



**Police Services Board & LCBO Meeting
January 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

- Attendees: Darlene Angeconeb, Chair
Doug Lawrance, Mayor, Municipality of Sioux Lookout
- OPP Representative(s): Inspector Karl Duewel
Staff Sergeant Michael Kreiszi, Operations Manager
- Guest(s): Christine Hoey – Sioux Lookout Chamber of Commerce
Dori Hopko – Sioux Lookout Chamber of Commerce
- Staff: Michelle Larose, Staff Resource
Brian MacKinnon, Staff Resource (for Michelle Larose)
Tiffany Thompson
- Absent: Christine Sawanis, Board member – with regrets

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER)

Chair, Darlene Angeconeb called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Lawrance offered a Land Acknowledgement.

3. AGENDA

- a) Introduction of Amendments to the Agenda

Mayor Doug Lawrance added to the agenda items:

- (f) Update on LCBO Initiative
- (g) Update on Ontario Health/Meno Ya Win Initiative
- (h) Interview with The Cottager Magazine



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- (i) ROMA Delegation meeting with Solicitor General Sylvia Jones
- (j) Meeting with Solicitor General Parliamentary Assistant
- (k) Safe Bed Program

b) Confirmation of Agenda

Moved By: Doug Lawrance
Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb

THAT the Agenda for the January 26, 2022, Police Services Board meeting be Approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved By: Doug Lawrance
Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb

THAT the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Police Services Board Minutes, November 25, 2021 Police Services Board Minutes (Meeting with Meno Ya Win), December 9, 2021 Police Services Board Minutes (Meeting with the LCBO) be approved.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

7. DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

Sioux Lookout Chamber of Commerce – Dori Hopko and Christine Hoey to present survey information from their members regarding the Warm Up Centre and as well as presented the public washrooms that the City of Kenora purchased.

The questions that the Chamber of Commerce asked were:

- As a business owner or manager does the homelessness in the Municipality of Sioux Lookout disrupt your business in any way?
 - 27% of the responses said yes
 - 36% of the responses said no



- 36% of the responses said occasionally
- The Kenora District Services Board, the OPP, the First Step Women's Shelter and the Out of the Cold Shelter will be opening a Warm-Up Centre to citizens and visitors in need of food and shelter during the Winter months. The Centre was a component for serving the vulnerable population through the Winter of 2019. Does this concern you as a business owner/manager?
 - 36% said opening of the warm up centre was a concern for them
 - 63% said opening of the warm up centre was not a concern for them
- The Warm Up centre is looking for a permanent location as the homelessness and the vulnerable population are a high priority in our community. Do you agree?
 - 100% said yes

The survey also provided some suggestions of where the permanent Warm Up shelter could be.

Christine advised that she would send a copy of the survey results to the Police Services Board for distribution among the members.

Christine advised that she spoke with the City of Kenora about their green space revitalization project and within that project they will be adding a self cleaning washroom. They are purchasing this from Erban Blu.

She is asking that the Municipality put this initiative on the docket for the Municipality of Sioux Lookout for the downtown area.

- Michelle Larose advised that this initiative was brought to Council two years ago during budget deliberations from Development Services department. At the time Council did not want to invest the money in these self cleaning washrooms for the downtown core.

Mayor Lawrance advised that this was also brought to Council in 2016 and at that time it was also rejected. He advised that the Chamber of Commerce should put together a Recommendation to Council and present it at a future Council meeting.

Christine advised that the City of Kenora received funding for the washroom from Kenora District Services Board, NOHFC, a portion from the MAT Tax of the City and a portion of the MAT Tax from the partner of the City.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) 4th Quarter Statistics – Inspector Karl Duewel

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



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- Public Complaints were at zero for all of 2021;
- Cruiser patrol hours were 122 hours for 2021;
- Foot patrol hours were 21.5 hours for 2021;
- Sexual Assaults are up by 68%;
- There were 84 Theft Under \$5000 in 2021;
 - 40 of the Theft Under \$5000 are from the LCBO
- Frauds are on a downward trend for 2021;
- Mischiefs are also on a downward trend for 2021;
- Clearance rates are down for 2021;
- Billing costs are up from 2020 to 2021;
- Weighed hours has gone from 15,000 hours to 21,000 hours;
 - This jump in hours is to due with things opening back up and more people coming in and out of the community.
- Theft Under and Shoplifting weighted hours are at 409.5 hours combined;
 - Which equates to \$40,000 spent on these occurrences.
- Disturb the Peace weighted hours have doubled in 2021.

b) Global News Article re: Edmonton police want city to consider making ID scanners mandatory at all liquor stores – Inspector Karl Duewel

Inspector Duewel advised that he forwarded this article onto the Police Services Board as it is in line with what the PSB is trying to suggest to the LCBO.

c) CBC Article: Kenora Downtown Safety Plan – Michelle Larose

Michelle Larose advised the Board that she shared the article to show that the City of Kenora is experiencing the same issues in their downtown core as Sioux Lookout.

