

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

SESSION NO. # 3

May 22, 2020

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre and via Skype on May 22, 2020 from 8:37 a.m. to 10:38 a.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander. Staff Sgt. D. McLean, R. Thoms, B93. The Border, K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary

1. Call to Order 8:37 a.m.

2. Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting. - None identified

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

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1 Session No. 3 dated May 22, 2020

12/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Police Services Board approve the May 22, 2020 agenda as prepared.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Session No. 2 dated February 26, 2020.

13/20 Rogozinski-Hamilton: THAT the minutes of the Board meeting being Session No. 2 having been typed and distributed to members now be approved.

CARRIED

6. Standing Items

6.1 Update of the new OPP Detachment Building.

Inspector Schmidt advised that progress on the building is still very positive, with no delays arising from COVID. He advised that the October deadline was still anticipated and will allow for the transition to the new detachment facility.

6.2 Provincial Appointments.

It is anticipated that appointments will be on hold until such time as a decision is made by the Provincial government respecting PSB Board governance.

7. New Business

7.1 Potential Police Board Governance.

The Board were unanimous in their opposition to changes to the current board makeup. It was suggested that should the government choose to approve the proposed changes, management of an increased board composition would present increased challenges. Members approved having the Chair forward correspondence to our Zone representative to allow for presentation at the upcoming OAPSB meeting.

14/20 Caul-Rogozinski: THAT the letter and email dated May 11, 2020 from Mayor Kevin Holland, Township of Conmee and OAPSB Representative re: Upcoming Meeting of the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) be received;
and

FURTHER THAT a letter respecting the Fort Frances Police Services Boards opposition to the proposed structure of Police Services Boards for the Ontario Provincial Police be forwarded to the OAPSB with copy to Mayor Holland and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) with copy to Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor AMO.

CARRIED

7.2 2020 OAPSB Spring Annual General Meeting - Virtual Meeting - May 29, 2020
Chair J. McTaggart reminded members of the upcoming meeting which is being held virtually this year, should they wish to attend.

8. Detachment Commanders Report

8.1 May 22, 2020 - Reporting on the period - February to April 2020.
Inspector Schmidt was in attendance to provide
Inspector Schmidt provided an overview for the work of The Rainy River District Mobile Response Team. He stated that the investment in Special Constables has allowed for this important initiative. He also provided an update on the 2 Special Constables. In addition he recognized and commended the outstanding achievements of certain officers and civilians during this reporting period.

15/20 Hamilton-Caul: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board receive the February to April 2020 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.

CARRIED

9. In-Camera

9.1 Operational Matter.
Inspector Schmidt advised there were no items necessary to be discussed at this time.

10. Next Meeting Date - June 26, 2020

11. Adjournment

11.1 The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

16/20 Hamilton-Caul: THAT this meeting of the Town of Fort Frances Police Services Board be now closed.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary