

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

SESSION NO. # 5

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on September 20, 2019 from 8:57 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J. McTaggart, Chairperson, Mayor J. Caul, L. Hamilton and G. Rogozinski

ALSO PRESENT: Detachment Commander N. Schmidt, Staff Sgt. D. McLean, K. Lawson, PSB Board Secretary, R. Thoms, 93.1 The Border (8:57 a.m. to 10:27 a.m.)

1. **Call to Order - 8:57 a.m.**
2. **Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting. - no items were identified.**
3. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none were identified.**
4. **Approval of Agenda**

4.1 Session No. 5 dated September 20, 2019.

33/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Police Services Board approve the September 20th, 2019 agenda as prepared.

CARRIED

### **5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes**

5.1 Session No. 4 dated June 26, 2019.

34/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting being Session No. 4 dated June 26th, 2019 having been typed and distributed to members be approved.

CARRIED

### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 6.1 Update - Provincial Appointments to Fort Frances Police Services Board.  
The Board members formally welcomed Mr. Gary Rogozinski as the Board's Provincial Appointment. The Board is still awaiting notification of a 2nd Provincial Appointee.

- 6.2 Update from J. McTaggart, Chair re: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference.  
- this item will be deferred to the next regular meeting.
- 6.3 Update - Item referred from Town Council - D. Cuthbertson, Northwoods Gallery and Gifts re: Scott Street Concerns.  
- Inspector Schmidt requested that this item be deferred to the In-Camera portion of the meeting to address operational matters surrounding these concerns, along with his June to August reporting for the Board.
- 6.4 Zone 1 OACP / OAPSB Joint Meeting October 8 - 10, 2019 Hosted by Thunder Bay Police Service.  
- J. McTaggart and G. Rogozinski were authorized to attend this event. The Chair asked members if they had any issues they wish to have brought up at the OAPSB meeting. Members agreed that the amalgamation of police services boards was an important and timely issue.
- 35/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Zone 1 OACP/OAPSB Joint Meeting hosted by the Thunder Bay Police Service October 8th to 10th, 2019: John McTaggart and Gary Rogozinski.

CARRIED

- 6.5 Update - New OPP Building.  
- Inspector Schmidt advised that construction at the site was behind by two weeks as a result of rock blasting issues. It is anticipated that the building will be closed in by the end October and Inspector Schmidt further advised that the final completion date remains as September 2020.
- 6.6 Update - 2 Special Constables for Court Security.  
- Inspector Schmidt provided an overview of hiring time line and in house training the 2 Special Constables will receive once their hiring has been approved. He further advised that the hiring of these constables will now allow for the reinvestment of a mobilization officer. The Board Chair advised that the Town has still not received any contract information from the Municipal Policing Unit and for that reason the by-law to cancel the current contract had not been brought forward to Council for execution. Inspector Schmidt will make inquiries into the status of the contract.
- 6.7 Update - Community Safety and Well Being Plan.  
Inspector Schmidt advised that the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board had hired a consultant for the project and it was still in its early stages.
- 6.8 Update - Board Education and Training.  
- a brief discussion was had respecting the joint Board Training session with the Atikokan Police Services Board in July. The Chair advised that the Zone Board Advisor for our area (Zone 1) is Mr. Graham Wright. Contact information is included in the agenda package.

## **7. New Business**

- 7.1 Request for Input from Police Services Board - R. Socholotuk - Use of Off Road Vehicles Within Town Limits.
- Inspector Schmidt provided members with the current by-law to control the use of Off-road Vehicles Including All-terrain Vehicles as passed by the City of Kenora in 2015, and the Schedule of set fines, Municipality of Sioux Lookout for ATV's and Parking. In addition, he provided the Field Guide for Enforcement & Education of ATV and Snowmobile Legislation and advised that in both locations (Kenora and Sioux Lookout) when the off road vehicles were permitted to have legal access within the Town/City jurisdiction, there was very few issues or concerns. He reminded the Board that these vehicles were still bound by the legislation and enforcement found under the Motor Vehicle Act. He also provided a brief update on occurrences between January 1, 2015 and August 18th, 2019 from the Fort Frances detachment which revealed that there were very few issues.
  - *Inspector Schmidt has requested this item be deferred to the next regular meeting so that he can provide the Board with additional input.*
- 7.2 Inspector Schmidt - Old Fort Frances Police Force record books storage.
- a brief discussion was held with respect to the disposition/retention of the record books. Chair McTaggart will talk to Sherry George, Museum Curator.

## **8. Detachment Commander's Report**

- 8.1 Reporting on June - August 2019 (please find attached).
- 36/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Fort Frances Police Services Board now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to: security of the property of the municipality; more specifically operational matters.
- CARRIED
- 37/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the June - August 2019 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.
- CARRIED

## **9. Information**

The following items were received as information:

- 9.1 2019 Fort Frances Police Services Board - Budget vs Actuals Report as at August 31, 2019.
- 9.2 2019/2020 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Grant Program Contractual Agreement.

10. Next Meeting Date - October 25th, 2019.

11. In-Camera


11.1 Operational Matter.

12. Adjournment

12.1 The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

38/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT this meeting of the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board  
be now closed.

CARRIED

  
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Board Chair  
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Board Secretary