

City of

**KAWARTHA LAKES**

*POLICE SERVICES BOARD*



Minutes of the **OPEN MEETING** of the **CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES POLICE SERVICES BOARD** held on **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

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

Mr. D. Thomas, Chair  
Ms. W. Percival, Vice Chair  
Mrs. V. Barkey  
Mr. A. Letham  
Mr. P. O'Reilly  
Mrs. C. English

**MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICE PRESENT**

Chief M. Mitchell  
Insp. K. Robertson

**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 Mr. Letham, 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 June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were previously circulated.

MOVED BY: Mr. Letham, SECONDED BY: Mrs. Barkey

*Resolved that the minutes of the Open Meeting of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as printed and circulated. CARRIED.*

**2. STATISTICAL REPORTS – June 2022**

Copies of the Statistical Report for the Municipal Police Service for June were provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell advised that an increase in COVID-

related absences account for a portion of the Sick Time hours. In response to a question, he confirmed that the lower than usual numbers of charges reported for the CECC on the Service's statistical summary reflect the reduction in the number of calls received from the staff at the CECC requesting KLPS assistance.

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

***Resolved that the Municipal Police Service Statistical Report for June 2022 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 June 2022 were previously distributed (copy attached to official minutes).

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

***Resolved that the Municipal Police Services accounts for the period June 2022 be approved as paid.***  
**CARRIED.**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was nothing on the Consent Agenda.

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

5.1 **OAPBS/Zone 3 Updates** – Mr. Thomas reported there was nothing new to report with regard to the OAPSB or Zone 3.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business.

**7. REPORT OF THE CHIEF**

7.1 **Report PSB 2022-015 - Response to Missing Children** – Copies of Report PSB 2022-015, *Response to Missing Children*, were previously provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell provided an overview, updating the Board on options being explored in response to the missing person search and ultimate outcome related to the drowning of Draven Graham. He noted two main options have been identified, i.e. lobbying for change at the provincial level, and pursuing a local program. With regard to the first option, he noted that during the search and subsequently, there has been a significant public call for changes to the provincial Amber Alert system. He advised that the existing Amber Alert is restricted to incidents involving the abduction of a child who is under 18 years of age, and has specific criteria, which in the case of Draven Graham were not met. He noted that a number of municipalities and other agencies have been lobbying for change, and this is something that could be pursued through Kawartha Lakes City Council. He questioned however the value of amending the criteria and the effectiveness of issuing alerts whenever a child goes missing for whatever reason (other than abduction). He noted that a statistical review identified 28,000 missing child reports across Canada in 2021, many of whom are runaways or have left home for other reasons.

He noted other alternatives to an “Amber Alert” notification exist. These programs operate similar to a public alert in broadcasting information via social media networks. Interested individuals can download a subscriber app in order to receive automatic alerts and updates

in their area.

Thereafter, he reviewed the second option, i.e. development of a local program, noting that it too has limitations. Programs that require vulnerable individuals to wear a device that can transmit their location are dependent on equipment maintenance and are only effective when the device is being worn.

Chief Mitchell reported he had met with Kawartha Lakes OPP Commander Insp. Tatchell to discuss development of a locally driven solution. He advised that he has also been contacted by one agency interested in being part of a local program. He noted that a number of these agencies/groups already have connections with families of vulnerable individuals.

He confirmed it is intended that the not-for-profit agency would be responsible for promotion, enrolment, administration and equipment maintenance, while police would be trained in the operation of specialized equipment to locate missing persons.

Board members thanked Chief Mitchell for his thorough investigation and initiative in this matter and unanimously supported development of a local program. Chief Mitchell agreed to provide updates on the plan, as it progresses.

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

***Resolved that Report PSB 2022-015 be received, and the recommendation contained therein, i.e. that the Board direct the Chief to pursue the implementation of a locally driven program (related to missing vulnerable persons) that would be available to residents of Kawartha Lakes.*** **CARRIED.**

**7.2 Report PSB 2022-016 – Appointment of Experienced Officers** – Copies of Report PSB 2022-016, *Appointment of Experienced Officers*, were previously provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell confirmed that the Police Services Act, Section 31 (1)(a), requires the Board to appoint all new Police Service officers. He sought the Board's approval to appoint Spencer Green and Sarah da Silva as Constables for the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service. It was confirmed that this was an authorized complement hiring, with no additional budgetary implications.

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

***Resolved that Report PSB 2022-016, Appointment of Experienced Officers, be received, and that the Board approves the appointments of Spencer Green and Sara da Silva as Constables for the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service.*** **CARRIED**

*Secretary's Note: Const. da Silva briefly attended the meeting and was introduced to Board members.*

**7.3 Wayfound Before Operational Stress** – Copies of a slide show presentation related to Wayfound Before Operational Stress were previously provided (copy attached to official minutes). Chief Mitchell reported that the Service has joined this educational program, the purpose of which is to help participants understand the nature of PTSD, and

ultimately increase resilience. There is no cost to the Service, as the program is financially supported by the Federal Government. There are three different formats, and 8 modules in total. A meeting will take place with representatives from the Lindsay Police Association to determine how best to roll the program out.

Board members were supportive of the use of this program and it was

MOVED BY: Mr. Letham, SECONDED BY: Ms. Percival

***Resolved that the verbal report on the Wayfound Before Occupational Stress Program be received.*** **CARRIED.**

7.4 **Verbal Report** – Chief Mitchell provided a brief verbal update, noting in particular: (1) KLPS is sending a contingent of officers to assist Durham Regional Police Service with security measures at the Outlaw Motorcycle Rally taking place in the Durham Region July 22 -24; (2) Sgt. Nicole Bird has retired after a 32-year career; and (3) the Service’s ATV units are now outfitted and in service, operating on the Lindsay Trails over the Canada Day weekend. Public response was very favourable.

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: Mr. O’Reilly

***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 confirmed there was nothing to report from the Closed meeting.

11. **CONFIRMATION BY LAW**

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

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

12. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – Discussion took place during which it was agreed that the next regular meeting would take place on September 15<sup>th</sup> (August meeting cancelled).

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

***Resolved that the meeting adjourn.*** **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 hours.

READ AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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CHAIRPERSON,  
City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board