

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 the 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

Board Chair

Board Secretary