



Minutes of the **OPEN MEETING** of the **CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES POLICE SERVICES BOARD** held at the **CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES POLICE SERVICES BOARD ROOM** on **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

**MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES POLICE SERVICES BOARD PRESENT**

Mr. D. Thomas  
Mrs. V. Barkey\*  
Mr. A. Letham\*  
Mr. P. O'Reilly\*  
Ms. W. Percival\*  
Mrs. C. English\*

**MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICE PRESENT**

Chief M. Mitchell  
Insp. K. Robertson

\*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, participated by teleconference.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Thomas called the Open meeting of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board to order at 0930 hours.

**CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Thereafter a quorum was confirmed.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed and approved on motion of Ms. Percival, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly

**PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS:**

There were no deputations/presentations in the Open Meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Copies of the minutes of the (Open) Meeting of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 were previously circulated.

MOVED By: Mr. Letham, SECONDED By: Mr. O'Reilly

*Resolved that the minutes of the Open Meeting of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 be adopted as printed and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**2. STATISTICAL REPORTS – May 2020**

Copies of the Statistical Report for the Municipal Police Service for May 2020 were provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell noted positive trends in most categories, including sick time.

MOVED By: Ms. Percival, SECONDED By: Mrs. Barkey

*Resolved that the Municipal Police Service Statistical Report for May 2020 be received.*

**CARRIED.**

3. **ACCOUNTS TO BE APPROVED AS PAID**

Copies of the *Municipal Police Services Accounts* to be approved as paid for the period May 2020 were previously distributed (copy attached to official minutes). It was

MOVED BY: Mr. O'Reilly, SECONDED BY: Mr. Letham

*Resolved that the Municipal Police Services accounts for the period May 2020 be approved as paid.* **CARRIED**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 **Office of the Independent Police Review Director – Letter dated May 27, 2020 re**

**Potential Systemic Controls** - Copies of a letter from the OIPRD pertaining to its obligation to monitor and respond to policing issues that signal systemic failings were previously distributed (copy attached to official minutes). The letter advises that the OIPRD is establishing an additional process designed to alert chiefs of police and police service boards of potential systemic concerns. It is intended that all Boards and Police Chiefs will receive notification letters when necessary which will be posted on the OIPRD website and will ensure stakeholders are kept apprised of steps being taken to address systemic concerns.

MOVED BY: Ms. Percival, SECONDED BY: Mrs. Barkey

*Resolved that Consent Agenda Item 4.1, Letter from OIPRD, be received.* **CARRIED.**

5. **OLD BUSINESS/STANDING ITEMS:**

5.1 **OAPSB/Zone 3 Update** – Mr. Thomas reported that there had been no recent updates from Zone 3, however, he had participated in the Ontario Association of Police Services Board's Annual General Meeting which took place (virtually) on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. He advised that resolutions passed at the meeting were available for viewing on the OAPSB website.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.1 **Policing in the Modern Era** – Mr. Thomas referenced the recent public demonstrations taking place locally, nationally and internationally, related to systemic policing issues, and the many proposed responses, including the defunding of police, use of body cameras, etc. He noted while there has been much discussion and debate, there have not been many concrete solutions. He stated that in his opinion, the members of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service have a good working relationship with our community. He referenced initiatives such as the elder abuse prevention program, supportive housing initiatives, the Cop Shop event, and partnerships such as FourCAST, and the Community Response Unit. He noted however that it is always prudent to look at other opportunities to augment already good practices including looking at training and hiring practices, and providing different opportunities for community feedback. He confirmed that body cameras have been discussed but the cost of purchase and the supporting infrastructure costs are significant. While remaining open to any opportunities to better serve the community, he suggested that the low number of complaints against the Service (an average of 8 complaints per year, with OIPRD review over the last 5 years determining that 3 were substantiated) would appear to indicate the community overall is generally satisfied with the service provided.

Thereafter Mr. Thomas noted the statement to the residents of Kawartha Lakes, prepared and signed by Chief Mitchell, Senior Management and Association representatives; and sought the Board's approval of its own statement (copies of both attached to official minutes). Discussion followed during which Board members endorsed the statement, and noted the many positive community initiatives already taking place. All expressed support for the service provided by the Kawartha Lakes Police, but also recognized the importance of remaining open to positive improvements/changes.

MOVED BY: Ms. Percival, SECONDED BY: Mrs. Barkey

***Resolved that the Statement from the Police Services Board, dated June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be approved and signed by all Board members, and thereafter posted on the Board's website.***

**CARRIED.**

Chief Mitchell provided a brief overview of the Black Lives Matter rally which had taken place on June 5<sup>th</sup>, noting his gratitude at being asked to participate, and the generally overwhelming support for police in the City of Kawartha Lakes. He confirmed his intention to meet with the organizers of the rally in the near future to discuss further opportunities to meet the policing needs of our own community.

**7. REPORT OF THE CHIEF**

**7.1 2019-20 Report on FourCAST Partnership** – Copies of a report entitled *2019 Report on FourCAST Partnership* were previously provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell provided a brief overview, noting the report provides information related to the Service's collaborative outreach efforts with the Four Counties Addiction Services Team, and details demographics of the individuals served, the nature of contact during outreach, and outcomes since initial outreach date for all unique individuals referred or with direct contact. He noted that of 95 individuals contacted, 92% were receptive to receiving support and information from FourCAST, and 67% connected or remained connected for counselling support.

Board members noted the positive benefits of the program and commended Sgt. Murtha and Victoria Meaney (from FourCAST) for their efforts in this very beneficial partnership.

MOVED BY: Mr. O'Reilly, SECONDED BY: Mrs. Barkey

***Resolved that the 2019-20 Report on FourCAST Partnership be received.***

**CARRIED.**

**7.2 2019 Annual Report** – Copies of the *KLPS 2019 Annual Report* were previously provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell provided a brief overview, advising that police services are required by regulation to prepare an annual report. He briefly reviewed the 2019 report, noting the Service's vision, mission and values, and results achieved during the previous fiscal year relating to a number of service matters including provision of community based crime prevention initiatives, community satisfaction, emergency calls for service, clearance rates for violent crime, property crime and youth crime, etc.

He noted that a requirement of the report is to indicate the actual cost of policing for the previous fiscal year, including a comparison between the actual and estimated cost of policing as was projected in the business plan or approved budget. He referenced page 8 of the Report, and sought Board members' approval of the 2019 year-end financial report. He noted the actual cost of policing in 2019 was \$8,108,753, as opposed to an approved budget of \$8,259,023.

Board members expressed appreciation for the comprehensive report and it was

MOVED BY: Mr. Letham, SECONDED BY: Mr. O'Reilly

***Resolved that the 2019 CKL Police Service Annual Report and the 2019 year end financial report contained therein be received.***

**CARRIED.**

**7.3 Verbal Update** - Chief Mitchell provided information pertaining to a question at the previous meeting related to drug impairment charges, including the number that go forward to trial. He confirmed that a report on the number of drug impaired driving cases between 2012 and 2016 had previously been prepared. He advised that during that time, KLPS had a total of four Drug Recognition Experts (DRE's) on staff; there were five cases of drug impaired driving that resulted in charges; and there were an additional four cases where a driver was arrested by the OPP and evaluated by a KLPS DRE. There were four cases where the accused pled to a lesser offence (i.e.

speeding, careless driving, straight possession); three cases resulted in a guilty plea to impaired by drug; two cases where charges were withdrawn or stayed and no cases went to trial. More recent data from 2019 and 2020 YTD indicates there have been nine incidents where charges of drug impaired driving have been laid, with three cases resulting in guilty plea to the drug impairment charge, and six cases are still before the courts

Chief Mitchell also provided additional information including (1) the 2020 – 2022 RIDE Grant Application has been completed and will be submitted once signed by the Chair; (2) Lindsay Courthouse is tentatively scheduled to reopen on July 6th; (3) a tribute run honouring RCMP Constable Stevenson is occurring on June 19th (approximately 15 KLPS members and family are participating); and (4) a number of recent investigations have benefited from forensic ident work involving DNA or lifted fingerprints.

Board members expressed appreciation for the update.

MOVED BY: Mr. O'Reilly, SECONDED BY: Mrs. Barkey  
*Resolved that the Chief's Verbal Report be received.*

**CARRIED.**

8. **QUESTION PERIOD** – There were no questions in the Open Meeting.

9. **MOTION TO MOVE INTO IN-CAMERA SESSION**

MOVED By: Ms. Percival, SECONDED By: Mrs. Barkey

*Resolved that the Board adjourn the public portion of its meeting to move IN CAMERA to discuss confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters, in accordance with Section 35(4)(b) of the Police Services Act.*

**CARRIED**

10. **REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING:**

The Chair noted there was nothing to report from the Closed Meeting.

11. **CONFIRMATION BY LAW**

MOVED By: Mr. O'Reilly, SECONDED By: Ms. Percival

*Resolved that all motions passed in the Closed Session be ratified.*

**CARRIED**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED By: Ms. Percival, SECONDED BY: Mr. O'Reilly

*Resolved that the meeting adjourn.*

**CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 hours.

READ AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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**CHAIRPERSON,**  
**City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board**