

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

### SESSION NO. 5

September 25, 2020

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre and virtually via Skype on September 25, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander; Staff Sgt. D. McLean; M. LeBlanc, Administrative Sergeant, OPP, L. Slomke, Clerk, R. Thoms, B93.1 The Border, and K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary

#### **1. Call to Order 8:30 a.m.**

#### **2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - no matters identified**

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

3.1 Session No. 5 dated September 25, 2020.

22/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Police Services Board approve the September 25, 2020 agenda as prepared.

CARRIED

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

4.1 Session No. 4 dated June 26, 2020.

23/20 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the minutes of the Board meeting being Session No. 4 dated June 26, 2020 having been typed and distributed to members now be approved.

CARRIED

#### **5. Standing items**

##### **5.1 Update on the new OPP Detachment Building.**

Inspector Schmidt advised that the keys for the new building will be handed over September 30th with the operational switchover scheduled to take place October 7th. He notes that this is a very exciting time for OPP members. The building is state of the art with modern tools and equipment. He advised that OPP officers and their spouses are invited to participate in a tour of the building on October 4th between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. He also extended that invitation to Board members to attend at this time and date.

- 5.2 Provincial Appointments to the Fort Frances Police Services Board.  
- There continues to be no new provincial appointments to this Board.

## **6. New Business**

- 6.1 Rainy River District O.P.P. - 2019 Progress Report.  
This item was continued from last meeting. Inspector Schmidt provided an overview of the report. He spoke about the 2020-2022 Action Plan which the OPP are in the process of developing. A discussion with members respecting the input on the action plan will be furthered at the next meeting.
- 6.2 Inspector N. Schmidt - Power Point Presentation - OPP Response to the recent Opioid Crisis.  
- Sgt. Matthew LeBlanc was in attendance to provide an overview of a power point presentation surrounding the opioid crisis occurring in Fort Frances and District and the Mobilization Project by the Overdose Focus Group recently formed. Staff Sgt. McLean had identified this concern this summer and approached Sgt. LeBlanc to look at forming a situation table with Community Partners to try and identify solutions to this issue. The message from the Coroner is that this is not just a policing issue, but truly is a public health crisis which outweighs COVID and is not getting the attention it deserves. Sgt. LeBlanc closed by saying that the biggest point is if you see an overdose situation, call 911 immediately. Board expressed appreciation to Staff Sgt. McLean and asked him to also pass along their appreciation to Sgt. LeBlanc for undertaking these efforts.
- 6.3 Detachment Commander's Report. - Reporting on June, July and August 2020. (please find attached)
- 24/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the Detachment Commander's report covering the months of June, July and August 2020, as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.

CARRIED

## **7. Information/Correspondence**

The following 3 items were received as information.

- 7.1 Correspondence dated June 30, 2020 from OAPSB to Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General re: OPP Detachment Board Composition.
- 7.2 2020 OAPSB Virtual Annual General Meeting Agenda - Friday, May 29, 2020.
- 7.3 Save the Date - 2021 OAPSB Spring Conference - May 26th to 29th, 2021 - Niagara Falls.

**8. Next Meeting Date - October 30, 2020**

**9. Adjournment**

9.1 The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

25/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: 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