

**TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes

Session 1

January 26, 2018

The regular Meeting of the Police Services Board was held in the Committee Room January 26, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

The following members were present: J. McTaggart, Chair R. Wiedenhoeft, R. Avis, J. Albanese and A. Hallikas.

Also Present: Insp. N. Schmidt and K. Lawson, Acting Secretary, D. Hicks, Fort Frances Times and R. Thoms, B93.

1. **Call to order:** Chair called meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. **Non-Agenda Items:**
 - i) A. Hallikas – Safety Issues at the Fort Frances Library & Technology Centre.
 - ii) R. Wiedenhoeft – Incidents of fighting outside the A&W Restaurant during student lunch hours.
 - iii) J. McTaggart re: Trip to Kenora – January 25th.
 - iv) J. McTaggart re: Letter to Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services.
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:** None identified.
4. **Approval of Agenda with Non-Agenda Items:**

01/18 R. Wiedenhoeft - A. Hallikas: That the Police Services Board approve the Agenda as prepared with the addition of Non-Agenda items. **CARRIED.**
5. **Approval of Minutes:**

02/18 A. Hallikas - R. Wiedenhoeft: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting being Session No. 9 dated December 15, 2017 having been typed and distributed to the members be approved. **CARRIED.**
6. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting:**
 - i) 2018 OAPSB AGM – May 23-26, 2018 – Blue Mountain Resort
Mr. McTaggart polled board members to determine who might be interested in attending. Mr. Hallikas advised that he is still interested in attending. Mr. McTaggart asked Mayor Avis if the Police Services Board budget for 2018 would allow for another board member to attend the

conference. Mayor Avis advised that although the budget had not been formally passed yet, he was certain that item would be approved. Mr. McTaggart then indicated if no one else wished to attend, he would like to attend.

03/18 R. Wiedenhoeft – J. Albanese: THAT the following be authorized to attend the 2018 OAPSB Annual General Meeting to be held May 23rd – 26th, 2018 in The Blue Mountains, Ontario: J. McTaggart and A. Hallikas.
CARRIED.

7. New Business:

- i) J. McTaggart, Chair – Update re: Rules and Procedures Protocol. Mr. McTaggart advised members that Chief Superintendent Lucas had signed and returned the Rules and Procedures Protocol as submitted.
- ii) Fort Frances Police Services Board Statistical Report Reminder from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (due February 28, 2018). This is an annual request and members approved the submission.

04/18 A. Hallikas – R. Wiedenhoeft: THAT the request from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC) re: Online Statistical Year End Reporting be received and further that K. Lawson, Acting Board Secretary be authorized to prepare and submit the 2017 Year End Report for the Police Services Board.
CARRIED.

- iii) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Zone One Membership – 2018. This is an annual request and members approved payment.

05/18 R. Wiedenhoeft – A. Hallikas: THAT the 2018 OAPSB Zone One Membership fee in the amount of \$125.00 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

9. Inspector N. Schmidt December 2017 OPP Activity Report

Inspector Schmidt advised that he has revamped the way detachment statistics are reflected to provide for a more accurate level of reporting. He provided members with an updated Town of Fort Frances Calls for Service reflecting daily and hourly reporting.

06/18 A. Hallikas - R. Wiedenhoeft: That the Police Services Board receive Insp. N. Schmidt December 2017 OPP Activity Report. **CARRIED.**

10. Non-Agenda Items:

- i) A. Hallikas – Safety Issues at the Fort Frances Library & Technology Centre. Mr. Hallikas advised that there has been a rise in the number of incidents of erratic behavior from marginalized persons being drunk or under the influence of other substances. He stated that this behavior is

placing extra stress on library staff and is raising safety concerns for library patrons. He indicated that the Library has adopted a program of education and prevention for these situations, however the erratic behavior has led to calls to the Police for assistance. Insp. Schmidt asked if the Library could supply the detachment with data on frequency and/or times of occurrences, so he might share it with his officers to help better utilize resources. He advised that it would be possible for his officers to stop by the Library and do random walk throughs.

Inspector Schmidt also indicated that mental health calls responded to by his officers were on an increase and that S/Sgt. Derek McLean is in the process of completing a mental health protocol which includes collaboration with relevant agencies. He stated that there is a frustration with the lack of resources within the relevant agencies to handle after hour calls, which increases the time spent by his officers responding to these kinds of calls for service.

- ii) R. Wiedenhoeft – Incidents of fighting outside the A&W Restaurant during student lunch hours. Mr. Wiedenhoeft indicated that he was approached by a member of the public who shared concerns about students gathering around the A&W to instigate fights. Insp. Schmidt advised that his staff is in that area between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in conjunction with cross walk checks and speeding and he will speak with his officers about this issue also.
- iii) J. McTaggart re: Trip to Kenora – January 25th to attend an informal meet and greet with OPP Chief Superintendent Dave Lucas and the North West Region Command Staff. It was an opportunity to meet with community partners. He thanked S/Sgt. McLean for providing a ride to Kenora to attend the meeting.
- iv) J. McTaggart re: Letter to Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services. Mr. McTaggart provided members with a copy of a letter he sent to Hon. Marie-France LaLonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services in which he laid out his concerns respecting **Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act – Police Services Act, 2017**, and more specifically the Board's concerns about changes to the legislation pertaining to reductions being considered for OPP Detachment Boards.

11. Standing Items:

- i) Speed Signs – Mr. McTaggart had a discussion with Mr. Rob about re-locating the speed sign on Fifth Street to Colonization Road West and other alternate locations. Mr. Rob wants to defer until the spring as the signs are fragile and they will be easier to relocate then. Mr. McTaggart also advised that Mr. Rob will be providing vehicle speed data. Mr. Rob also acknowledged the issues with the sign located on King's Highway not

always working and advised that he will have the battery replenished once the weather warms up.

- ii) New OPP Building - Insp. Schmidt updated the Board - meetings are held every 2 months for 2 days. Next meeting is scheduled for February 21st-22nd, 2018. He is looking to advance the idea of putting in a large washer and dryer to remediate the costs incurred with washing blankets from the local detachments holding cells. Currently the detachment is spending close to \$10,000. a year. Inspector Schmidt also commended Tyson Dennis, CBO for his work with the detachment staff to develop a protocol covering the cleaning of the detachment offices.

12. Information/Correspondence Received:

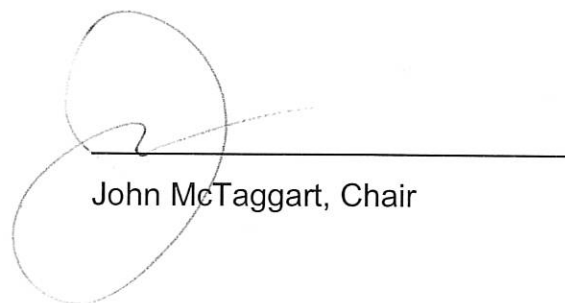
- 1) Police Chief Magazine dated Winter 2018.

13. Next Meeting – February 16, 2018 - 8:00 a.m.

14. In -Camera: None identified.

07/18 R. Wiedenhoeft - A. Hallikas: That this meeting of the Board be now closed. **CARRIED.**


Kathryn Lawson, Acting Secretary


John McTaggart, Chair