

**LAKEHEAD POLICE SERVICES BOARD
Subcommittee Report**

Date: October 17, 2019 (For Meeting on October 21, 2019)

To: Members of Lakehead Police Services Board

Subject: Recommendations from Review of the Agenda Matters Scheduled for the Meeting July 24, 2019

Submitted by: Rosalie A. Evans, Board Secretary on behalf of Chair Holland and Member Woodbeck

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board subcommittee which met on July 24th (in lieu of sufficient quorum to hold a Board Meeting) recommends as follows:

- a) That the Board pass a by-law to amend the procedural by-law relating to holding no meetings in July or December;
- b) That the Board approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2019;
- c) That the Board recommend to member municipalities that member Woodbeck be the Board's representative on the Advisory Committee for preparation of the joint Community Safety and Well Being Plan;
- d) That the Board approve the budget presented in Administrative Report at Item 2.3 of the July 24th meeting agenda;
- e) That the Board table preparation of a Mission Statement until the Community Safety and Well Being Plan has progressed to a draft stage; and
- f) That the Board receive the correspondence listed in Item 3.1 of the Agenda for information.

BACKGROUND:

The Board Secretary had been aware that Member Loan would not be in attendance at the meeting, however, it was not known until the day prior to the meeting that Member Beitz would also be unable to attend (due to health issues). As such, there was no quorum for the Board Meeting scheduled for July 24th.

Chair Holland suggested that he and Member Woodbeck review the complete agenda as a subcommittee, and report recommendations for the Board's consideration at the October meeting. This Report outlines the discussions and recommendations of the subcommittee to the Board.

Those in attendance at the meeting: Chair Holland, Member Woodbeck, Secretary Evans, Mayor Vezina (O'Connor), Deputy Mayor Wright (Neebing), Inspector Gordon and Officer Beitz.

DISCUSSION:**Items 1(c), 2.4, and 4.1: Procedural By-law:**

The matter relating to our having technically “violated” the Procedural by-law by having meetings in December, and scheduling one in July was discussed. Members present agreed that the By-law should be amended to avoid the strict rules; allowing for more flexibility.

Of the two by-laws presented for consideration, members present felt both should be presented to the Board for its consideration at the October meeting.

Item 2.1: Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Meeting:

Neither subcommittee member had any concerns with respect to the minutes presented.

Recommendation: That the Board to approve the minutes of the April 24th, 2019 meeting.

Item 2.2: Matters Arising from the April 24th Meeting Minutes

a) Community Safety and Well Being Plans

The member municipalities are moving forward with the plans, and forming an Advisory Committee as required. The legislation suggests that a member of the Police Service Board be on the Advisory Committee. Given member Woodbeck’s background (Director of the Multicultural Association, 5 years’ service on Conmee Municipal Council, and more), the subcommittee feels she would be an appropriate person for that role.

Inspector Gordon suggested that the member municipalities work together with the Crime Prevention Council in Thunder Bay. Chair Holland felt that the community safety and well being issues in our municipalities are sufficiently removed from Thunder Bay that our voices would be “lost” if we participated with them. Secretary Evans felt that attending some of their meetings and/or asking them for advice would be of benefit.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the member municipalities that they appoint member Woodbeck to the Advisory Committee as the Lakehead Police Service Board representative.

b) 2019 Budget (also Item 2.3)

Members present reviewed the revised budget as presented.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the revised 2019 budget as presented in Item 2.3 of the July 24th meeting agenda.

c) Mission Statement Report

Recommendation: That the Board continue to leave the Mission Statement Report tabled until the Community Safety and Well Being Plan is further developed.

Item 3.1: Correspondence

- (a) Chair Holland explained the concern about allowing directors to serve more than ten years. This may be a moot point if there is a move to detachment-wide boards. The future of the OAPSB is also in doubt, as ½ of its membership would disappear.
- (b) Chair Holland will be viewing the webinar.
- (c) None of the grants specified appear to be applicable to the Lakehead Board.
- (d) Chair Holland will be attending the OAPSB Labour Seminar and OAPSB meeting.
- (e) Member Woodbeck was welcomed to the Board.
- (f) The information provided relating to Board Members seeking seats in elections, was reviewed.
- (g) The Solicitor-General's response to Chair Holland was reviewed. Chair Holland mentioned he met with the Solicitor-General briefly at the NOMA conference in April.
- (h) The delegation request for the upcoming AMO meeting was reviewed.
- (i) The confirmation for the delegation was reviewed.
- (j) The correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor-General relating to closed session meetings was reviewed.

Recommendation: That the Board receive the correspondence in item 3.1 of the agenda for information.

Item 5: Discussion

Officer Beitz reviewed the reports for the four member municipalities. Calls are down from the last quarter. There were a total of 166, broken down as 21 for O'Connor, 33 for Gillies, 36 for Conmee and 76 for Neebing.

There were calls to the border regarding both illegal entry and drugs.

A total of 27 RIDE checks were undertaken in the member municipalities and there was 100% compliance.

Most motor vehicle accident calls involved wildlife. The high incidents of rainfall resulted in angry calls from residents who could not get home due to washed-out roads.

There were several accidental 9-1-1 calls. New phones will call 9-1-1 if the button is held down. This is resulting in a lot of nuisance calls.

Chair Holland referenced the “designated truck route” by-law that the City of Thunder Bay is considering. He is suggesting that lobbying efforts be made to the Province to fund completion of the expressway as originally planned.

Chair Holland noted that staffing at Shabaqua is up again, and that people note the increased presence.

Member Woodbeck advised Officer Beitz that the multicultural association offers interpretation services at no charge, should they ever be required. There are immigrants with language barrier issues moving into the rural areas.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

None