

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. # 4

June 26, 2019

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on June 26, 2019 from 10:03 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Detachment Commander N. Schmidt, Staff Sgt. D. McLean. K. Lawson, PSB Board Secretary and R. Thoms, 93.1 The Border (10:03 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.).

1. Call to Order 10:04 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: 2018 Annual Report O.P.P. - Chair provided all members with a copy of the annual periodical.

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

4. Approval of Agenda

- 4.1 Session No. 4 dated June 26, 2019.

26/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Police Services Board approve the June 26, 2019 agenda as prepared with the addition of the following Non-Agenda items:

- 1) 2018 Annual Report - O.P.P.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

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

27/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the minutes of the Board Meeting being Session No. 3 dated May 31, 2019 having been typed and distributed to members be approved.

CARRIED

6. Standing Items

- 6.1 Item referred from Town Council - D. Cuthbertson, Northwoods Gallery and Gifts re: Scott Street Concerns.
- Inspector Schmidt advised that this item will be furthered at the September meeting.

- 6.2 Community Safety and Well Being Plan.
- Inspector Schmidt advised that the RRDSSAB has reached out to all municipalities in the district to determine how this matter will be funded. A request to speak to the Ministry by Town Council attendees at the upcoming AMO Conference has been addressed.

- 6.3 Board Education and Training.
J. McTaggart stated that he has been made aware of possible joint police services board training with Atikokan and will advise our members if a date is confirmed. Inspector Schmidt provided an update on Indigenous Awareness Training which is available to board members. The current training session is available in Thunder Bay from

September 23rd to September 27th, 2019. Mrs. Hamilton indicated that she would be interested in attending this session.

- 28/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the following be authorized to attend the Indigenous Awareness Training - September 23rd to September 27th, 2019 - Thunder Bay: Mrs. Linda Hamilton

CARRIED

- 6.4 Provincial Appointments to Police Services Board.
- Although the Board has not been provided any announcements with respect to Provincial appointments, Mr. McTaggart understands that appointments are starting to happen.
- 6.5 New OPP Building Update.
- Mayor Caul provided an update on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new detachment building that board members were in attendance for on June 24th, 2019. Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and Minister Greg Rickford were also in attendance and provided remarks. Inspector Schmidt advised that he will be attending monthly meetings to discuss progress on construction of the building and that the target date is still 2020.

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

- 7.1 Update - Request for Cost Enhancement to the contract for use of two (2) special constables for provision of Court Security.
- a joint report from D. Brown, CAO and J. McTaggart, Board Chair was amended to remove recommendation No. 1 and enhance Recommendation No. 2 to state that the OPP be provided direction to commence the recruitment process around the first week of October 2019 with an employment date commencing January 1st, 2020; and No. 3 to state the current OPP contract be terminated as of September 30th and further that a new OPP Service Contract be negotiated to commence October 1st, 2019 with the inclusion of two special constables court security enhancement. Inspector Schmidt advised that it will take 3 months to hire the special constables and secure clearances. He stated that the only difference between regular constables and special constables is that the special constables will not carry fire arms. They will be trained in use of force. A revised report will be presented to Council at their July 8th regular meeting.
- 29/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Police Services Board support the recommendations as amended in the joint report dated June 17, 2019 from D. Brown, CAO, Town of Fort Frances and Councillor J. McTaggart, Board Chair, Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board re: Proposal for OPP Special Constables to Provide Court Security Services.

CARRIED

8. New Business

- 8.1 Update from J. McTaggart, Chair re: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference (deferred from May 31st, 2019 meeting). - this matter will be deferred to the September meeting.
- 8.2 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant Allocation for 2019-2020.
- Chair McTaggart provided an overview of the allocation funding for members. Members approved signing the funding documents.
- 30/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant Allocation for the period April 1st, 2019 to March 31st, 2020 from the Ministry of the Attorney General be received and approved for execution by the authorized signatory.

CARRIED

9. Detachment Commander's Report

- 9.1 Reporting on May 2019 (please find attached).
Inspector Schmidt reported that OPP have plans to continue foot patrols in downtown Fort Frances at least until the end of July. The patrols were started in response to an increase of reports of shoplifting and loitering. To date, 48 such patrols have been made. He stated that fewer thefts are being reported. He said his staff felt that the patrols are having an impact and the OPP will be continuing the current patrols until the end of July at which time they will study the results to determine how they will continue in the future. He also reported on incidents and charges laid in the month of May 2019.

- 31/19 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the May 2019 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.

CARRIED

10. Next Meeting Date - September 20, 2019

11. In-Camera

- 11.1 Operational Matter.
- no update was provided at this meeting. This matter will be deferred to the September meeting.

12. Adjournment -

- 12.1 The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

- 32/19 Caul-Hamilton: THAT this meeting of the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board be now closed.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary