

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. 7

November 27, 2020

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room and Virtually via Teams on November 27, 2020 from 8:31 a.m. p.m. to 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J. McTaggart, Chairperson, Mayor J. Caul, Linda Hamilton, Gary Rogozinski

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander; Staff Sgt. D. McLean; E. Slomke, Clerk and K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary

1. **Call to Order - 8:31 a.m.**
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - no matters identified**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 Session No. 7 dated November 27, 2020.

30/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Police Services Board approve the November 27, 2020 agenda as prepared.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

4.1 Session No. 6 dated October 30, 2020.

31/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the minutes of the Board meeting being Session No. 6 dated October 30, 2020 having been typed and distributed to members now be approved.

CARRIED

5. New Business

- 5.1 Detachment Commander's Report - Reporting on October 2020. (please find attached).
 - Inspector N. Schmidt provided an overview of his report. He provided information respecting staffing levels and recruitment efforts. He provided an update on the Mobile Crisis Response Team program. Inspector Schmidt advised that some of his officers will be attending the virtual funeral services for Constable Marc Hovingh who was killed in the line of duty on Manitoulin Island. They will attend at the OPP Detachment. The Board Chair offered condolences on behalf of the Board. Inspector Schmidt advised that the annual "Stuff a Cruiser" campaign would be taking place on Saturday. The OPP will be set up outside Wal-Mart this year. Safety protocols will be in place.

32/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the October 2020 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P. CARRIED

5.2 Request from Mayor J. Caul - Concentrated Foot Patrols.

Mayor Caul advised that she has been approached by individuals who had felt threatened by persons in the downtown, including the Rainy Lake Square. She requested that concentrated foot patrols by officers be reinstated. She felt that owners and shoppers would feel more secure with a physical presence from the OPP. Inspector Schmidt and Staff Sgt. McLean advised that a dedicated focused patrol has been undertaken and will take place from November 15th thru Christmas. This initiative will be re-evaluated after Christmas. Officers will talk to retail owners and a media release will be generated.

5.3 Request for input from the Solicitor General - A review of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program.

- Inspector N. Schmidt advised he will be providing input with respect to this program.

6. Standing Items

6.1 Provincial Appointments to the Fort Frances Police Services Board. - nothing to report.

6.2 Special Constables Update.

- Inspector Schmidt advised that the training for one of the special constables will have to be rescheduled with the next training session scheduled for some time in the spring. The detachment will not have to re-allocate an officer for court services for the 6 weeks the special constable would have been absent. The special constables have completed some training locally but will still be required to attend the spring session. They have been sworn in and are able to work in the interim.

7. Next Meeting Date - December 18, 2020

8. Adjournment

8.1 The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

33/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT this meeting of the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board be now closed.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary