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Board Highlights for March 17, 2026

THUNDER BAY, ON, March 17, 2026 — The Thunder Bay Police Service Board (Board) convened on Tuesday March 17. Following are notable items from the meeting:

Missing Persons Report

Inspector Grieve provided an update on the semi-annual Missing Persons Report, for the Board's information.

Under Section 8 (4)(c) the Thunder Bay Police Service is reporting that during the time period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, the Thunder Bay Police Service received a total of **810** reports of missing persons.

The gender identity of the total number of missing persons is broken down as follows:

Females – 499

Males – 309

Gender X – 2

The number of missing person investigations where foul play was suspected is reported to be **zero**.

Sudden Unexplained Death Report

Inspector Grieve presented the annual summary of the Sudden Unexplained Death Report, for the Board's information.

The following Sudden Death Report summary is comprised of data collected for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The Thunder Bay Police Service is reporting the total number of Sudden Death Investigations to have been **327**. Of this total, Seven (7) were determined to be Homicides, Five (5) deemed accidental, Eighteen (18) suicidal deaths, One Hundred Ninety-Four (194) natural deaths and the total number of undetermined deaths as Eight (8). The remaining number of reported deaths would include those that remain in the open classification status, fatal motor vehicle collisions, overdose/apparent overdose.

Firearms Data Submission Report

The report notes **190** firearms seized in the 2025 calendar year.

This is compared to:

•139 Firearms seized in 2023

•267 Firearms seized in 2024

***2025 saw a 29% decrease in firearms seized.**

Under Section 260 (8) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, the Chief of Police shall ensure that the police force keeps a register of firearms and that the following rules are followed:

1. Every firearm's description and location shall be recorded.
2. When a firearm ceases to be in the possession of the police service board or of a member of the police service, full particulars shall be recorded, including the name of the person who disposed of it and the date and method of disposal.
3. If the firearm is returned to its owner, his or her name, address and telephone number shall also be recorded.

Under Section 260 (9) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, the Chief of Police shall, in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister, provide the following information to the Minister:

1. A list of the firearms that have come into the possession of the police service during the preceding calendar year.
2. A list of which firearms are still being retained and which have been disposed of, along with the particulars of that disposal.
3. Any other information prescribed by the Minister.

Board Budget Update

Executive Director Mark Figliomeni noted the latest budget update will be presented at the next Board meeting, on April 21.

2026 Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday April 21, 2026

Tuesday May 19, 2026

Tuesday June 16, 2026

Tuesday July 21, 2026 (tentative)

Tuesday August 18, 2026 (tentative)

Tuesday September 15, 2026

Tuesday October 20, 2026

Tuesday November 17, 2026

Tuesday December 15, 2026

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