

**TOWN OF FORT FRANCES  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**Minutes  
Session**

**February 16, 2018**

The regular Meeting of the Police Services Board was held in the Committee Room February 16, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.

The following members were present: John McTaggart, Rick Wiedenhoeft, John Albanese, Roy Avis and A. Hallikas.

Also Present: Inspector N. Schmidt, R. Thoms, B.93 and K. Lawson, Acting Secretary.

1. **Call to order:** Chair called meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. **Non-Agenda Items:** None Identified.

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:** None identified.

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

**08/18 Wiedenhoeft-Hallikas:** THAT the Police Services Board approve the Agenda as prepared. **CARRIED.**

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

**09/18 Hallikas-Avis:** THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting being Sessions No. 1 dated January 26, 2018 having been typed and distributed to the members be approved. **CARRIED.**

6. Inspector N. Schmidt, Detachment Commander – January 2018 OPP Activity Report.

- Inspector Schmidt, as part of his initiative to invite members of the detachment to meet the Board, introduced OPP Admin Sgt. M. Leblanc and Constables J. Mills and J. Matchura. They were in attendance from 8:02 a.m. to 8:08 a.m. These officers have moved to Town within the last two years. They provided individual remarks about themselves.

- Inspector Schmidt gave an update on the request from both A. Hallikas and R. Wiedenhoeft to provide a police presence at both the Library and in the area of the A&W Restaurant.

- Library update: Inspector Schmidt advised that his department had reviewed the information received from Library staff and noted that the 8 occasions where a concern was raised, all but 1 occurred during the winter season. He noted that his staff would provide a focused patrol over a 45 day period until the end of March and hopefully the police presence will help. He promised to review the issue again in April.

- A&W update: Inspector Schmidt noted that there were 2 calls to the detachment in 2017 for fights/disturbances. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December a call was received for what was thought to be a larger group engaged in a fighting incident. It turned out to be students who were gathering for what was described as “friendly rap battles” during their school breaks.

Both Mr. Hallikas and Mr. Wiedenhoefst thanked Inspector Schmidt for the investigations undertaken by his officers.

**10/18 Wiedenhoefst-Hallikas:** THAT the Police Services Board receive Insp. N. Schmidt January 2018 OPP Activity Report. **CARRIED.**

9. **Non-Agenda Items:** - None identified.

10. **Standing Items:**

- i) **Speed Signs:**  
- A discussion was had on the statistical information which Travis Rob had provided members for the period from December 1, 2017 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for locations on 5<sup>th</sup> Street West and King’s Highway. Members commented that they would like to see one of the two signs alternate over to Colonization Road West, and that the sign currently on King’s Highway be moved back farther down from its current location in an attempt to avoid skewed speed statistics based on the fact that vehicles were slowing to turn onto Stewart/Holmes Avenues.
- ii) **New OPP Building:**  
Inspector Schmidt advised that the building meeting had been postponed until March 20<sup>th</sup>. There had been concerns expressed about some design flaws. He will provide an update at the next regular meeting of the Board.

11. **Information/Correspondence Received:**

- i) Police Chief Magazine dated Winter 2018 – distributed to all members.

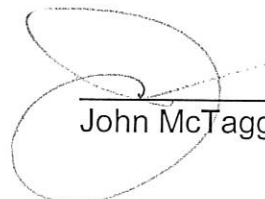
12. **Next Meeting –**

13. **In -Camera:** None identified.

**11/18 Hallikas-Wiedenhoefst:** That his meeting of the Board be now closed.

**CARRIED.**

  
Kathryn Lawson, Acting, Secretary

  
John McTaggart, Chair