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# Statement from the Thunder Bay Police Service Board

## The following is a statement from the Thunder Bay Police Service Board:

THUNDER BAY, ON (April 22, 2024) — We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families of Corey Belesky, Mackenzie Moonias, and Jenna Ostberg as well as their home communities.

The Thunder Bay Police Service Board understands the process of building trust with Indigenous communities requires transparency, acknowledgement, and accountability.

In November 2023, the Board passed its Missing Persons Policy which requires that “families are consulted and informed of investigative status on a regular and ongoing basis.”

The Board’s policies are frequently reviewed and evaluated. We will continue to develop and update our policies, and direct the Service when appropriate to update its procedures.

The Board uses information from community feedback and best practices from investigations and inquests to help strengthen policies and procedures to make sure we are meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

We remain open and committed to working with First Nations, and other Indigenous-led organizations across Northwestern Ontario, including Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

The Board believes having strong local decision making with respect to public safety is critical to the future of policing in our region.

The Board is focused on delivering strong oversight of the Thunder Bay Police Service to ensure that public safety is delivered reliably and with integrity.

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For Planning Purposes: Chair Karen Machado will be available for interviews at Tuesday’s Board meeting.

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