

**MEETING: THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH THUNDER BAY
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

DATE: MAY 29, 2024

TIME: 2:37 P.M.

PLACE: VIA ZOOM

CHAIR: MS. K. MACHADO

PRESENT:

Mr. W. Bahlhieda

Ms. D. Baxter

Ms. K. Machado

OFFICIALS:

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary – Thunder Bay
Police Services Board

Ms. L. Douglas, Assistant to the Secretary -
Thunder Bay Police Services Board

REGRETS:

Councillor K. Etreni

Mayor K. Boshcoff

GUEST:

Mr. J. Veltri

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

SECONDED BY: Mr. W. Bahlhieda

With respect to the Fourteenth Session (Special Regular) of the Fifty-Fifth Thunder Bay Police Service Board held on May 29, 2024, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. GENERAL MATTERS

Board Support for ONWA Initiative

The following information was provided for the Board:

- Correspondence to Karen Machado, Chair - Thunder Bay Police Service Board from Cora McGuire-Cyrette, CEO – Ontario Native Women’s Association, dated May 4, 2024, relative to a request for support and partnership in the development of an Urban Indigenous Community Safety Plan for Indigenous women in Thunder Bay.

THUNDER BAY POLICE SERVICE BOARD

SPECIAL REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2024

Page 2 of 3

- Draft Letter of Support for the development of an Urban Indigenous Community Safety Plan for the City of Thunder Bay.
- Draft Joint Press Release: Development of Urban Indigenous Community Safety Plan in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Jason Veltri provided an overview relative to the above noted information.

An overview of his meeting with ONWA was provided. He noted that ONWA has begun work in establishing a working group on community safety with the Thunder Bay Police Service. ONWA is also working on obtaining federal funding through an Urban Indigenous funding stream. An Urban Indigenous Community Safety Plan would be the first of its kind in Canada to offer off-reserve safety for Indigenous women and girls.

Discussion was held relative to the Board participating as a signatory to this initiative. It was noted that it fits with the Board's strategic initiatives to ensure community safety. This is a start of something very unique, and a good news story that has come from tragedy.

Chair Machado noted that the City of Thunder Bay has already signed on to this initiative.

Discussion was held about the availability of funding for an officer to be assigned to this program. ONWA and its partners will apply for funding. There is an indication that administrative expertise and services, etc. could be covered, including lawyers' fees. If it's included in the proposal/application, the secondment of an officer may be covered as well.

The purpose of ONWA's proposal/application will be to hire a facilitator for this initiative, to draft a community safety plan and work with its partners. The next step would be implementation.

MOVED BY: Ms. D. Baxter
SECONDED BY: Mr. W. Bahlheda

With respect to the correspondence to Karen Machado, Chair - Thunder Bay Police Service Board from Cora McGuire-Cyrette, CEO – Ontario Native Women's Association, dated May 4, 2024, as presented at the May 29, 2024 Special Regular Session of the Board;

We support and endorse the development of an Urban Indigenous Community Safety Plan for the City of Thunder Bay as part of Public Safety Canada's Aboriginal Community Safety Planning Initiative (ACSPI);

AND we authorize the Chair to speak on behalf of the Board in the Press Release.

CARRIED

THUNDER BAY POLICE SERVICE BOARD

SPECIAL REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2024

Page 3 of 3

Mr. J. Veltri will advise ONWA that the Board is in support of this initiative.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business presented.

5. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

SECONDED BY: Mr. W. Bahlieda

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Chair and Secretary of the Thunder Bay Police Service Board, sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a Special Regular Session of The Thunder Bay Police Service Board, this 29th day of May, 2024.

Explanation: Confirmation of the proceedings and each motion, resolution and other action passed or taken by the Thunder Bay Police Service Board at this meeting is required, adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings had been expressly embodied in this By-law.

BY-LAW NUMBER: PC13-2024

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.