



SIoux LOOKOUT
Hub of the North

Police Services Board Meeting
October 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom Meeting
MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE**

Attendees: Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson  
Mayor Doug Lawrance, Municipality of Sioux Lookout  
Christine Sawanis  
Acting Detachment Commander Karl Duewel, OPP Sioux Lookout Detachment

Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO  
Tiffany Thompson, Executive Assistant

Guest(s): Constable Andrea Degagne, OPP, Gillian Schaible and Chantelle Johnson from NAN Legal Services

Regrets: Staff Sargent Dayna Wellock, OPP Operations Manager, Sioux Lookout Detachment

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

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

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

THAT the Agenda for the October 21, 2020, Police Services Board meeting be approved.



**CARRIED**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minute were amended by changing the spelling of Christine's last name from Sawanas to Sawanis

**Moved By: Christine Sawanis**

**Seconded By: Doug Lawrance**

THAT the Minutes of the July 15, 2020 Police Services Board Minutes be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**a. Introduction of new leadership at Sioux Lookout OPP Detachment – Acting Detachment Commander Karl Duewel (OPP)**

- Acting Inspector Duewel said that Dan Davidson retired on September 11, 2020 and he will be the Acting Detachment Commander for 3 months (until December 7, 2020);
- After that then Staff Sargent Dayna Wellock will be the Acting Detachment Commander for 3 months and he will go back to his previous role of Operations Manger of the Sioux Lookout OPP detachment;
- He said that right now Staff Sergeant Dayna Wellock is the Operations Manager for the detachment;
- Mayor Lawrance asked if the process is under to hire a full time Inspector at the detachment;
  - Acting Detachment Commander Duewel advised that the OPP has started the process of finding a new Inspector and all the Staff Sergeants across the province are applying to get their Inspector credit;
- Once they have their credit, they can then apply for the Inspector positions within the OPP;
- He advised that the OPP is waiting to post the position, so that officers with the Inspector credit can apply;
- Mayor Lawrance asked if the Police Services Board would have the opportunity to help select the next Inspector for the Sioux Lookout Detachment and how does the board get engaged in the process;
- Acting Detachment Commander Duewel said that because Dan Davidson retired 6 months early due to vacation credits, the Inspector position will remain his until February 3, 2020 and then the posting for the position will be advertised;



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- Once the posting is up the Regional Commander will reach out to the Police Services Board as ask for a member to be appointed from the board to sit on the interview panel for the new Inspector;
- He said that he believes the Sioux Lookout will be invited as well as Pickle Lake as they are. Section 10 Municipalities.

### **b. OPP 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report (July – September 2020) – Acting Detachment Commander Karl Duewel (OPP)**

- Acting Detachment Commander Duewel said that when he looked at the statistics that COVID has had an impact on the numbers;
  - Dedicated patrol hours for the Municipality was close to 400, that includes the directed patrols (speeding initiative on Drayton Road);
  - The next patrol hours were the marine patrol hours which totaled 4. He advised that there were many more hours out on the boat, but they do not patrol a lot of the water ways in Sioux Lookout;
  - Foot patrol hours were close to 30 for the summer months;
  - Violent crime is down and for the most part everything year to date is down;
  - There is a small uptake this quarter as compared to last quarter in sexual assaults;
  - Property crime is going down a lot;
  - Drug crime has increased, but it's not that Sioux Lookout has a high drug problem, they just now have a dedicated officer investigating all these drug related issues and therefore it increases the number;
  - Clearance rates for violent crimes and property crimes for this quarter went up;
  - Criminal record checks are way down, but he attributes that to COVID and people are not volunteering as much during this time;
  - He said that he went through the billing section of the report and advised that he didn't see anything really note worthy, other than in all the categories except for drugs, it is moving in a downward trend;
  - He advised that if anyone has specific questions after reviewing the report they can contact him directly and he will deal with it then;
- Mayor Lawrance asked Acting Inspector Duewel if the statement “the level of violent crime in the community is 4.5 times the provincial average” is accurate. This was taken from a slide show presentation from the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee presentation. He said it was his understanding from previous Police Services Board meetings that Sioux Lookout does not have a lot of violent crime;
- Acting Detachment Commander Duewel agreed that for the Municipality the amount of violent crime per capita here is higher than any other place that he has worked. He advised that Sioux Lookout has one of the high sexual assault rates in the province, which is a violent crime and also our assault rate is fairly high as well;



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- Mayor Lawrance said that it is shocking to see that our rate of violent crimes is 4.5 times the provincial rate and asked Acting Detachment Commander Duewel if most of this violent crime is happening in people's homes;
  - Acting Detachment Commander Duewel said that most of the violent crime (ie: sexual assault and assaults) are happening inside the home and not out on the street. He said that the sexual assaults could be familial and the assaults could be domestics. These violent crimes are not just random ones on the street;
  
  - Mayor Lawrance asked would someone coming into the detachment and complaining about speeding on a road fall under the public complaints section on the report;
    - Acting Detachment Commander Duewel said that the public complaints section is for when someone complains about one of the officers at the detachment or service or conduct;
- c. New partnership with Northwestern Health Unit and Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority- Constable Andrea Degagne, OPP**
- Constable Degagne said that this is a partnership that developed out of last years Proceeds Of Crime Grant;
    - Crisis Response nurse worked with the OPP on the front lines;
  - That partnership ended April of 2020 when the funding was finished and knowing that the funding was soon going to be up the Northwestern Health Unit stepped in to help the OPP make an enhanced program to address the issues the Community is facing;
    - Last summer the OPP met with the Northwestern Health Unit and they came up with proposal for the Federal Government for Substance Use and Addictions Program ("SUAP") funding;
    - In the proposal the Northwestern Health Unit requested: 2 mental health clinicians who would be working with the front line OPP officers, as well as expanding into a preventative/treatment option;
    - In the spring of 2020 the OPP was advised that the Northwestern Health Unit received all the funding they had asked the Federal Government for and the funding will be available for 4 years;
    - Canadian Mental Health Association ("CMHA") Kenora is going to be in charge of the clinicians, the 2 Mental Health Nurses and they have a request in for full time permeant funding;
    - Northwestern Health Unit will have a Community Support Worker to work with the vulnerable population on the streets. As well, they will be hiring a full time Out Reach Nurse to work with them;
    - An Out Reach Physician will be working with them for 4 hours a week;
    - Through the SUAP grant 2 Mental Health and Addictions Councillors will be hired through the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority ("SLFNHA") and NODIN and they will be specifically working with the Crisis Response Team as the follow up. They will also be working with Nahnada Wee Waywin Crisis phone line for after hours support.



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- The phone line will put people into direct contact with the Police or a Crisis Response Nurse if it is necessary, otherwise it will divert to the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA)/Nodin Mental Health Services (NODIN) counsellors if all they need is some follow up counselling;
- The project time line was supposed to begin in April of this year, but due to COVID it has been hard to get all the partners together;
- The police will have an information sharing agreement in place with the health care providers to be able to pass along any information to the partnered agencies for that person in crisis;
- Constable Degagne said SLFNHA and NODIN would be taking up on case management, which would be referrals to health agencies and getting people coordinated with the appropriate programming.

### **d. NANs new pre charge diversion program for the area - Gillian Schaible and Chantelle Johnson from NAN Legal Services**

- Gillian said she is the program services manager for Victim's Services for NAN Legal Services and she is based out of Sioux Lookout;
  - They have been around since 1990 and their head office is in Thunder Bay. They serve 49 First Nation communities;
  - They provide service in 3 different languages and to 30,000 individuals. They have satellite offices in Sioux Lookout, Timmins, Kenora, Red Lake and several community based workers;
  - The Victim Witness program has been around since 2001 and their main mandate is to provide victims with information on their rights and responsibilities, to also prepare them for court and to meet any immediate needs following the incident of harm;
  - One thing that COVID has done is to allow them to expand and look at different ways that they can offer their services;
  - Due to COVID and not being able to travel to the Northern communities they have been reaching out to their community partners to see how best they can provide that support;
  - She said that Constable Degagne has been a great resource to speak with on what support they can be giving to people that have been victimized and are from a NAN community or people that are at risk of becoming victimized;
  - Some of the ways she has been working with Constable Degagne is through the situation table in Sioux Lookout or Constable Degagne has been reaching out to her if there is a situation in a NAN Community that needs her attention;
  - Their funding comes from the Attorney General and it allows them to provide emergency temporary housing, personal care item and transportation home;
  - 18 individuals who they have assisted over the past few months and there have been various success stories;
  - The main goal of this program is to keep the people out of the criminal justice system;
  - This program will be in place until the end of March 2021 and she is hoping that with the numbers and success that the funders will continue to fund the program;



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- NAN Legal exists because of the will of the NAN Chiefs and they work to the Chief's mandate, which is to bring about change and decolonize justice in the NAN communities;
- The NAN Legal team's role is to bring about a better justice system for the NAN communities;
  
- Chantelle said she is Restorative Justice Worker and she works out of the Thunder Bay office;
- Her program differs from Gillian in that while Gillian works with the victims of crime, she works with the offenders;
- They just received new funding for a Pre Charge Restorative Justice Worker who will be working out of Sioux Lookout;
- They are doing is helping Indigenous people who have gotten into conflict with the law without involving the Western court system;
- This program is to help address the over representation of Indigenous people in the jails;
- This program works by before the offender is sent into the court system or charged, they are send over to the restorative justice program as an alternative so that they can work with them;
- There is also a partnership with the Victim Witness program, so that they work with the victim witness program to help repair the harm that has been done by the offender;
- They have had very good success rates with this program. They have had success with a youth and adult case in Sioux Lookout;
- With the restorative justice program there are different areas that they can apply the circle process to. They can provide healing circles to communities to repair the harm done by the offender. They can use the circle process to reintegrate a person back into the community.

### **e. Drayton Road Speed Safety - Mayor Lawrance**

- Mayor Lawrance asked Acting Detachment Commander Duetel if people from the public have come in and complained about speeding on certain roads;
  - Acting Detachment Commander Duetel said that have received numerous complaints about speeding on Drayton Road, Sturgeon River Road and Abram Lake Road;
- Mayor Lawrance said that there is a delegation coming before Council regarding the safety of Drayton Road and he just wanted to be informed about what the OPP has been doing in regards to complaints of speeding on that road;
  - Acting Detachment Commander Duetel said that this summer a complaint came into the OPP about speeding on Drayton Road and Staff Sargent Mike Kriez set up a focus patrol on Drayton Road;
  - It went on for a 2-week span and they had 17.5 hours to radar patrol and that resulted in 5 warnings that were given for speeds under 15 km over the speed limit and they had nobody exceeding that;
  - Coincidentally they caught a young person doing 50 km/h over the speed limit on Sturgeon River Road;
  - A few officers at the detachment that are very well trained in traffic and radar and he said where speeding has mostly been observed in that area is when you come around a corner



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and you go down a hill and dip up again. That is where they are getting the most complaints about speeding and he says it is all in the perception because you have a narrow road and a hill and it makes it look like the person is going much faster than they actually are;

- He said one of things he did was to reach out to one of his former detachments because they had a device called a speed spy that was purchased for them by their Police Services Board. Usually what happens when there are speeding complaints in one area, the OPP work with the Municipality and the Police Services Board and they by one of those electronic signs that flash the driver's speed when they are getting close to the sign and when they pass it. The signs keep an electronic record of 2 week's worth of data that can be downloaded by the Municipality and sent to the OPP. The OPP along with the Municipality and the Police Services Board can then analyze the data together and see if there needs to be more patrols at certain times or the Municipality can use it to go back to the public and say that this is a perceived issue and here is the data over the last month to back it up;
- Mayor Lawrance asked Acting Detachment Commander Duewel if he could research what a device like he was explaining cost;
- Michelle indicated that she quickly looked up the cost of one of the electronic speed signs was approximately \$4,600 before taxes. Based on what Council's direction is at the Council meeting it may be possibly something that can be placed in the budget.

### 6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Police Service Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

### 7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Moved By:** Christine Sawanis

**Seconded By:** Doug Lawrance

THAT the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Police Services Board be adjourned at 2:23 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