

# TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

## Fort Frances Police Services Board

### AGENDA - November 27, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.

#### MEETING -Committee Room, Civic Centre & Virtually Session No. 7

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3. **Approval of Agenda**
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5. **New Business**
  - 5.1 Detachment Commander's Report - Reporting on October 2020.  
(please find attached).
  - 5.2 Request from Mayor J. Caul - Concentrated Foot Patrols. 5
  - 5.3 Request for input from the Solicitor General - A review of the Court  
Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP)  
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6. **Standing Items**
  - 6.1 Provincial Appointments to the Fort Frances Police Services Board.
  - 6.2 Special Constables Update.
7. **Next Meeting Date - December 18, 2020**
8. **Adjournment**

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

### SESSION NO. 6

October 30, 2020

The meeting of Police Services Board of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre and via Teams on October 30, 2020 from 8:30 am. to 9:56 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; E. 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. 6 dated October 30, 2020

26/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Police Services Board approve the October 30, 2020 agenda as prepared.

CARRIED

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

4.1 Session No. 5 dated September 25, 2020.

27/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the minutes of the Board meeting being Session No. 5 dated September 25, 2020 having been typed and distributed to members now be approved.

CARRIED

#### **5. Standing Items**

5.1 Provincial Appointments to the Fort Frances Police Services Board. - Nothing to report.

#### **6. New Business**

6.1 2020-2022 OPP Action Plan.

Staff Sgt. McLean is currently working on this plan and provided an overview. Inspector Schmidt and Staff Sgt. McLean advised that the following are being identified: Violent Crime, Opioid issues (education, prevention and root causes), Mental Health Issues, Transfer of Care Protocols, Community Well Being Plan, Cyber Crime frauds,

aggressive and distracted drivers, focused patrols, reviving of the Auxiliary program, working with MNR on bear protocols, streamlining of vehicle collision reporting. Although the deadline was today, it has been extended. Submissions provided individually or through the Board Chair are very welcome. The Action Plan will set out policing priorities. The OPP will continue to work with the Police Services Board and look towards increasing public confidence.

Chair McTaggart provided the following items for consideration (some of which have been identified):

- 1) Assaults;
  - 2) Thefts Under;
  - 3) Drug Issue (opioids);
  - 4) Seniors Fraud (telemarketers);
  - 5) False Alarm (education);
  - 6) Speeding on the 4 lanes (King's Highway);
  - 7) OPP Detachment Relocation - ensure Downtown continues to be well patrolled;
  - 8) Distracted Drivers - (drivers on cell phones);
  - 9) Impaired Driving (Drugs (Cannabis) along with Alcohol
- Chair will submit these items electronically on behalf of the Board.

- 6.2 J. McTaggart, Chair - Winter road snow removal around the new OPP Detachment. Chair brought forward the matter of snow removal for both entrances to the new detachment property to determine if officers were experiencing any difficulties accessing the Detachment. Inspector Schmidt and Staff Sgt. McLean advised they were not aware of any. They said staff were using the Colonization Road entrance/exit with no problem. Snow removal was not an issue. They will monitor for the next month and will advise Public Works if they have any issues.
- 6.3 Detachment Commander's Report - Reporting on September, 2020. (please find attached).
- Inspector Schmidt provided an overview of the September 2020 report. He identified that the Special Constables are leaving for Orillia for a 6 week training program. OPP officers have been given temporary assignments to cover Court Services. The special constables have used the prisoner transportation van several times. Renovations for office space at the Court House for the special constables is under way. He advised the Ministry of Attorney General does not allow for use of their internet site, so sharing of WiFi facilities is not available. Arrangements are being made for alternate provision. Inspector Schmidt advised that the Detachment is in the process of receiving 3 new recruits who will cover existing vacancies. One arrived November, one experienced officer from the RCMP is arriving in December and one recruit will be arriving February 2021. He provided an overview of Front-Line Efficiencies as part of his reporting. He provided members with an update of the new methodology for moving to use of Electronic Tickets. He said time spent on each occurrence would be lessened and there would be less errors, with the information being delivered immediately to the system. Should officers choose to only warn drivers, a printing copy of a warning message would be provided. It will take a few months for officers to be trained and switched over.

28/20 Hamilton-Rogozinski: THAT the Town of Fort Frances Police Service Board receive the September 2020 Detachment Commander's report as presented by Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander, Rainy River District O.P.P.

CARRIED

**7. Next Meeting Date - November 27, 2020**

**8. In-Camera - No matters identified**

**9. Adjournment**

9.1 The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

29/20 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

**From:** [June Caul](#)  
**To:** [Schmidt, Nathan \(OPP\)](#); [John McTaggart](#); [Linda Hamilton](#); [Gary Rogozinski](#); [Kathy Lawson](#)  
**Subject:** The Need For Foot Patrol Downtown  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 1:27:50 PM

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Hi everyone. In the last few days I have been informed by residents who have been chased through the downtown area by people looking for drugs and/or money. I have also been told by people who were at Rainy Lake Square and in broad daylight seen addicts shooting up with drugs. The downtown area and especially the hotspots of illegal activities nearby are once again becoming a concern of our residents as an unsafe and scary place to be. Therefore, I am requesting that a concentrated foot patrol be done of the downtown blocks on a regular basis. The visibility of the OPP will hopefully once again deter the illegal activities that are beginning to impact businesses and residents. Foot patrols should be an everyday occurrence.

Thank you,

June Caul

## *Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review*

Salutations,

As you may know, the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario (ministry) has commissioned a review of programs that support the delivery of court security and prisoner transportation across the province, including the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program. The ministry has contracted Goss Gilroy Inc. (GGI) to conduct this review. The objectives of the exercise are to provide an evidence-based assessment of the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and sustainability of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation program, and identify options and recommendations for improvements and efficiencies.

As part of the review, GGI is circulating a questionnaire to Police Chiefs and OPP Detachment Commanders, including yours, to solicit detailed information about how court security and prisoner transportation are operationalized, what the main challenges are and what could be improved.

GGI also wants to offer all Chairs of Police Service Boards in Ontario the opportunity to provide input into this exercise. If you would like to contribute, please provide your feedback via the online form provided below.

We would appreciate receiving your comments by December 10.

Link to the feedback form:

[https://surveys.ggi.ca/en/s3760cao\\_chairs](https://surveys.ggi.ca/en/s3760cao_chairs)

Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and managed in accordance with the relevant access to information and privacy legislation. Personal identifiers will not be used in any reports.

If you have any questions about the review, please contact Brian Bourns ([bourns@maclarenmc.ca](mailto:bourns@maclarenmc.ca)), Project Manager of the GGI team, or Sara Cowan ([Sara.Cowan@ontario.ca](mailto:Sara.Cowan@ontario.ca)) at the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario.

Thank you for your time,

