



**Police Services Board Meeting
April 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

- Attendees: Mayor Doug Lawrance, Municipality of Sioux Lookout
Christine Sawanis,
- OPP Representative(s): Inspector Karl Duewel
- Staff: Michelle Larose, CAO
Tiffany Thompson, Executive Assistant
- Regrets: Darlene Angeconeb, Chairperson
- Guests: Mayor Dwight Monk, Town of Pickle Lake
Jamie Hussey, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Pickle Lake

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – MAYOR DOUG LAWRANCE (Acting Chairperson)

Mayor Doug Lawrance called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – MAYOR DOUG LAWRANCE

Mayor Doug Lawrance welcomed Mayor Dwight Monk from Pickle Lake to the meeting

3. AGENDA

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

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



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THAT the Agenda for the April 21, 2021, Police Services Board meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved By: Christine Sawanis

Seconded By: Doug Lawrance

THAT the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Police Services Board Minutes be approved.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Welcome Inspector Karl Duewel to his new role as the Detachment Commander (Mayor Doug Lawrance)

Mayor Lawrance welcomed Inspector Karl Duewel to his new role in the community and outlined a brief description of Inspector Duewel's history with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Mayor Dwight Monk also welcomed Inspector Karl Duewel to his new role.

Inspector Duewel thanked everyone for welcoming him and he looks forward to working with the Sioux Lookout and Pickle Lake communities in his new role.

b) 1st Quarter OPP Statistics (Inspector Karl Duewel)

- Inspector Duewel went through some of the statistics from January to March 2021 that stood out to him and advised that if anyone had questions on any of them to please ask him during the meeting or afterwards.
 - There are no public complaints to report on;
 - They had 322 cruiser patrol hours and this could mean that the overall Calls for Service are lower due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - The officers have more time now to go out and do some proactive patrols;
 - They had 15 hours on snow mobile patrol;



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- They had good foot patrol and school patrol hours;
- There were 2 robbery charges on record, but in actuality it is only 1. The one robbery charge got upgraded to a murder charge;
- Property crime is down and this is most likely due to COVID;
- Drug crime stayed fairly consistent from year to year;
- He has flagged the Clearance Rate report to discuss internally why the property crime and drug rate crime had such a drastic drop. He wants to make sure the OPP is doing everything to solve these types of crimes;
- The Criminal Records and Vulnerable Sector checks have gone down due to COVID;
- The Billing Summary is down and again he attributes this to COVID and less people moving through the community.

c) Community Safety & Policing Act – PSB Framework (Michelle Larose)

- Michelle advised the PSB that there will be a new *Community Safety & Policing Act* brought into effect in the first quarter of 2022 (tentatively);
 - Section 10 of the act – Contract Municipalities will not see much of a difference with reference to the Police Services Board;
 - Section 5.1 Municipalities will see a difference because they didn't previously have Police Services Boards and so that will be changed under the new Act.
- The Solicitor General has launched the OPP Detachment Board proposal process on March 18, 2021 and the proposals for the new Police Services Board makeup are due by June 7, 2021;
 - The Solicitor General will be flexible with that due date for Municipalities that have to incorporate First Nations in to their Police Services Board.
- They are looking to establish the new Police Services Board by the late Summer, early Fall of 2021;
- The Provincial Government is open to having 2 PSB in areas where it may not be practical to just one have due to distance between Municipalities and First Nation Communities;
- There has to be some sort of consultation between the Municipalities and the First Nation Communities to see if it is feasible to have one Police Services Board service the whole area;
- Michelle suggested that Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake, Wapekeka and North Caribou Lake have a virtual meeting to determine if there is interest in forming one Police Services Board;
 - If there is an interest in merging the Boards, Sioux Lookout would take the lead on submitting the proposal to the Provincial Government after consultations are done with the respective Police Services Boards from the joining communities;



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- Michelle advised that she did bring up the OPP Billing when she was on the meeting and the presenter advised that they would be doing consultations possibly in October of 2021 for this;
- Michelle will coordinate a virtual meeting between Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake, Wapekeka and North Caribou to discuss the merging of the Police Services Boards and send out an invitation after the meeting.

Michelle Larose left the meeting at 1:20 pm

d) Adding Detachment information/message to the Municipal website (Inspector Karl Duewel)

- The new Regional Commander for the Northwest Region would like the Sioux Lookout OPP detachment to have a bigger presence on the OPP.ca website for their region;
- They want to have an updated picture of the detachment and possibly quotes from the Mayors or Chiefs of the communities that they serve on the website;
- The Regional Commander would also like the Municipalities to have a bigger OPP presence on their Municipal websites and Facebook pages;
- The OPP would like to work with the Municipality to build the policing portion of their website/Facebook page;
 - The Sioux Lookout OPP would provide pictures, quotes etc. for the page;
 - The OPP would like to do this, so that when citizens are moving to Sioux Lookout they can click on the OPP link on the website and they can find out who the Detachment Commander is etc;
 - Officer Paige Phillips will be taking the lead on this project to get some pictures together for the respective websites and Facebook pages;
- Inspector Duewel asked if the Police Services Board can get in touch with the Municipality and ask if this something they are interested in and who Officer Phillips can get in touch with to arrange sending the information too;
- Jamie from Pickle Lake suggested that it would be helpful to add a full listing of the fleet that each detachment offers and this way the community would know what kind of services each detachment offers;
- She also suggested adding pictures of who the current Sergeants are and a picture of the Inspector of the respective detachments;
- Inspector Duewel liked that idea of adding the pictures and suggested that in 2 year intervals they would possibly have to be updated if certain Officers or Sergeants moved on;
- Mayor Lawrance advised that Sioux Lookout would be very supportive of this idea and advised that Michelle Larose would be the best person to go through as a contact person;
- Inspector Duewel suggested that they use the Municipal Facebook page to post detachment messages from himself or media release from Officer Andrea Degagne or Officer Paige Phillips.



Michelle rejoined the meeting at 2:06 pm

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Police Service Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved By: Christine Sawanis

Seconded By: Doug Lawrance

THAT the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Police Services Board be adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Adopted as presented this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Darlene Angecone, Chairperson

Michelle Larose, Staff Resource