



# SIoux LOOKOUT

Hub of the North

**Police Services Board Meeting**  
**October 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**via Zoom Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

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## **ATTENDANCE**

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

OPP Representative(s): Inspector Karl Duewel  
Staff Sergeant Michael Kreisz, Operations Manager

Staff: Michelle Larose, Staff Resource  
Tiffany Thompson, Executive Assistant

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

Chair, Darlene Angecneb called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

### **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Lawrance offered a Land Acknowledgement.

### **3. AGENDA**

a) Introduction of Amendments to the Agenda - NIL

b) Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda for the October 20, 2021, Police Services Board meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

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



## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amended the minutes and put Chair, as Darlene Angeconeb's title under attendees.

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

THAT the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Police Services Board Minutes be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### a) Meeting with the LCBO – Michelle Larose

Michelle advised the Board that on September 2, 2021, Mayor Lawrance, herself, Inspector Karl Duewel and Staff Sergeant Michael Kreis meet with the Sioux Lookout LCBO Store Manager, Lisa Lockwood and the District Manager, Phil Aune of the LCBO regarding the high calls for service at the Sioux Lookout LCBO.

Michelle presented the statistics given to her by Inspector Duewel and asked if there were any statistics that he would like redacted before they were sent to the LCBO District Manager prior to the follow up meeting.

- Inspector Duewel advised that he sent Tiffany Thompson the redacted statistics.

Michelle advised that there will be a follow up meeting with the District Manager and requested the Police Service Board members to attend.

Tiffany will send out some dates to canvas the Board members and get back to everyone once a meeting date has been set with the LCBO District Manager, Phil Aune.

## 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### a) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics – Inspector Karl Duewel

Inspector Duewel reviewed the statistics in the report.

- Calls for Service are starting to trend upwards now due to COVID restrictions easing;
- There are no public complaints for the Sioux Lookout OPP Detachment;



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- Daily reporting hours for this Summer are as follows: 30 hours of Marine patrol and 50 hours of Foot Patrol;
- Violent Crime Statistics: Assaults and Sexual Assaults have increased, as well as other Crimes Against Persons. Property Crimes are also trending upwards;
- Clearance rates for Violent Crimes is at 80%, which is a drop from 2020;
- Property Crimes Clearance rates are up and Drug Crime Clearance rates are at 100%;
- Criminal Record checks have increased, due to everyone being back in sports and volunteering;
- Drug Possession charges have increased for the billable hours;
- Sexual Assault charges have increased for the billable hours;
  - Inspector Duewel is concerned about these numbers and is holding a meeting with the Community Stakeholders on October 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss how they can educate the public about consent on both sides. He hopes this will help with lowering the numbers of assaults that take place.
- Shoplifting Occurrences have increased since 2020. In 2020 from July to September there were 2 occurrences and in 2021 same time period there were 24;
  - The LCBO has the majority of the shoplifting calls. The OPP and Municipality are trying to address this through meetings with their management.

**b) Goal of transitioning away from lodging people in the OPP Detachment holding cells who have not committed a criminal offence – Inspector Karl Duewel**

**• Red Lake Safe Bed Program & OPP – Mayor Doug Lawrance**

Inspector Duewel advised the Board that he would like to come up a plan for 2023 for an alternative solution for people who are just intoxicated to not be placed in the OPP Detachment cells to detox.

Housing people in the detachment cells for just being intoxicated in public is dangerous, as some of the people need to be medically supervised while detoxing. They have people who experience seizures while detoxing and should be medically supervised.

Inspector Duewel suggested perhaps they would need to take these people to the hospital to be supervised and then released if no further action is warranted.

Mayor Lawrance suggested Sioux Lookout could look into the Safe Bed program that Red Lake has introduced.

- Inspector Duewel advised that Red Lake transferred all their funding for a Safe Bed program to Kenora and they now have set up a regional program.
- Inspector Duewel suggested talking to Sarah Diaz from the Canadian Mental Health Association as she was instrumental in setting up this program.
  - Sarah will be in Sioux Lookout to shadow some of her out reach workers the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>.



- Inspector Duewel will pass along Sarah’s contact information to Michelle Larose, so a meeting can be set up between the Municipality and Sarah.

Inspector Duewel suggested that the Police Services Board and the OPP meet with the CEO of the Meno Ya Win Health Centre to get them on board with having the intoxicated people being brought to the hospital to detox instead of having them stay in the detachment cells overnight.

- Michelle Larose advised that the Municipality would set up this meeting and invite the Police Services Board and the OPP to attend once a meeting time and date were confirmed.

**c) Review of Regional Policing Costs – Mayor Doug Lawrance**

Mayor Lawrance advised the Board that at the District Services Board meeting last they discussed rising policing costs.

Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake and Kenora have the highest policing costs per property in the Province.

The City of Kenora is requesting a meeting with Solicitor General Sylvia Jones to discuss the high policing costs, but Sioux Lookout has already done this many times.

The Mayor just wanted to make the Police Services Board and the OPP aware of what is going on in the Region.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Police Service Meeting will be held on January 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**

**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the October 20, 2021 meeting of the Police Services Board adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Adopted as presented this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Darlene Angecone, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource