

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. # 006

October 25, 2019

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on October 25, 2019 from 8:35 a.m. to 11:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J. McTaggart, Chairperson, L. Hamilton, G. Rogozinski, Mayor J. Caul (8:39 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Detachment Commander N. Schmidt, Staff Sgt. D. McLean, K. Lawson, PSB Board Secretary, D. Brown, Municipal CAO (8:35 a.m. to 8:57 a.m.), E. Slomke, Municipal Clerk (9:00 a.m. to 9:13 a.m.) and R. Thoms, 93.1 The Border (8:45 a.m. to 9:47 p.m.)

1. **Call to Order 8:35 a.m.**
2. **Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting.**

2.1 J. McTaggart, Chair re: Zone 1 OACP/OAPSB Joint Meeting - October 8-10, 2019 - Update.

2.2 J. McTaggart, Chair re: October 22, 2019 - Kenora - OPP Awards Ceremony (*Housekeeping Item*).

3. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - none identified**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

4.1 Session No. 6 dated October 25th, 2019.

39/19 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Police Services Board approve the October 25, 2019 agenda as prepared with the addition of the following non-agenda item(s):

- 1) Zone 1 OACP/OAPSB Joint Meeting - October 8-10, 2019 - Thunder Bay - Update.
- 2) October 22, 2019 OPP Awards Ceremony Awards Ceremony attendance by J. McTaggart, Board Chair.

CARRIED

5. **Approval of Previous Board Minutes**

5.1 Session No. 5 dated September 20, 2019.

40/19 Rogozinski-Hamilton: THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting being Session No. 5 dated September 20, 2019 having been typed and distributed to members be approved as amended.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Update from J. McTaggart - Inspector Schmidt's request - Storage for old Fort Frances Police Force record books.
- E. Slomke, Town Clerk was in attendance to provide input respecting this matter. Inspector Schmidt identified that these records included old radio log books from the 1950 - 1970's. There were some police occurrence books and note books, which had been left in upstairs storage, from the period when the former Fort Frances Police detachment was in use. The Clerk shared her concerns with the prospect that identifiable persons names/personal information may be included in these documents and while living or deceased there is still an expectation that this information must be protected. Should these documents be moved to the Museum, the Clerk's Office would still require appropriate transfer documentation to provide for continuity of care and assumed ownership with expectation that some information would need redaction before being displayed. Inspector Schmidt suggested that these materials might be given on loan with set parameters for their use and offered to obtain the contact number for the Orillia Museum who is known to have this type of information in their care. The Clerk will also contact the Fort Frances Museum Curator to determine what the documentation might be used for. This item will be placed on the next regular agenda.

6.2 Request for Input from Police Services Board - R. Socholotuk - Use of Off Road Vehicles Within Town Limits (held over from previous meeting for additional input from Inspector N. Schmidt).
- The Chair advised that the Planning and Development Executive Committee had requested that the use of snowmobiles be added to the request. The Board determined that they were only interested in entertaining a recommendation on the original request from Mr. Socholotuk. After receiving input from Inspector Schmidt respecting the use of ATV's in other jurisdictions, the Board recommended supporting the request from Mr. Socholotuk for the use of Off Road Vehicles (ATV's) within Town limits.

41/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Fort Frances Police Services Board support the use of Off Road Vehicles (ATV's) within Town Limits and further recommend that an appropriate authorizing by-law be supported.

CARRIED

6.3 Presentation from J. McTaggart, Chair re: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference (held over from last meeting).
- The presentation materials were provided for Board Members by the Chair as information for their awareness.

- 42/19 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the presentation from Councillor J. McTaggart, Chair re: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference, May 22-25, 2019 - Windsor, Ontario be received.

CARRIED

- 6.4 Update - Provincial Appointments to Fort Frances Police Services Board (one additional Provincial appointee still required).
- The Ministry had identified that interviews are currently taking place and the Board will be contacted once an appointment has been approved.
- 6.5 Update - 2 Special Constables for Court Security and New OPP Contract.
- D. Brown, CAO was in attendance to provide input for this item along with the Board Chair and Detachment Commander. An overview of the costing data as provided by the Municipal Policing Bureau was presented to members. Inspector Schmidt advised that the OPP is not able to move the matter of posting for the Special Constable position until such time as the By-Law to approve the agreement has been executed on behalf of the Corporation. Inspector Schmidt also provided an overview of the funding available under the Proceeds of Crime - Front-Line Policing Grant. Inspector Schmidt is reviewing the documentation and the OPP will work in conjunction with the Town to submit a grant application with the submission date on or before December 16th for contract locations.
- 43/19 Rogozinski-Hamilton: THAT the Fort Frances Police Services Board support the recommendations as laid out in the joint report dated October 17, 2019 from D. Brown, Town of Fort Frances, CAO and Councillor J. McTaggart, Chairperson, Fort Frances Police Services Board re: Execution of a 5 Year Term Agreement with the Ministry of the Solicitor General for OPP Police Services commencing on January 1, 2020.

CARRIED

- 6.6 Update - Community Safety and Well Being Plan.
This information was provided as information for Board Members awareness.

7. New Business

- 7.1 On-Line Citizen Self Reporting Tools.
- Inspector Schmidt provided an overview and parameters for use of this reporting tool to the Board. He identified that of the 1,745 Year to Date Citizen calls for service, only 34 came from the North West Region and 2 from the Rainy River District (Fort Frances). He reported that calls for service via text messaging may begin as early as next year. He also identified the issue of increased 911 Hang Up Calls. Board Chair emphasized that the OPP were obligated to respond to each and every one of these calls, taking valuable time and resources away from real emergencies. Inspector Schmidt advised that the Regional Superintendent is reviewing calls for service to try and determine what can be done to reduce the increased number of 911 Hang Up Calls.
- 7.2 Annual Performance Report - Inspector N. Schmidt.

- The Chair provided an update on this matter. Members will receive appropriate documents for the performance reporting of Inspector Schmidt.

7.3 Rules and Procedures Protocol.

- The Chair provided an update on this matter. The document will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

8. Information

8.1 Standing Template - Fort Frances Police Services Board Appointments,
- received as information.

9. Non-agenda items:

9.1 Zone 1 OACP/OAPSB Joint Meeting - October 8-10, 2019 - Thunder Bay - Update.
- Inspector Schmidt provided an update on the meeting.

9.2 October 22, 2019 OPP Awards Ceremony Update from J. McTaggart (housekeeping item).
- Inspector Schmidt and Councillor McTaggart attended the 2019 OPP Awards Ceremony and luncheon held on October 22nd, 2019 in Kenora. An overview of the awards presented to local recipients was provided.

44/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the following be authorized to attend the 2019 OPP Awards Ceremony - October 22, 2019 - Kenora: J. McTaggart, Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting Date - December 5, 2019

11. In-Camera - no items identified

11.1 Operational Matter. - No in-camera items were identified.

12. Detachment Commander's Report

12.1 Reporting on September 2019.
- Inspector Schmidt provided an overview of his September 2019 report.

45/19 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the September 2019 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

13.1 The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

46/19 Rogozinski-Hamilton: THAT this meeting of the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board be now closed.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary