SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
TUESDAY May 12, 2026
8:00 A.M.
TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present:	Chair/Provincial Appointee, Chris Saumure Vice Chair/Council Representative, S Pankow Council Representative, Councillor Chris McGuire Provincial Appointee, Andrew Howard Community Appointee, Rob Dopson
Absent:	
Staff Present:	Police Chief, Jodi Empey Deputy Police Chief, Chris Kettyle Staff Sergent Dan King Secretary, K Costello

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair C Saumure read the Land Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order.

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

J Empey advised that Police Week is May 10th to 16th . The theme for 2026 is *Protecting Ontario Through Our Service*. An overview of the week's planned activities was given.

S Pankow arrived at 8:13AM

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The following In Camera/Closed Session item was added:
Other Municipal Police Forces / Security of the Property of the Board

At the time of discussion, the following In Camera Item was added to the agenda:
Security of the Property of the Board (Chief)

Moved by R Dopson
Seconded by S Pankow
THAT the May 12, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.
Carried

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. IN CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: R Dopson
Seconded by: A Howard
THAT the Board move In Camera at 8:14 pursuant to:

A) Sec 42(3) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Adoption of In Camera Minutes (Secretary)
Moved by: A Howard
Seconded by: C McGuire
Rise & Report: THAT the April 14, 2026 In Camera Minutes be approved.

B) Sec 44(2)(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Security of the Property of the Board (Chief)
Rise and Report: The Board was updated on a security item. Information only.

C) Sec 44(2)(b) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, including Members of the Police Service or any other Employees of the Board (Chief)
Rise and Report: The Chief updated the Board on some Human Resources items. Information only.

D) Sec 44(2)(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Security of the Property of the Board (Chief)
Rise and Report: Direction given to the Chair and Chief.

E) Sec 44(2)(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Security of the Property of the Board (Chief)
Rise and Report: Direction given to board members. Board to be updated as appropriate.

At the time of discussion, the following In Camera Item was added to the agenda:

F) Sec 44(2)(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Security of the Property of the Board (Chief)
Rise & Report: The Police Services Board was given an update. Will be brought forward to the June, 2026 meeting.

Moved by: C McGuire
Seconded by: R Dopson
THAT the Police Services Board revert back into open session at 9:24 AM.
Rise and Report: Chair Saumure and K Costello provided the Rise and Report.
Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE
May 1, 2026 Letter from Kelley Denham
Re: Ongoing gaps in transparency, governance, and public participation within the Police Board modernization process
ACTION: Received for information. Pursuant to Regulations, the Chief has complied with this request. Board is finishing up their policies. Boards policies are in line with the services.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by: R Dopson
Seconded by: A Howard
Recommended Motion: THAT the April 14, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2026 Budget Monitor (Chief)

New Business Items A and E were discussed concurrently. Within budget – not over budget on any line. Chief asked for authorization to increase the capital budget line for the new 2026 Ford Explorer hybrid cruiser by $15,000 to accommodate equipment, installation and a new radar unit. The $15,000 will be taken from the "Tablets for Cruisers" line to increase the capital line for the new cruiser. $24,000 was budgeted for tablets so there is funds in this line. Chief asked the Board what they wish to do with old Explorer. Town to be asked first.
ACTION: Board receptive to the increase in capital and Chief to reach out to Bylaw Officers regarding the Explorer.

b) Update on the Strategic Plan (Chief)

Chief advised that she has had a meeting with Professor from Queen's University. Started their class this week and a discovery meeting will be set up. Will include Staff Sergeant King in this meeting and two Board members (C Saumure and S Pankow).
ACTION: Update only. Chief to keep Board updated.

c) Annual Report (Chief)

Chief reviewed the Annual Report with the Board. Will be available on website and will have some paper copies. Will be posted and available to the public. Highlights everything that has been done and looking at the statistics. Seeing a lot of serious cases in youth. J Empey noted that sending officers to a OPP priority call does take time away from Smiths Falls.

C Saumure advised that calls for service are down by about 5%. J Empey mentioned that the calls may be down but the cases are more complex. Increase in workload.
ACTION: Information only.

d) Board Policies Update (S Pankow)

S Pankow updated the Board Members on the Board policies. The working group worked to review 109 policies. Some edits and refinement were made. Asked if more time was required or if we can finalize and pass. Approval expected to occur at the June meeting.
ACTION: Update / information only.

e) Increase in Capital for Cruiser (Chief)

Discussed under “New Business” Item A.

10. OPERATIONAL REPORT

a) Operational & Training Update (C Kettyle)

Attached as Appendix A.

Chief Empey announced her retirement. Happy to look at a transition/succession plan. Looking to retire at the end of the year.

11. DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING
Meeting Date: June 16, 2026 @ 8AM

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: A Howard
Seconded by: C McGuire
THAT the Police Services Board adjourn its proceedings 10:28 AM and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.
Carried

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Chair

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Secretary

DEPUTY CHIEF'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

APRIL 2026

CALLS FOR SERVICE – APRIL 2026

For the month of April, Police registered **560** occurrences

Down from **607** occurrences in March 2026

OVERALL CHARGES AND ARRESTS APRIL 2026

73 criminal charges laid in April

33 arrests made in April

BREACH RELATED CHARGES – APRIL 2026

Fail to Comply- Condition on Undertaking x 0

Fail to Comply with Release Order x 8

Fail to Comply with Probation Order x 19

Breach of Recognizance x 0

Total breach related charges – **27**

Total criminal charges for April – **73**

Percentage of total charges – **37%**

NOTEWORTHY CALLS FOR SERVICE – APRIL 2026

- IPV CASES- **31** (Down from 32 in March 2026)
- ASSAULTS- **2** (Down from 4 in March 2026)
- FAMILY DISPUTES- **10** (Up from 6 in March 2026)
- BAIL VIOLATIONS- **8** (Same as in March 2026)
- BREAK AND ENTER- **4** (Down from 5 in March 2026)
- MISCHIEF- **8** (Down from 9 in March 2026)
- HARASSMENT – **8** (Same as in March 2026)

MENTAL HEALTH ACT INCIDENTS – APRIL 2026

31calls for service (Up from 26 in March 2026)

5 Apprehensions – 1 x arrest….4 x voluntary

Hospital Wait Time Range: N/A

Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Nurse attended at 3 calls

PROACTIVE POLICING- APRIL 2026

- Foot Patrol- 5 hours
- School Visits- 56 hours
- Community Service – 37 hours
- Bike Patrol – 6 hours

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/COMPLAINTS APRIL 2026

Collisions – **13 total**

2 -Private Property

8 - Highway

3 - Fail To Remain

Charges issued related to collision investigations

HTA- **6**

CC- **0** / Other -**0**

Traffic related matters – **139**

Vehicle Stops - **122**

Vehicle Stops Resulting in Charges– **42**

Charges issued - **73**

Charges issued relating to speeding, stop signs, traffic light infractions, failing to yield, drive under suspension, careless driving, fail to surrender permit, ETC.

6 charges under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act issued

CRIMINAL-ALCOHOL-DRUG CHARGES VIA PROACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS APRIL 2026

- **9** CRIMINAL / ALCOHOL / DRUG CHARGES LAID RELATED TO PROACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS
- OPERATION WHILE IMPAIRED / EXCEED 80 MG OF ALCOHOL IN BLOOD (X 1 EACH)
- FAIL TO COMPLY WITH BREATH DEMAND (X 1)
- DRIVE / HAVE CARE AND CONTROL OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH OPEN LIQUOR (X 3)
- FLIGHT FROM POLICE (X 1)
- FAIL TO COMPLY WITH PROBATION (X 2)

STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC PRIORITY (S.T.E.P.) – APRIL 2026

- S.T.E.P. INITIATIVE FOR APRIL WAS SEATBELT AND CHILD CAR SEAT / RESTRAINT INFRACTIONS
- **7** CHARGES WERE ISSUED RELATED TO THE APRIL S.T.E.P INITIATIVE
- IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES CONTINUE TO BE A PROACTIVE FOCUS – **16** BREATH TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN 2026 – RESULTING IN **15** PERSONS BEING ARRESTED AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.
- THE S.T.E.P. TARGET FOR MAY 2026 WILL BE AGRESSIVE DRIVING OFFENCES
- TOP TRAFFIC ENFORCERS IN MARCH WERE CONSTABLES GERMANN / B. KEOGAN / SLY

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH/CISO- APRIL 2026

- LEAD INVESTIGATOR ON MISSING PERSON FILE (BERTRIM) – ASSISTING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH (O.P.P.)
- LEAD INVESTIGATOR -SCHOOL LOCKDOWN AT S.F.D.C.I. – 3 YOUTHS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH WEAPONS OFFENCES
- 3 DAY CRIMINAL TRAIL FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT FILE INVOLVING A YOUNG PERSON
- CONVICTION FOR FRAUD CHARGES RELATED TO AN O.D.S.P. CASE – ACCUSED DEFRAUDED PUBLIC FUNDS OF OVER $200 000.00 CLAIMING BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION FOR A DIAGNOSIS THEY DIDN'T HAVE
- YEARLY USE OF FORCE TRAINING FOR ALL DETECTIVES
- HISTORICAL IPV RELATED INVESTIGATION – CROWN CONSULTATION COMPLETED - CHARGES EXPECTED
- ONGOING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING RELATED TO DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES

OVERALL CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARATORS 2025

SMITHS FALLS	PERTH	CARLETON PLACE
7,746	3,579	4,549

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER- APRIL 2026

- NUMEROUS SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT MONTH – INCREASED PRESENCE AFTER LOCK DOWN INCIDENT
- PRACTICE LOCKDOWN DRILLS CONDUCTED AT ST. LUKES SCHOOL AND ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
- ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO OTHERS (ARTO) MEETINGS AT S.F.D.C.I.
- 1 X ARTO MEETING AT DUNCAN J AND ST. LUKES SCHOOL
- CODE RESPONSE SCENARIO WITH SMITHS FALLS HOSPITAL STAFF – WENT VERY WELL / EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED
- 1 X SITUATION TABLE, 1X SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF TOURNAMENT, 1 X CRIME STOPPERS MEETING
- MEDIA RELATIONS – 3 X INTERVIEWS WITH LAKE 88 RADIO, 1 X INTERVIEW WITH YOUR TV
- CHIMO CAKE WALK FUNDARIASER
- ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS MESS DINNER

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- CHIMO SCHOOL – CAKE WALK FUNDRAISER
- CHIMO SCHOOL – FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON
- TRAINING SCENARIO WITH SMITHS FALLS HOSPITAL STAFF – PURPLE (HOSTAGE) AND SILVER CODE (ACTIVE SHOOTER ETC.) RESPONSE

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS APRIL 2026

- ROBIDOUX, TRAVIS – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS TRAINING (APR 13-24, 2026 – KINGSTON)
- KEOGAN, BEN – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS TRAINING (APR 13-24, 2026 – KINGSTON)
- FERRIER, ASHLEY - FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC AGENTS 2.0 (APRIL 16, 2026- CPKN ON-LINE)
- FERRIER, ASHLEY – CPTED CANADA WORKSHOP (APRIL 23-24, 2026 – GUELPH UNIVERSITY)
- LEMAY, LINDSAY – INVESTIGATING OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN (APR 20-30, 2026 – YORK REGIONAL POLICE)
- LACEY, BRETT – ANTI- ORGANIZED CRIME CONFERENCE (APR 27-MAY 01, 2026 – YORK REGIONAL POLICE)
- DROESKE, JASON – ANTI-ORGANIZED CRIME CONFERENCE (APR 27-MAY 01, 2026 – YORK REGION)
- DEWEY, DEREK – COACHING POLICE PROFESSIONALS (APR 27-MAY 01, 2026 – KINGSTON POLICE)
- BLANCHARD, CLAY – COACHING POLICE PROFESSIONALS (APR 27-MAY 01, 2026 – KINGSTON POLICE)
- WALKER, BRAD – FRONT LINE SUPERVISOR COURSE (APR 27 – MAY 01, 2026 – OTTAWA POLICE)
- WOODS, BROCK – FRONT LINE SUPERVISOR COURSE (APR 27 – MAY 01, 2026 - OTTAWA POLICE)
- PELLET, BRENT – FORENSIC INVESTIGATORS ASSOC CONFERENCE (APR 28-MAY 01, 2026 – NIAGARA FALLS)

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK STATS

2026 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK STATS							
MONTH	VS VOLUNTEER	VS EMPLOYMENT	NON-VS VOLUNTEER	NON-VS EMPLOYMENT	TRITON	WALKIN	BROAD RECORD
1-Jan	21	27	3	22	36	37	
1-Feb	24	21	1	14	19	41	2
1-Mar	20	26	4	17	25	42	4
1-Apr	24	31	3	21	33	46	2
1-May							
1-Jun							
1-Jul							
1-Aug							
1-Sep							
1-Oct							
1-Nov							
1-Dec							
TOTALS	89	105	11	74	113	166	8

LOCKDOWN INCIDENT – S.F.D.C.I.

- TUESDAY APRIL 07TH, 2026 - INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING A STUDENT HAVING A FIREARM IN THE SCHOOL AND DISPLAYING IT TO OTHER STUDENTS
- S.F.D.C.I. INITIATED LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES IMMEDIATELY – LASTED JUST OVER AN HOUR
- SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE ATTENDED WITH 13 OFFICERS WITHIN MINUTES
- INVOLVED STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AND SECURED IMMEDIATELY
- 2 IMITATION WEAPONS LOCATED AND SEIZED
- 3 YOUTHS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH VARIOUS WEAPONS OFFENCES
- CHIMO SCHOOL PLACED IN HOLD AND SECURE OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION
- STAFF AND STUDENTS AT S.F.D.C.I. SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR RESPONSE AND CALM DEMEANOR THROUGHOUT INCIDENT
- EXCELLENT COLLABORATION / COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND POLICE

SEIZED ITEMS FROM S.F.D.C.I. LOCKDOWN

Alzheimer *Society*

LANARK LEEDS GRENVILLE

Project Lifesaver

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNSnAs7kVy8

SMITHS FALLS

POLICE

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CAMSAFE

CAMSafe is a CCTV and security video registry aimed at keeping our community safe and assisting police solve crime.

REGISTER **ADD** **PROTECT**

- Volunteer registry of security cameras, CCTV systems & doorbell camera
- Delete your information or account at any time
- CAMSafe does not have access to footage or cameras
- Only basic contact information & address required to sign up
- Only police have access to the registry information

CAMSAFE

Your participation helps to provide a stronger defence against

THEFT
ARSON
VANDALISM
FRAUD
STALKING
KIDNAPPING

OR VISIT CAMSAFE.CA