



**Police Services Board  
February 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
MINUTES**

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**ATTENDANCE**

Attendees: Darlene Angecneb  
Doug Lawrance, Mayor, Municipality of Sioux Lookout

OPP Representative(s): Inspector Karl Duewel  
Staff Sergeant Michael Kreis, Operations Manager  
Acting Sergeant Andrea Degagne

Staff: Michelle Larose, Staff Resource  
Tiffany Thompson

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Michelle Larose called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Darlene Angecneb was appointed as the Chair of the Police Service Board

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Lawrance offered a Land Acknowledgement.

**4. AGENDA**

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

**Moved By: Doug Lawrance  
Seconded By: Darlene Angecneb**



## SIOUX LOOKOUT Hub of the North

THAT the Agenda for the February 9, 2023, Police Services Board meeting be approved, as amended.

- The agenda was amended to correct Acting Sergeant Andrea Degagne's rank.

**CARRIED**

### 5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved By: Doug Lawrance**

**Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb**

THAT the Minutes of the October 19, 2022 Police Services Board meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Moved By: Doug Lawrance**

**Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb**

THAT the Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Police Services Board (Follow-Up meeting with the LCBO) be approved, as amended.

- A minor spelling error was corrected in the minutes.

**CARRIED**

### 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

### 8. DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

#### **Community Policing Update – Acting Sergeant Andrea Degagne**

Acting Sergeant Andrea Degagne presented the Year End Community Policing Update. Some highlights were as follows:

#### **Detachment Events attended by the OPP in 2022:**

- Community Pride Flag Raising
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee: PRIDE infographic, Big Trout Lake Six information seminar
- Indigenous People's Day – Flag Raising Ceremony



- Community Club GSA – Meetings on Wednesdays at the Sioux North High School Library
- Blueberry Festival – OPP Open House: August 6, 2022
- Community Safety Night
- Stuff-A-Cruiser event over Thanksgiving and Christmas

### **Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRT) in Sioux Lookout**

- Canadian Mental Health Association Worker Alex Faryon started in July of 2022
- The 2022 statistics for the MCRT worker are:
  - Assisted the OPP with 262 calls for service in 2022
  - 82 calls were *Mental Health Act/Threat of Self Harm*
  - 27 calls were Ambulance Assist
  - 15 calls were Trouble with Youth/Family Disputes/Unwanted Persons
  - 18 call were *Liquor Licence and Control Act*
- There also were some wellbeing checks and general information calls

### **Outreach Team in Sioux Lookout is made up of:**

- Zoe Howlett and Rose McKay are the NODIN outreach workers
- Emily Monaco – Public Health nurse with the Northwestern Health Unit
- Bobbi Roberts – Nurse Practitioner with the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority
- Support from Mental Health & Addictions Program at Meno Ya Win Health Centre and Community Paramedicine

The outreach team works together to connect community members with the appropriate services and helps those who would otherwise be involved in the justice system avoid this route.

The team is funded through the Federal Substance Use and Addictions Program grant. The grant is for four years and started in 2020.

The group is looking into how to keep this program running and funded after 2024 when the grant expires.

### **Diversion Program for Youth**

- 29 youth charges were referred to the Youth Diversion Program in 2022
  - Diversion included: 12 *Liquor Licence and Control Act* infractions, 11 Mischief infractions, 5 Assault infractions, 5 Theft, Cause Disturbance, Break & Enter, Animal Cruelty, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Breach Conditions.
- Out of those 29 diversions, there was only 1 unsuccessful diversion
- Some diversion measures are: Healing Circle, Financial Restitution, Community Support Team connection



### **Diversion Program for Adults**

- 13 adult charges were referred to the Adult Diversion Program in 2022
  - Diversion included: 5 Theft Under \$5,000 infractions, 3 Assaults, 2 *Liquor Licence and Control Act* infractions, 2 Mischief infractions, Cause Disturbance
- Officers have been asked to consider the adult diversion program through Nishnawbe-Aski Legal, especially in the case of prolific offenders

### **Sexual Assault Reduction Initiative**

- The OPP took steps to ensure there was an exceptional level of response for these types of investigations
  - The Crime Unit was involved
  - Victim Special Program
  - Acting Detective Sergeant Beth Chevalier
- The OPP has reached out to local support agencies with identified needs for public safety and awareness
  - They are currently running initiatives to combat Human trafficking and Sexual Assault with different local agencies

