

6 Business arising from the minutes

6.1 Update on Temagami Lake Watch Program

6.1a Snowmobiler went thru the ice and was reported missing; with the help of OPP helicopter located safe and sound.

6.1b 2nd snowmobiler went thru ice but at their dock and no call for help.

6.2 Community Safety Well Being Update

6.2a No updates at this time.

6.2b Recommended to invite Margaret Youngs, Council Representative for that committee to next meeting.

6.3 Police Board Reorganization

6.3a Penny St. Germain has spoken to the Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board Chair and their board did not accept adding the five communities to their board going forward. They want to remain a standalone detachment board.

6.3bi Mayor Dan O'Mara is in discussions with the Temagami First Nation about joining the Temagami Police Services Board as a joint board under the new act.

6.3bii These talks are in the discussion stages only.

6.3c Inspector Ryan Dougan commented that unorganized townships can join a detachment board but don't have to have representation on the board.

7 Ratification / Consent items

7.1a & b Ratification for payment to Debbie Morrow for Professional Fees totalling \$184.50 December 2023.

Moved by: Penny St. Germain

Seconded by: Gerry Stroud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: payment of Professional Fees totalling \$184.50 was ratified.

Carried

7.2a-d Ratification for payment to Penny St. Germain for Zone 1A Conference Expenses totalling \$220.57 December 2023.

7.3 Ratification for payment to Penny St. Germain for 2023 Honorarium in December 2023.

Moved by: Gerry Stroud

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: payments to Penny St. Germain for Zone 1A Conference Expenses totalling \$220.57 and payment of 2023 Honorarium totalling \$100.00 were ratified.

Carried

7.4 Ratification for payment to Gerry Stroud for 2023 Honorarium in December 2023.

Moved by: Jo-Anne Platts

Seconded by: Penny St. Germain

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: payment to Gerry Stroud of \$100.00 for 2023 Honorarium was ratified.

Carried

7.5 Ratification for payment to Jo-Anne Platts for 2023 Honorarium in December 2023.

Moved by: Penny St. Germain

Seconded by: Gerry Stroud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: payment to Jo-Anne Platts of \$100.00 for 2023 Honorarium was ratified.

Carried

7.6a&b Consent to pay Professional Fees to Debbie Morrow totalling \$58.50

Moved by: Jo-Anne Platts

Seconded by: Penny St. Germain

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: consent to pay Debbie Morrow professional fees totalling \$58.50 was given.

Carried

7.7a&b Ratification for payment of 2024 OAPSB Membership Dues totalling \$879.83 in January.

Moved by: Penny St. Germain

Seconded by: Gerry Stroud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: payment of OAPSB 2024 Membership Fees totalling \$878.93 was ratified.

Carried

7.8a&b Consent to pay Conference Fees for the CSPA Summit for 2 attendees totalling \$791.00.

Moved by: Jo-Anne Platts

Seconded by: Gerry Stroud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: consent to pay Conference Fees for the CSPA Summit for 2 attendees totalling \$791.00 was given.

Carried

7.9 Consent to pay Zone 1A Membership Fees (when invoice is received).

Moved by: Gerry Stroud

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: consent to pay Zone 1A Membership Fees (when invoice is received) was given

Carried.

8 Items for discussion

8.1 a Two OAPSB online training session were held in late October and November on the new Police Service Act.

8.1b They were very intensive and the amount of work that needs to be done to get these new boards going is overwhelming.

8.2a The Municipality submitted a grant application to the Temagami Community Foundation to purchase a 2nd mobile speed sign in the amount of \$9,800.00.

8.2b They were successful in their grant application and have ordered the mobile speed sign.

8.3 2024 OAPSB registration for the Temagami Police Services Board was completed and invoice was submitted for payment to the Municipality. (7.7 above)

- 8.4 Resolution from the Municipality in regards to the increase in OPP Billing for 2024 was responded to; increase partially attributed to salary increases.
- 8.5 Request from Zone 1A to pass a resolution in support of Zone 1A's resolution declaring Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic.

Moved by: Penny St. Germain

Seconded by: Gerry Stroud

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Temagami Police Services Board supports the Zone 1A resolution declaring Gender-Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic.

Carried

8.6a Provincial Appointees will be renewed under the new CSPA.

8.6b Penny St. Germain's appointment is up in March and she has begun the renewal process.

8.7 The new CSPA (Community Safety Police Act) will come into effect April 1, 2024.

8.8 See 8.2b above

8.9 OAPSB Spring Conference is being held at Blue Mountain from June 3-5. (Early Bird registration expires April 1.)

8.10 Citizens Complaints/Concerns:

8.10a **Spruce Drive and Highway 11 intersection:** a number of people have expressed concerns about the safety of pulling out of Spruce Drive into the southbound lane of Highway 11. The visibility to the north is very limited and people find that before they can accelerate, many times there is a car or a transport behind them and only feet from their bumper. There are signs (3) to the north warning that there is an intersection ahead but it doesn't seem to register with the southbound drivers. Another issue with this intersection is there can be heavy thick fog (due to its proximity to Net Lake) in both the spring and fall reducing visibility at this location to almost zero. People have to turn off their vehicle/ wind down the window and listen before pulling on to the highway. There is a safety hazard here. One solution could be having a flashing yellow warning light on one of the highway signs located north of Spruce Drive.

Constable Jake Murphy advised that he has received the community concerns as well and has spoken to MTO representative about the concerns. Suggestions to increase visibility for the intersection by brushing the Northeast corner.

- 8.10b **Section of Highway 11 between the MTO south to Jessie Lake:** There are a number of homes and driveways along this stretch of highway. The concern is there doesn't seem to be any signs warning the traffic coming from the north or south of this section that there are a number of driveways ahead or warning that there may be vehicles turning ahead, both off and on to the highway. With the speed of vehicles and the limited visibility in this area this is definitely a safety issue. Some people have expressed concerns about the safety of pulling out on to highway 11 or turning in to their homes driveways in this area. Signs could be put up at both ends of this section warning north and south bound drivers of the driveways ahead. Maybe the signs could also have a yellow flashing warning light on them.

Constable Jake Murphy advised that he has also received the same complaints and has spoken to MTO representative. He was advised that there was at one time an MTO sign

indicating hidden driveways or something similar. He was advised that the Municipality has to submit a formal complaint for both situations to the MTO.

Moved by: Gerry Stroud

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Temagami Police Services Board request the Municipality to submit a formal complaint regarding the two above mentioned complaints to the MTO for their review and action.

Carried

8.10c Homeless person issue: numerous people have expressed concerns about a homeless person that was hanging around town this past summer and fall. From what I hear this person was seen standing in front of local houses screaming at the occupants or verbally abusing people on the street. There were no reports of any physical violence. From what I hear she has mental health issues and drug issues. A couple of people I spoke with said they were nervous about walking around town in case they encountered her on the street. She was living in a tent on the pipeline somewhere behind the medical centre but has not been seen around town since November. The tent is apparently still there. Constable Jake Murphy commented that he personally took the said person (voluntarily) to New Liskeard and had paperwork completed and submitted for social housing. Government housing application process will take some time but the process is in the works.

9 Items for Information

Items for discussion 9.1 to 9.22 forwarded to Police Board members as received.
No comments or discussion.

10 Detachment Commander's Report

10.1 Report covers October to December 2023 unless otherwise indicated.

10.1ai Calls for Service remained the same for the period covered = 44 as same period in 2022; but overall year to date total calls for service from 2023 as compared to 2022 declined from 229 to 189.

10.1bi Violent Crime totals for the period covered remained the same in 2023 at 5 as same period in 2022; overall year to date in 2023 as compared to 2022 year to date showed a 54.5% decline.

10.1bii Property Crime for October to December 2023 increased from 2 to 3 for same period 2022; overall totals from year to date 2023 to 2022 the number remained stable at 25.

10.1biii Drug Crime year to date 2023 to 2022 remained the same at 1.

10.1biv Clearance Rate October to December 2023 compared to same period 2022 rose by 66.7%

10.1c Motor Vehicle Collisions had an increase from 10 to 13 compared to October to December 2023 and 2022; year to date showed a 40% increase from 45 in 2022 to 63 in 2023.

10.2a Inspector Dougan discussed concerns about the 40% increase in motor vehicle statistics and they are taking strategic steps to get officers representation on the highways.

10.2bi ERT (Emergency Response Team) members are no longer integrated within other platoons they are now a standalone unit. This allows for increased human resources from that unit for other duties. ie highway patrols as well.

- 10.2bii ERT officers have certification in marine, ATV and snow machine and we are useful resources as a standalone unit.
- 10.2ci Temagami Detachment is finally back up to its full complement of 6 officers.
- 10.2cii New recruit will be no longer on probation and able to make standalone patrols.
- 10.2ciii 2 new officers have been assigned to Temagami and are arriving early 2024.
- 10.2di RIDE statistics have increased significantly for our region. (3 impaired charges laid during holiday RIDE program.)
- 10.2dii Inspector Dougan states a dramatic increase in traffic stops by officers.

11 Next Meeting: March 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Temagami Municipal Office Council Chambers.

12 In Camera Agenda

None

13 Adjournment

Moved by: Gerry Stroud

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The meeting is adjourned at 2.35pm.

Carried