

Draft Minutes
ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD
August 14, 2019

The Elgin Group Police Services Board met at the County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, with the following in attendance:

Sally Martyn, Chair
Dan Froese, Board Member
Ida McCallum, Board Member
Trudy Kanellis, Provincial Member
Inspector Brad Fishleigh, Detachment Commander
Mike Butler, Staff Sergeant
Julie Gonyou, Secretary/Administrator
Jenna Fentie, Recording Secretary
Megan Shannon, Tourism Services Coordinator

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:56 p.m.

Introduction of New Member/Oath of Office:

The Secretary/Administrator administered the Oath of Office to the new member of the Elgin Group Police Services Board: Trudy Kanellis.

Appointment of New Vice Chair:

Ida McCallum volunteered for position of Vice Chair. No further nominations were received for this position.

Moved by: Ida McCallum
Seconded by: Trudy Kanellis

Resolved that Ida McCallum be appointed to the position of Vice Chair for the Elgin Group Police Services Board.

- Motion Carried.

Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by: Ida McCallum
Seconded by: Dan Froese

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on May 7, 2019 be adopted.

- Motion Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

None.

Presentation:

1) Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Update – Secretary/Administrator

The Secretary/Administrator provided a draft report outlining the provincial requirements, background information, our anticipated local planning process, as well as the benefits of developing a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. In Elgin and St. Thomas, there are at least 22 planning tables that will need to be involved to help inform the direction of the plan. Community Consultations will begin early 2020. Councils across the County will need to adopt the plan by the end of 2020. No funding has been provided to support the development of the plan. The Advisory Committee must be lead by a clearly identifiable individual; local and City Council's have consented to having the County CAO lead the planning process. Next steps include developing terms of reference for the Advisory and Coordinating Committees which will need to be approved by the Councils of Elgin County, Town of Aylmer, and City of St. Thomas. The plan will help streamline all of the initiatives that are already taking place in Elgin County.

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that the verbal report titled "Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Update" from the Secretary/Administrator be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. Correspondence re: Community Safety and Well-Being Planning
 - 1.1 Letter from PSB Chair Martyn to Local Municipal Partners
 - 1.2 Resolution from Municipality of Bayham
 - 1.3 Resolution from Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich
 - 1.4 Resolution from Township of Malahide
 - 1.5 Resolution from Township of Southwold
2. Correspondence from PSB Chair Martyn to MPP Jeff Yurek re: Increased Speed Limits on 400 Series Highways
3. Correspondence re: Elgin Group PSB Appointments
 - 3.1 Letter to Joanne Ferguson from PSB Chair Martyn
 - 3.2 Letter to Trudy Kanellis from PSB Chair Martyn
 - 3.3 Resolution from Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich re: Support for Reappointment of Bonnie Vowel to Elgin Group Police Services Board

4. Correspondence from PSB Chair Martyn to Police Services Board Zone 6 re: Quarterly Meeting Administrative Support by Elgin CAO.
5. News Release from Ontario Provincial Police: “New OPP Commissioner Welcomed at Change of Command Ceremony”
6. R.I.D.E. Grant Allocation 2019-2020 Letter from Ministry of Solicitor General and Agreement
7. Correspondence from Kathryn Ferguson to MPP Jeff Yurek re: deaths at Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre.
8. Correspondence from Port Stanley Community Policing Committee
 - 8.1 Crosswalk Review
 - 8.2 Signage and Speed Zone Review

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that Correspondence Items #1-7 be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

The following recommendation was adopted in regards to Correspondence Item # 8:

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that Elgin Group Police Services Board support the need to a review of crosswalks and signage in Port Stanley, and that Elgin Group Police Services Board request that Elgin County Council dedicate resources to complete this review; and further that the Chair be directed to send a letter to the Port Stanley Community Policing Committee notifying them of the Elgin Group Police Services’ support for this review.

- Motion Carried.

Other Items:

- 1) Secretary/Administrator – Update – OAPSB Spring Conference (VERBAL)

The Secretary/Administrator provided a verbal update on the OAPSB Spring Conference attended by Sgt. Laarman and the Secretary/Administrator. Many issues were discussed including cuts to funding, other legislative changes, and difficulties facing First Nations Communities. The Secretary/Administrator thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Conference.

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that the verbal report regarding the OAPSB Spring Conference from the Secretary Administrator be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

- 2) Additional Item of Correspondence for Consideration: Resolution Regarding Enforcement of Safety on Family Farms.

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that Elgin Group Police Services Board support the motion provided by the Township of Warwick with regards to Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms.

- Motion Carried.

- 3) Marcus Ryan, Mayor of Zorra Township has requested information on Elgin Group Police Services Board.

Reports:

- 1) Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report: January – March 2019

The Detachment Commander presented the quarterly information report for May – July 2019 and discussed staffing updates, traffic initiatives, collision statistics for this period, and violent, property, and drug crimes statistics.

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Trudy Kanellis

Resolved that the Detachment Commander's Quarterly Report – May - July 2019 be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

New Business:

None.

Closed Meeting:

Inspector Fishleigh requested to enter into closed session to discuss a matter regarding identifiable individuals.

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that we do now proceed into closed meeting session in accordance with the Municipal Act to discuss matters under Municipal Act Section 239 (2):

In-Camera Item #1

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

- Motion Carried.

Motion to Rise and Report

Moved by: Trudy Kanellis
Seconded by: Dan Froese

Resolved that we do now rise and report.

- Motion Carried.

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that the confidential report from the Detachment Commander be received and filed.

- Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Dan Froese
Seconded by: Ida McCallum

Resolved that we now adjourn at 3:52 p.m. with the Board to meet on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. noting that the Chair could call a meeting earlier if required.

- Motion Carried.

Julie Gonyou,
Secretary / Administrator.

Sally Martyn,
Chair.