She advised that the OPP in Kenora are looking to increase their foot patrols in the downtown core this summer.

Inspector Duewel advised that the in June of 2022 the Sioux Lookout OPP will be putting together a Community Safety Team. The Community Safety Team will be made up of five officers and their job will be to deal with the public safety issues of the day.

This team will be working seven days a week.

d) CCTV Cameras Downtown Core – Michelle Larose/Brian MacKinnon

Michelle advised the PSB that the Municipality would be asking Council to approve the purchase of CCTV cameras for the downtown area. She asked since the Municipality will be the applicant on the grant that the PSB pass a resolution in support of the grant.

Moved By: Mayor Doug Lawrance

Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb

THAT the Sioux Lookout Police Services Board requests that Council budget \$40,000 in the 2022 budget to leverage \$80,000 in funding from the Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant to facilitate the installation and related costs associated for a CCTV system in Sioux Lookout's downtown core.

Carried

e) Concerning Rates of Recidivism – Letter from the Town of Penetanguishene – Mayor Doug Lawrance

Mayor Lawrance advised that he came across this letter and wanted to share with the Board. This was something that was discussed at previous PSB meetings. He wanted to know if there should be any follow up on this issue for Sioux Lookout.

Inspector Duewel advised that he reached out the OPP analyst and asked if she could provide some statistics for the Sioux Lookout area. The analyst could pull statistics for Sioux Lookout, but it would take a while to put it all together.

Mayor Lawrance advised Inspector Duewel that there was no need to have the analyst pull all the data for this matter.

Michelle Larose left the meeting with regrets at 2:36 pm

f) Update on the LCBO Initiative – Mayor Doug Lawrance

Mayor Lawrance updated the Board about the meetings with the LCBO and that there will be a 3-month Pilot Project of the LCBO being closed on Sundays. Statistics will be collected to determine what impact the Sunday closures will have on the Calls for Service.

A follow up meeting with the LCBO to discuss preliminary data will be in late February 2022.

g) Update on Ontario Health/Meno Ya Win Initiative – Mayor Doug Lawrance

Mayor Lawrance updated the Board about the January 13, 2022 meeting with Ontario Health. The PSB had meeting with Ontario Health and Meno Ya Win Health Centre. It was decided at that meeting that Ontario Health would meet with Meno Ya Win Health Centre and the OPP separately to help develop a proposal for the Provincial government.



Inspector Duewel advised that the meeting did happen with Meno Ya Win Health Centre. Meno Ya was able to acquire the proposal that the Kenora Hospital put forth to the Provincial government for their Morning Star facility. They will be working with Ontario Health to tailor this proposal to fit Sioux Lookout's needs.

h) Interview with The Cottager magazine – Mayor Doug Lawrance

Mayor Lawrance advised the Board that he did an interview with the Cottager Magazine about Sioux Lookout and the needs of the community.

He advised Chair Darlene Angeconeb and Inspector Karl Duewel that the author of the article would be reaching out to them to get their input.

Both Darlene and Inspector Duewel advised that the author had been in touch with them and they provided her with their answers.

i) ROMA Delegation meeting with Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones – Mayor Doug Lawrance

Mayor Lawrance advised the Board that himself and Michelle Larose participated in a delegation with the Solicitor General at the ROMA Conference and advocated for lower policing costs in Sioux Lookout.

j) Meeting with Solicitor General and Parliamentary Assistant – Mayor Doug Lawrance

Mayor Lawrance advised the Board that he participated in a meeting with the Solicitor General and her Parliamentary Assistant and again advocated for lower policing costs in Sioux Lookout.

k) Safe Bed Program – Michelle Larose

Michelle advised the Board that she had a meeting with Sara Dias about the Safe Bed Program in Kenora. It was a very informative meeting and Sara has offered to attend the next PSB meeting in April and discuss the program.

The members of the Police Services Board agreed that it would be a good idea to invite Sara to the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

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



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10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By: Doug Lawrance
Seconded By: Darlene Angeconeb

THAT the January 26, 2022 meeting of the Police Services Board adjourn at 2:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Adopted as presented this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson

Michelle Larose, Staff Resource