

Lakehead OPP Detachment Board

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

April 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: 3267 Highway 130, Rosslyn, ON

PRESENT: Councillor Don Smith, Municipality of Shuniah
 Councillor Brian Wright, Municipality of Neebing
 Councillor John Sobolta, Township of O'Connor
 Councillor David Halvorsen, Township of Conmee
 Ralph Falcioni, Community Representative
 Reeve Wendy Wright, Township of Gillies
 Lisa Laitinen-Egbuchulam, Community Representative
 Rox-Anne Moore, Community Representative
 Caleb Garrow-Ledoux, Provincial Representative
 Kelly Walsh, Provincial Representative
 Robert Michelizzi, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
 Christopher Bortolin, O.P.P. Thunder Bay Detachment
 Erika Kromm, Board Secretary

REGRETS: Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)
 Clarke Chapman, Lac Des Mille Lacs
 Beth Boon, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)

1. **Preliminary Matters**

1.1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

1.2. **Oath of Office**

Kelly Walsh completed the Oath of Office.

1.3. **Approval and/or Amendment of the Agenda**

Chair Smith asked whether any members wished to make any additions or adjustments to the agenda.

Resolution No. 2026-007

Moved by: Member Brian Wright

Seconded by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for tonight's meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED ✓

1.4. **Request/Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (if any)**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.1. Minutes of the Meeting held January 15, 2026

Members present reviewed the minutes.

Resolution No. 2026-008

Moved by: Member Rox-Anne Moore

Seconded by: Member Ralph Falcioni

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the meetings held on January 15, 2026 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED ✓

2.2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Reports and Items for Discussion

3.1. Police Report – First Quarter 2026

Members reviewed the police reports. There was discussion regarding the increased enforcement efforts. April is Distracted Driving Month, and there should be a noticeable increase in tickets issued for those offences. Questions were also raised about highway fatalities; the detachment has experienced an increase in fatalities compared to last year.

It was further reported that the detachment is facing challenges in obtaining new equipment and fleet vehicles due to supply chain slowdowns.

Lauren Perrier who is a Grant Support Specialist provided some information regarding funding for OPP programs. She advised that the responsibility for applying for funding has shifted to municipalities from the board level. The grant applications are available on the TPON website, which is accessed by municipal staff. A Community Safety Policing Grant will open in the spring, which may be applied for jointly by multiple municipalities. It was requested that a report be brought forward at the next meeting for further discussion.

3.2. Detachment Commander Performance Management

Members reviewed the report regarding the submission of the Detachment Action Plan Commitments. Any changes to the commitments are due by August 21st.

4. Correspondence

4.1. March 27, 2026: Letter from SolGen – Appointment to OPP Detachment Board

4.2. March 5, 2026: Email from OPP – Save the Date – OACP & OAPSB Zone 1 Annual Meeting

4.3. March 25, 2026: Email from OAPSB – OAPSB Spring Conference and Key Deadlines Approaching

Members reviewed the correspondence in 4.1 to 4.3. No resolutions were passed.

5. By-laws

There were no by-laws presented at this meeting.

6. New Business

Dave Halverson asked how municipalities can submit requests for enforcement to the detachment and whether such requests must go through the Board. It was agreed that the matter would be brought forward for further discussion at the next meeting.

7. Closed Session

There were no items for closed session.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.