reference.

5.2. Letter from the Township of Gillies

While discussing the response to the letter, each Board member reported on the direction given by its represented municipality. There was consensus that the Township of Gillies' request of return of funds be denied since police board services were still being provided as agreed until December 31, 2020.

5.3. Chair Report

Chair Holland attend OASPB and Police Arbitration meetings. He also attended a meeting held by the Solicitor-General regarding provincial issues with the towing industry (primarily a Southern Ontario issue). He also reported that the concept of merging DSSABs and local service police boards is no longer being considered. Although the concept of detachment police boards is growing as a possibility.

5.4. Member Report

Inspector Gordon reported on his upcoming retirement and the plan for filling his position.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Appointment of Mr. John Sobolta

WHEREAS municipalities of Neebing, Conmee and O'Connor have passed Appointment By-Laws naming Mr. John Sobolta as Community Representative

AND WHEREAS on January 1st 2021, the Lakehead Police Services Board will be composed of an agreement amongst the municipalities of Neebing, Conmee, and O'Connor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-008

Moved by: Vice-Chair Loan

Seconded by: Member Nowak

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. John Sobolta is appointed as Community Representative as of January 1st 2021

CARRIED

7. New Business

2021 Meeting Schedule

January 13, 2021 location: Conmee municipal office

April 14, 2021 location: TBD

July 14, 2021 location: TBD

October 13, 2021 location: TBD

8. Closed Session

none

9. Matters Arising from Closed Session

none

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Chair Holland presented Inspector Gordon with a plaque and small gift in token of appreciation and congratulations on retirement.