

LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES



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Location: OPP Headquarters, Petrolia
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2023
Time: **34:00 pm**
Session: **#1/2023**

Present:

Doug Cook, Member (Vice Chair) – Municipal Partner
Pat Brown, Member – Municipal Partner
Shirley Durance, Member – Provincial Appointee
John McCharles, Member – Provincial Appointee
Greg Nemcek, Member – Community Member at Large

Non Voting Members:

Inspector Chris Avery, O.P.P Representative
Staff Sgt. Erica VanRoboys, O.P.P Representative
A/Staff Sgt. Rick Mathewson, O.P.P Representative
Mandi Pearson, Secretary

Regrets:

Guests:

- Ron LeClair, SOLGEN regional representative, Zone 6

Members of the Public:

- Mayor Gary Atkinson, Plympton-Wyoming

1. Call to Order

- Doug Cook, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- None Declared

3. Adoption of the Agenda

a) Session 1, 2023

Moved By: John McCharles

Seconded By: Greg Nemcek

THAT the agenda for Session 1/2023 dated February 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. 2023 Term Election and Confirmation of Oath

a) Welcome to new members Mr. Pat Brown and Mr. John McCharles

- Mandi Pearson confirmed that all incoming members have completed and executed by oath or affirmation their committee appointment.

b) Open the Floor for Nominations

- Chair

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Pat Brown

THAT Mr. Greg Nemcek be nominated for the position of Chair.

Carried

Mr. Greg Nemcek accepted the nomination.

Second call for nominations was completed. There were no additional nominations brought forward. Nominations closed.

Mr. Greg Nemcek was declared 2023 Chair of the LGPSB.

- Vice-Chair

Moved By: John McCharles

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

THAT Mr. Doug Cook be nominated for the position of vice-Chair.

Carried

Mr. Doug Cook accepted the nomination.

Second call for nominations was completed. There were no additional nominations brought forward. Nominations closed.

Mr. Doug Cook was declared 2023 Vice-Chair of the LGPSB.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Session 6, December 21, 2022

Moved By: Doug Cook

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

THAT the minutes of Session 6/2022 dated December 21, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

- None

7. Detachment Report

a) Acting Staff Rick Mathewson reviewed the November and December 2022 policing report:

Major Crime

NOVEMBER 2022

- Crime members and OPP Criminal Investigations Branch continue with the investigation of the Andrew CHUTE homicide at the Marthaville Conservation Area.
- Crime members and CIB actively investigating an unsolved homicide on the Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation.
- 12 non-suspicious death investigations completed.
- 4 reported sexual assaults cases investigated.
- 6 fraud investigations.
- Members of the Lambton County Crime Unit preparing for trial R vs Evan WOLFE. Homicide on the Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation. The accused in this matter remains in custody.
- Crime investigating a robbery at the Arkona GOCO station. Person of Interest has been identified.

DECEMBER 2022

- Trial for Ravenswood Home Invasion. Two accused convicted on all charges. Sentencing to take place early 2023.
- Three reported sexual assault cases investigated.
- 10 sudden deaths investigated. One infant death, all non-suspicious.
- Crime Unit is involved in a multi-jurisdictional homicide. Case files being disclosed to the Crown Attorney through multiple rounds.
- 4 criminal harassment investigations conducted.

CSCU

- During the months of November & December 2022 Lambton CSCU investigated **13** occurrences.
- Lambton CSCU members laid a total of **64** charges Drugs

Moved By: John McCharles

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

THAT A/S/Sgt. Mathewson's detachment report be adopted as presented.

Carried

Additional/statistical information available in OPP Monthly Report (forwarded electronically to municipal partners and posted to LGPSB website).

8. Member's Report

a) Greg Nemcek, Chair

- Recently attended strategic planning session with OABSP.
 - i) Our board was selected to participate in this process, and a lot of great information was exchanged on behalf of our board to the OPP representatives and OAPSB members. Prior to the meeting spoke with Inspector Avery and we were well prepared at the table.
 - ii) Brought forward our recently crafted and circulated letter regarding the concerns around Catch and Release, this was well received at the meeting.

b) Mandi Pearson, Secretary

- i) BDO Engagement Letter

Moved By: John McCharles

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT the LGPSB accept the engagement letter from BDO to continue as our 2023 auditors through the County of Lambton partnership.

Carried

ii) Certificate of Insurance

- We have been able to reconcile the confusion with our certificate of insurance, and have been issued a current year from Intact with our proper address attached.

iii) Catch & Release update

- The letter as directed last board meeting was circulated to our member municipalities, MPP's Bob Bailey & Monte McNaughton, the Attorney General and Solicitor General of Ontario along with Premier Ford
- To date we have received support, and circulation of resolution from:
 - i. Plympton-Wyoming
 - ii. Petrolia

9. Correspondence

- a) January 12, 2023 Lambton OPP News Release
 - ALTERCATION AT ESTABLISHMENT RESULTS IN CHARGES
- b) Commissioners Message – Bail Reform
- c) OAPSB Spring Conference
- d) OAPSB Survey
 - Completed and responded

Moved By: Pat Brown

Seconded By: Shirley Durance

THAT the correspondence items as listed be received and filed.

Carried

10. Accounts/Finance

i. Accounts

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: John McCharles

THAT the accounts as listed be approved for payment.

Carried

11. Public Input

- None

12. Other Business

- None

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Shirley Durance

Seconded By: Doug Cook

THAT Session #1 of 2023 be adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on April 19, 2023 or at call of the Chair.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 3:38 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair
Greg Nemcek

Secretary
Mandi Pearson