



Police Services Board Meeting
July 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom Meeting
MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE**

- Attendees: Mayor Doug Lawrance, Municipality of Sioux Lookout  
Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson  
Inspector Dan Davidson, Inspector, OPP Sioux Lookout Detachment  
Christine Sawanis
- Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO  
Tiffany Thompson, Executive Assistant
- Regrets: Michael Kriesz, OPP Staff Sergeant, Sioux Lookout Detachment

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

- a) Introduction of Amendments to the Agenda
- b) Confirmation of Agenda  
**Moved By: Mayor Lawrance**  
**Seconded By: Christine Sawanis**

THAT the Agenda for the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Police Services Board meeting be Approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Police Services Board Minutes



**Moved By: Mayor Lawrance**

**Seconded By: Christine Sawanis**

THAT the Minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Police Services Board Minutes be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**a. OPP 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report (January – March 2020) – Inspector Davidson (OPP)**

- Inspector Davidson for the Sioux Lookout OPP detachment went over the OPP 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics;
- He stated that Violent crime in Sioux Lookout was up 18.2% January to March 2020 from January to March of 2019;
- Property crime was also up 20.0% January to March 2020 from January to March of 2019;
- Drug crime was the same as it was January to March 2019;
- Clearance rates were up January to March 2020 from January to March of 2019;
- Unfounded was down 50.0% January to March 2020 from January to March of 2019;
- Criminal Record Checks were down 16.1% and Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks were down as well January to March 2020 from January to March of 2019;
- Calls for Service were up about 600 calls from January to March of 2019;
- He attributes the rise in CFS to the high calls regarding Unwanted Persons calls and Assist Public calls;
- Unwanted Persons calls from January to Mach 2020 were at 197 and the Assist Public calls from January to March 2020 were at 102;
- He attributed most of the Unwanted Persons calls to them being alcohol related with the vulnerable population in Sioux Lookout. The Assist Public calls were mostly to remove people who were at the hostels or to remove people from places who were intoxicated;
- He advised that there is a high turn over rate with security at the hostels and the security sometimes will call the police when not necessary, but they have to respond.

**b. OPP 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report (April – June 2020) – Inspector Davidson (OPP)**

- Inspector Davidson for the Sioux Lookout OPP detachment went over the OPP 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics;
- He stated that Violent crime was down 20.4% April to June 2020 from April to June of 2019;
- Property crime was down 33.0% April to June 2020 from April to June of 2019;



- Drug Crime was up 71.4% April to June 2020 from April to June of 2019, he said just because this has increased does not necessarily mean that Sioux Lookout has a drug issue, it is due to have a dedicated officer who is cracking down on the drugs coming into Sioux Lookout;
- He stated that although they have seen some Methamphetamine in Sioux Lookout, we do not have a big issue with the drug like in the Kenora and Red Lake areas;
- Clearance Rates have gone up 4.4% April to June 2020 from April to June of 2019;
- Unfounded crime has gone down 50.0% April to June 2020 from April to June of 2019;
- Criminal Record Checks have gone down 64.6 % and Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks have also gone down 55.1%. He attributes this to the pandemic and most people staying home;
- Calls for Service were down by 786 April to June 2020 from April to June of 2019, he attributes this to the pandemic and the reduced calls for Assist Public and Unwanted Persons.
- These calls have dropped due to the pandemic and everything being on reduced hours and people staying home.

**c. COVID – 19 slowdowns in Calls for Service Data during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Mayor Lawrance)**

- The Mayor stated that he would be interested in complying data from different police forces to see what their call volume was like during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter;
- Since people were not leaving their home communities Sioux Lookout calls were down, but he would be interested to see if the NAPS call volume went up due to the retractions about leaving the communities during the pandemic;
- Other statistic that would be interesting to get are the Airport Passenger movement, SLFNHA Hostel Occupation, Emergency Department Visits, EMS Statistics, Out of the Cold Shelter stays;
- Inspector Davidson advised that he would look into getting the other police force statistics for Mayor Lawrance;
- Mayor Lawrance also advised that Tania from the Women’s Shelter had advised him that their occupancy was low for this quarter which surprised her due to everyone having to stay home;
- SLFNHA is also experiencing low occupancy in their hostels due to the canceling of non COVID related issues at the hospital, they however are expecting an influx of people now that they are resuming with non COVID related procedures at the hospital.
- Inspector Davidson advised that they are expecting that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter numbers will be on the rise as more and more things are allowed to open in Stage 3 of Ontario’s plan;
- Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson suggested maybe getting the statistics from the Friendship Centre on how many food hampers they distributed to residents during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter due to the pandemic;
- She also suggested getting some statistics from the First Nations that gave our some adi during the pandemic.



**d. Letter from OPP Commissioner re: Recent Protest Activity – Mayor Lawrance**

- Mayor Lawrance turned this matter over to Inspector Davidson to discuss;
- Inspector Davidson advised that some officers are having a hard time with the public opinion of the police as it’s all over the news and social media;
- Some members of the public have written letters to the Sioux Lookout detachment to express how thankful they are to the Sioux Lookout OPP and Dan advised that they appreciate hearing from them;
- He stated that he generally feels that the community of Sioux Lookout is behind the police;
- Mayor Lawrance stated that he hears from different agencies within Sioux Lookout how much the OPP work interracially with them and how the OPP are respected by all of them;
- Mayor Lawrance stated that he will be introducing the 2 new officers to council tonight at their meeting and is impressed with the backgrounds of the officers;
- He stated that more often than not now the officers are being hired with some sort of University or College credentials and asked Dan of this now required to be hired onto the OPP;
- Inspector Davidson advised that while it not necessary they are seeing more and more recruits with some sort of post secondary education.

**6. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Police Service Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Moved By: Mayor Lawrance**

**Seconded By: Christine Sawanis**

THAT the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Police Services Board be adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Adopted as presented this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Darlene Angecneb, Chairperson

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Michelle Larose, Staff Resource