



**Police Services Board
April 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

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**ATTENDANCE**

- Attendees: Doug Lawrance, Mayor, Municipality of Sioux Lookout (Acting Chair)  
Christine Sawanis, Board member
- OPP Representative(s): Inspector Karl Duewel  
Constable Andrea Degagne, Community Safety Officer
- Staff: Michelle Larose, Staff Resource  
Tiffany Thompson
- Absent: Darlene Angecone – with regrets  
Staff Sergeant Michael Kreis, Operations Manager – with regrets

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER)**

Acting Chair, Mayor Doug Lawrance called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Lawrance offered a Land Acknowledgement.

**3. AGENDA**

- a) Introduction of Amendments to the Agenda
- b) Confirmation of Agenda

**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**  
**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the Agenda for the April 20, 2022, Police Services Board meeting be Approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**



**4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**

**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the Minutes of the: January 26, 2022 Police Services Board Minutes, January 13, 2022 Police Services Board Minutes (Meeting with Ontario Health), January 17, 2022 Police Services Board Minutes (Follow-Up meeting with the LCBO), February 22, 2022 Police Services Board Minutes (Follow-Up meeting with the LCBO and the April 5, 2022 Police Services Board Minutes (Follow-Up meeting with the LCBO) be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None**

**7. DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS - None**

**8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**a) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics – Inspector Karl Duewel**

Inspector Duewel reviewed the statistics in the report and some highlight were:

- Public Complaints were at zero for the first quarter of 2022;
- Snowmobile patrol hours were at 45.50 for the first quarter of 2022;
- Foot patrol hours were at 26.25 for the first quarter of 2022;
- School patrol hours were at 3.50 for the first quarter of 2022;
  - With schools now opening up to the public again these hours will significantly increase for the next quarter;
- Assaults having doubled in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022, when compared to the first quarter of 2021;
- Property Crime has stayed the same in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022, when compared to the first quarter of 2021;
  - Theft Under's are the most predominate charge in this category. Most of these are thefts at the LCBO;
- Property Crime Clearance rate increased by 13% for the first quarter of 2022;
- Criminal Records and Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks have increased in the first quarter of 2022;



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- This is due to everything reopening again and people starting to volunteer for kid's sports etc.
- The average turn around time for a Criminal Records/Vulnerable Sector Check is 3 weeks.

Constable Andrea Degagne highlighted some of the activities she has coordinated and participated in 2021 and the first quarter of 2022:

### In 2021:

- The OPP attended the Gay Pride Flag raising event held by the Municipality of Sioux Lookout;
- The OPP attended the Remembrance Day ceremony;
- The OPP submitted a float for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade;
- Foot patrol and drop ins at the Seniors Activity Centre were done, when it was open to the public;
- A meet and greet was done at Waninawakang Aboriginal Head Start program;
- The OPP was part of the Vulnerable Populations Committee;
- They assisted with the camp clean up and helped the individuals who did not have a fixed address connect with the Northwestern Health Unit and Paramedicine;
- A SUAP (Substance Use and Addictions Program) team was formed and this is in partnership with the Northwestern Health Unit;
- A Crisis Response Team was also formed;
- A Pre-Charge Diversion program was created for adults and youth;
- A bicycle safety program was rolled out in the Spring/Summer of 2021;
- The community Gay/Straight Alliance Club ran virtually due to COVID;
- The Sioux Lookout OPP Auxiliary Unit was made official in August of 2021;
- They brought 10 individuals to the Situation Table;
- The OPP Kids Program was started at Sacred Heart School, but unfortunately due to COVID-19 and the schools closing, the program did not finish;
- They did two Human Trafficking presentations at Sacred Heart School for grades 7 and 8;
- They did some Anti-Bullying presentations at Sacred Heart School;
- There were 53 media releases put out regarding community activities and there were also 28 social media posts;

### In 2022 (Quarter 1):

- The OPP 6 week kids program has been completed. This was completed with grades 5, 6 & 7 students;
- They have been able to do some presentations on Anti-Bullying and Safe Schools with classes at Sacred Heart;
- They have been continuing to co-chair the Healthy Community Task Force meetings;
- They are looking into getting more awareness training for front line officers with regards to FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder);



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- They are continuing to support the vulnerable population in Sioux Lookout by daily visits at the Warming Centre;
- They are continuing their participation with the Crisis Outreach Teams to help get individuals connected to services in the community;
- Andrea Degagne participated in the tour of the Morning Star facility and the Canadian Mental Health facility in Kenora;
- She has been working on a Sexual Assault Reduction Strategy with Staff Sergeant Mike Kreis;
- There was the Battle of the Badges hockey game fundraiser. This raised \$2000.00 for the Sierra Hoppe bursary;
- Officers are coordinating a half-marathon for June 2022;
- For the Blueberry Festival this year the OPP will be hosting an open house at the detachment;
- In the Summer of 2022 there will be 2 students working at the detachment under the Youth in Policing Initiative.

### b) 2022 Sioux Lookout LCBO Project – Final Report – Inspector Duewel

Mayor Lawrance advised that the 3-month Pilot project has ended, but the LCBO has agreed to extend the Sunday closures until further notice. They will also now be closed on Monday's due to staffing shortages.

The Municipality has written a letter to the LCBO Corporate Office advocating for the Sunday closures to continue indefinitely, as well as to have their model of service in Sioux Lookout changed. This letter will be sent out after the PSB meeting to the respective LCBO representatives and members of the PSB Board.

**Constable Andrea Degagne left the meeting at 2:20 p.m. with regrets**

### c) Closed Session Item

**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**

**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the Police Services Board moves into Closed Session at 2:19 p.m. to discuss matters of a general nature pertaining to the subject matter relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, Section 239 (2)(k) – Police Services.

**CARRIED**



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The Board went into closed session at 2:19 p.m.

**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**

**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the Police Services Board return to Open Session at 2:26 p.m.

**CARRIED**

There was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Police Service Meeting will be held on July 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**


**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**

**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the April 20, 2022 meeting of the Police Services Board adjourn at 2:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Adopted as presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

  
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Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson

  
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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource