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Board Highlights for February 20th, 2024

THUNDER BAY, ON, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 — The Thunder Bay Police Services Board (TBPSB) convened this morning. Following are notable items from today's meeting:

Deputation from local resident

Local resident B. Woods provided a deputation regarding issues faced within the community. 9-1-1 response times, foot patrols and various other safety concerns were discussed by Mr. B. Woods. Deputy Chief R. Hughes addressed the concerns and encourages public to share concerns

Big Trout Lake Deployment Opportunity

Deputy Chief R. Hughes provided a verbal update with respect to a partnership developed that will allow TBPS officers to police alongside OPP in the community of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI or Big Trout Lake).

The TBPS was recently welcomed by the community and is expected to participate in activities with the goal to familiarizing the community with the officers. The opportunity will provide officers with ground experience with Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug. The initiative is expected to begin at the beginning of April.

Board Members Orientation

Councillor K. Etreni provided an overview of proposed Board orientation.

Starting April 1st, ***The Community Safety and Policing Act of 2019*** will reflect the new safety act and the recommendations from the Sinclair report.

The Board adopted the new Board Orientation Policy, presented by Councillor Etreni.

General Matters

- The board discussed the importance and effectiveness of foot patrols within the city. This was based on a letter submitted to the Mayor's office from a local small business owner.
- Following the board meeting, Thunder Bay Police Services Board members will meet with the Inspector General of The Policing to discuss the role of the Inspector General under the new legislation.

The full agenda can be accessed [here](#).

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