### **School Programs**

- OPP KIDS Program – 6-week program completed with seven grade 5/6/7 classes from Sioux Mountain and Sacred Heart schools, June 2022.
- Keewtin-Patricia District School Board instating “Kids In the Know” program. This is a Canadian Centre for Child Protection National Safety Education Program that build skills to increase kid’s personal safety and reduce their risk of victimization.
- Worked with Sacred Heart School to connect administration to resources to combat bullying in school
- Working with Pelican Falls High School to put together safety messaging on drugs, alcohol & cannabis

### **Youth in Policing Initiative Program (YIPI)**

- The OPP had 2 students working with them over the Summer of 2022
- The students worked on outreach and awareness programing
  - They also assisted with community events



### **Cadet Program**

- The purpose of this program was to perform public service duties at the detachment that assist Law Enforcement Officers and to gain knowledge and skills associated with pursuing a career in law enforcement
- Hannah Thomas from Lac Seul First Nation started with the detachment in June of 2022

### **Auxiliary Program**

- The Auxiliary officers participated in many summer events.
- They also provided Bike and Marine patrol support with the Community Safety Team
- Sioux Lookout has the biggest auxiliary force in the Northwest

### **Bike Safety Program**

- Police Constable Lucier took the lead on bike safety for 2022
- Police Constables Lee, Lucier and Hussak rolled out the 2022 Positive Ticketing program in partnership with Fresh Market
- WJS Canada donated 15 youth helmets for the 2022 helmet safety campaign. Officers distributed all 15 helmets to youth in Sioux Lookout

### **Situation Table**

- Meetings are every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- There were 12 cases presented in 2022
- They are looking to expand to a Complex Community Care Planning Table. This would be modeled after the one established in Kenora.

### **Healthy Community Task Force**

- Andrea Degagne is continuing to Co-Chair the Task Force
- Some projects are: Sioux Lookout Young Professionals Network, Youth in Transition Workgroup, Human Trafficking Coalition, Community Sexual Assault Reduction Strategy Workgroup
- The Task Force is helping the Municipality by supporting the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan

### **Ontario Closed Circuit Television Grant**

- The Municipality was successful in their application to attain funding through this grant



- The Municipality is putting in \$48,000 for installation of surveillance cameras throughout the downtown and town beach areas

#### **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disease (FASD)**

- The FASD Workgroup has reconvened
- They are collaborating with the Mental Health Court Crown and local FASD serving agencies to put together a presentation specific to working with individuals with FASD

### **9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **a) 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics – Inspector Karl Duewel**

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

- The Sioux Lookout detachment did the most Festive RIDE programs in the province for 2022
  - These checks were done at all times of the day and in different locations
- Darryl Sainnawap and Mary Chapman are new OPP officers. They will be starting in February of 2023
- Kichenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation will be transferring their police services over to the OPP as of April 1, 2023
- There were no public complaints for 2022
- Cruiser patrol hours are up October to December of 2022
- Foot patrol hour were at 40 hours October to December of 2022
- Violent Crime for 2022 was trending downward
- Property Crime increased for 2022. This was due to a rise in break and enters
- There were some very successful Drug Crime cases in 2022
- Clearance rates stayed the same for most occurrences for 2022
- Billing:
  - Violent Crime saw a reduction in calls for service
  - Break and Enter saw an increase in calls for service
  - Shoplifting calls increased October to December of 2022

### **10. CLOSED SESSION**

THAT the Sioux Lookout Police Services Board move into closed session at 2:40 p.m. to discuss matters of a general nature noted below:

- a) As per Section 239 (a) of the *Municipal Act* the security of the property of the municipality or local board;



b) As per Section 239 (b) of the *Municipal Act*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees, regarding the security of buildings.

**11. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

THAT the Sioux Lookout Police Services Board ratifies resolutions/direction given to staff relative to the items presented in Closed Session on February 9, 2023 as follows:

There was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

**12. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Moved By: Doug Lawrance**  
**Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb**

THAT the February 9, 2023 meeting of the Police Services Board adjourn at 3:16 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Adopted as presented this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource