

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

SESSION NO. # 3

May 31, 2019

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on May 31, 2019 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

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

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

**1. Call to Order 8:45 a.m.**

**2. Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting.**

- 2.1 1) J. McTaggart re: Letter of Concern dated May 29, 2019 from Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre;  
2) J. McTaggart re: Letter of Appreciation to the OPP dated May 27, 2019 from the Fort Frances Library Technology Centre. *Board Chair provided correspondence from both the Fort Frances Museum and Fort Frances Public Library and Technology Centre. These letters were addressed by Inspector Schmidt and Board Chair McTaggart.*

**3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - No matters identified**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

- 4.1 Session No. 3 dated May 31, 2019.

19/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Police Services Board approve the May 31, 2019 agenda as prepared with the addition of the following Non-Agenda items:

- 1) Correspondence from the Fort Frances Museum;  
2) Correspondence from the Fort Frances Public Library and Technology Centre.

CARRIED

**5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes**

- 5.1 Session No. 2 dated April 5, 2019.

20/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting being Session No. 2 dated April 5, 2019 having been typed and distributed to members be approved.

CARRIED

**6. Standing Items**

- 6.1 Rules and Procedures Protocol 2018.

The Board reviewed the document and made small housekeeping amendments to the document. It will now be forwarded for execution.

21/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the RULES AND PROCEDURES PROTOCOL between the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board and the Ontario Provincial Police having been reviewed now be approved for execution by John McTaggart, Board Chair and further that three (3) original agreements be forwarded to Chief Superintendent Dave Lucas, Regional Commander Northwest Region, Ontario Provincial Police for execution on behalf of the OPP.

6.2 Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

Board Chair advised that during the recent OAPSB Conference, he was made aware of a program undertaken by Halton Region which would provide a good resource. He was advised that groups of communities were banding together to prepare their plans. He felt that the Police Services Board should be involved in the creation of the municipality's plan.

6.3 Board Training.

Board Chair advised that there are Ministry representatives prepared to do Board Training. He understands that the Atikokan PSB is anxious to take advantage of joint training. Inspector Schmidt offered his assistance in providing presentations from local emergency response teams, and perhaps look into bringing in drug enforcement officers. He also made members aware that there is a Provincial Liaison Team which deals with indigenous issues.

6.4 Provincial Appointments to PSB Board.

Board Chair advised that there has been some movement in this area. He was made aware that interviews are currently taking place and is hopeful that appointments will be approved in the near future.

**7. New Business**

7.1 Request for input respecting current Animal Control By-Law 50/17.

This item has already been addressed by the Planning and Development Executive Committee with input from By-Law Enforcement and no longer requires input from the Police Services Board.

7.2 Request from E. Fischer - NWHU re: Bike Share Program.

Inspector Schmidt advised that he supports this request. He noted that annual bike auctions provide very little revenue. The Board supported the initiative brought forward by the Northwestern Health Unit. Inspector Schmidt will contact the Health Unit and further advise.

22/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Police Services Board support the Bike Share Program request dated May 13, 2019 from E. Fischer, NWHU and further that the OPP be authorized to donate unclaimed bikes to this initiative on a regular basis.

CARRIED

7.3 Request from Mayor Caul - Pedestrian/Bike/Scooter Safety.

Staff Sgt. McLean provided an overview of incidences involving bikes and scooters over the past 5 years. He provided information about an initiative McDonald's Restaurant is undertaking for the summer called the Safety Scoop Program which rewards positive behaviour. It was suggested that perhaps a educational partnership with NWHU could be undertaken and that this matter could be included in the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

7.4 Request from Linda Hamilton - Discussion of recent CBC news articles.

Mrs. Hamilton directed some questions and concerns about the officers overtime hours and how this would affect the time spent away from their families. She was interested in how mental health issues were addressed by the OPP. Inspector Schmidt and Staff Sgt. McLean felt that the articles provided were skewed and one sided. Inspector Schmidt provided an overview of staffing protocols as well as an overview of a mental health strategy developed in 2015. Chair McTaggart asked if it would be possible to bring someone in to provide a presentation and overview of the current programs offered by the OPP to the Board in the future.

7.5 Letter to Town Council from D. Cuthbertson, Northwoods Gallery and Gifts re: Scott Street Concerns.

Inspector Schmidt and Staff Sgt. McLean provided an update on recent Community Mobilization meetings held May 3rd and May 23rd. He felt that there should be a push to make those agencies involved with mental health and homeless issues to be more accountable. Officers have been attending at businesses to look at store fronts and provide assistance with security issues. There have been 33 directed patrols and a Community Street Officer has been engaged.

- 7.6 Update to the request - Cost of an enhancement to the contract for the use of two (2) specials constables for provision of Court Security.  
Inspector Schmidt advised that the business case for cost enhancement has been supported by the Region and Municipal Policing and will be forwarded for approval to the Commissioner's Committee. We now await their decision. This matter will be referred to the next regular meeting.

- 7.7 Update from J. McTaggart, Chair re: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM. The Board deferred this item until the June 24, 2019 meeting.

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

- 8.1 Detachment Commander's Report - Reporting on March & April, 2019. (please find attached).

- 23/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the March/April 2019 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.

CARRIED

## **9. Next Meeting Date - June 26, 2019**

## **10. In-Camera**

- 10.1 Operational Matter.  
Inspector Schmidt provided an overview of this matter. It will remain a standing item.

- 24/19 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 or local board; more specifically Operational Matter.

CARRIED

## **11. Adjournment**

- 11.1 The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

- 25/19 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