

# **Pembroke Police Services Board Meeting – DRAFT Minutes**

City Hall, Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
May 21, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

## **Present:**

Ron Gervais, Mayor  
Patricia Lafreniere, Councillor  
Christine Reavie  
Michael St Jean  
Dez Bair-Patel

## **Also Present:**

Staff Sergeant Sarah Darraugh, OPP  
Staff Sergeant – Operations Manager MaryAnn MacNeil, OPP  
Detective Constable John Armit, OPP  
Victoria Charbonneau, Recording Secretary

### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

### **2. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Michael St. Jean

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the agenda of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of May 21, 2025, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

### **5. Minutes**

- Receive minutes of January 30, 2025

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Christine Reavie

Seconded by Dez Bair-Patel

That the minutes of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of January 30, 2025, be received as circulated.

**Carried**

### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**7. OPP Report**

- Quarterly Report (January - April 2025)

Staff Sergeant Darraugh presented the Q1 report as attached in the May 21, 2025, meeting agenda package. The overview can be captured in totality by viewing the YouTube recording of the meeting at a time stamp of approximately 1:56 p.m. Highlights included:

- Overall violent crimes are down by 2%
- Property crime is very positive as we are down YTD
- Drug crime is down significantly 50% YTD
- Control Section – foot patrol appears to be down Q1 foot patrol increased 131% from last year and over a 5-year period over 104% as Sergeant Darraugh did some individual research aside from the reflection from March report
- Mental Health calls remain the same as this Quarter last year the MCERT team continues to play a critical role in this area of policing
- Overdoses no fatalities YTD, 2 reported non-fatal overdoses last year this time it was 16 and this= year 2 – trending in the right direction
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**8. New Business****a. Anti-Rackets Presentation – Detective Constable John Armit**

Constable John Armit presented information on Anti-Rackets. The overview can be captured in totality by viewing the YouTube recording of the meeting at a time stamp of approximately 1:02 p.m. Highlights included:

Presentation is attached to the minutes as Appendix A

- Are municipalities able to ban crypto currency machines? The machines are subject to legislation to have transactions tracked.
- Is there anything that the PSB board can do to assist in terms of education for anti-fraud. Response included that a website section for fraud resources, the tool kit that can help the public access the information easily from a fraud prevention and awareness standpoint.

**DIRECTION:****b. Working with Youth\* – Micheal St. Jean**

Highlights included:

- Met with community leaders for best practices for community policing to engage with our youth.
- Effective way would be for informal community visits, asking for committee to approve small budget for officers to hand out to kids during these meetings. For the public relation items, it is recommended that the Officers propose what items they think would be best.
- Board has budgeted \$500 for kids fishing derby.

**DIRECTION:** That staff be directed to obtain some promotional branded items for OPP to give away at public events. Furthermore, that the public relations budget be utilized for the purchase of said items.

c. Eastern Region OAPSB\* - M. St. Jean

Highlights included:

- Graham Wright provided the following updates from strategic plans from across the province
- Inspector General wants to go further than minimum standards

d. Pembroke EXPO Event- Chair Gervais

Highlights included:

- Very well attended event and chair expressed his appreciation from the board for staffing the table
- Discussion from partnership with Crime Stoppers and opportunities to increase partnership initiatives

**9. Correspondence**

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion:**

Moved by Dez Bair-Patel

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the May 21, 2025, Pembroke Police Services Board meeting adjourns at 2:25 p.m.

**Carried**

Chair

Recording Secretary