



**SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
TUESDAY APRIL 14, 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: Police Chief, Jodi Empey
Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief, Chris Kettyle
Staff Sergeant Dan King
Secretary, K Costello
Guest: Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement and called the meeting to Order.

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS
No remarks.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

H) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, including Members of the Police Service or any other Employees of the Board (C Kettyle)

Moved by: S Pankow

Seconded by: A Howard

THAT the April 14, 2026, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

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

None noted.



5. IN CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: A Howard

Seconded by: R Dopson

THAT the Board move In Camera at 8:06 AM pursuant to discuss:

- A) Sec 44(2)(e) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Board (D/Chief)
Rise & Report: The Police Services Board was given an update on a litigation matter.
- B) Sec 44(6) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (Advisor)
Education/Training Members of the Board
Rise & Report: The Police Services Board was given an update from G Wight, Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing
- C) Sec 42(3) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Adoption of In Camera Minutes (Secretary)
Moved by: S Pankow
Seconded by: R Dopson
Rise & Report: THAT the February and March In Camera Minutes be approved.
- D) Sec 44(2)(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Security of the Property of the Board (D/Chief)
Rise & Report: The Police Services Board was given an update. Will be brought forward to the May, 2026 meeting.
- E) Sec 44(2)(a) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
Security of the Property of the Board (D/Chief)
Rise & Report: To be discussed under "New Business."
- F) 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 (D/Chief)
Rise & Report: Removed. To be discussed under "New Business."
- G) 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 (Vice Chair)
Rise & Report: Removed. To be discussed under "New Business."
- H) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, including Members of the Police Service or any other Employees of the Board (C Kettle)
Rise & Report: The Police Services Board was updated on Human Resources items.

THAT the Police Services Board revert back into open session at 9:37 AM.

Carried



6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) April 5, 2026, Email from Kelley Denham
Re: Public Disclosure and Inclusion of Updating Policies

S Pankow advised that he and Secretary K Costello met with Ms. Denham regarding board policies. To be discussed further under “New Business.”

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: A Howard

Seconded by: R Dopson

THAT the March 10, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Budget 2025 and Budget 2026 (C Kettyle)

2025 in a surplus. Did not anticipate the number of successful grants that were received. This will be in annual report. In 2026, there are two areas of concern: Complex Maintenance and Property Repairs. Health and safety improvements were made as well as general maintenance.

S Pankow left at 9:51AM.

- b) Report on Aggregate Disciplinary Measures/CSPA Section 215 (a) and (b) (C Kettyle)
Part of the ongoing amalgamation of the Community Safety & Protection Act (CSPA). This will be a yearly report and tabled to the Board. C Saumure advised that the Board policy will have to set a threshold for reporting. Clear parameters of what constitutes disciplinary action/sanctions.
- c) Internal Audit and Quality Assurance Annual Report 2025 (C Kettyle)
Again, part of the ongoing amalgamation with the Community Safety & Protection Act (CSPA). Every Chief and Board must implement this. Conduct internal audits to ensure the Town receives adequate policing.
- d) Schedule 14 Agreement (C Kettyle)
Agreement with Ontario Provincial Police (canine, tactical, etc.). Ensures that adequate policing is provided. C Saumure noted that it is not financially feasible for the municipal force to offer these services.



- e) Update on the Strategic Plan (C Kettyle)
Underway. Chief to follow up as appropriate and provide an update at the next board meeting.
- f) Board Policies Update (S Pankow)
This item was discussed before Priority Item A. Policies are dated. They are available. We have been proceeding through this process for last two years. Significant volume. Hired a consultant. Updated draft policies have been received. Suggesting a small working group that can get together in next few weeks to review so they can come forward to the Board shortly. S Pankow and A Howard volunteered. Chief will also be part of this. Policies to be put in place. Then board will accept delegations/comments, and the policies can be amended accordingly.

10. OPERATIONAL REPORT

- a) Operational & Training Update (C Kettyle)

Staff Sergeant Dan King gave update. Attached as Appendix A.

11. DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: C McGuire

Seconded by: R Dopson

THAT the Police Services Board adjourn its proceedings 10:21 p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.

Carried

Chair

Secretary



DEPUTY CHIEF'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

MARCH 2026

CALLS FOR SERVICE – MARCH 2026

For the month of
March, Police
registered **607**
occurrences

Up from **526**
occurrences in
February 2026

OVERALL CHARGES AND ARRESTS – MARCH 2026

86 criminal
charges laid
in March

37 arrests
made in
March

BREACH
RELATED
CHARGES –
MARCH
2026

Fail to Comply- Condition on Undertaking x 0

Fail to Comply with Release Order x 7

Fail to Comply with Probation Order x 18

Breach of Recognizance x 4

Total breach related charges – **29**

Total criminal charges for March – **86**

Percentage of total charges – **34%**

**NOTEWORTHY
CALLS FOR
SERVICE –
MARCH 2026**

IPV CASES- 32 (Up from 26 in Feb. 2026)

ASSAULTS- 4 (Down from 5 in Feb. 2026)

FAMILY DISPUTES- 6 (Up from 4 in Feb. 2026)

BAIL VIOLATIONS- 8 (Down from 10 in Feb. 2026)

BREAK AND ENTER- 5 (Up from 2 in Feb. 2026)

MISCHIEF- 9 (Up from 3 in Feb. 2026)

HARASSMENT – 8 (Up from 6 in Feb. 2026)

MENTAL HEALTH ACT INCIDENTS – MARCH 2026

26 calls for service (Down from 37 in February 2026)

6 Apprehensions – 3 x arrest...3 x voluntary

Hospital Wait Time Range: 30 minutes – 4 hours

Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Nurse attended at 4 calls

PROACTIVE POLICING- MARCH 2026

Foot Patrol- 12 hours

School Visits- 24 hours

Community Service – 44 hours

Bike Patrol – 0 hours

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/COMPLAINTS

MARCH 2026

Collisions – **17 total**
2 -Private Property
12 - Highway
3 - Fail To Remain

Charges issued related
to collision investigations
HTA- **7**
CC- **2** / Other -0

Traffic related
matters – **156**
Vehicle Stops - **149**

Vehicle Stops
Resulting in
Charges– **47**
Charges issued - **74**

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

3 charges under the
Compulsory
Automobile
Insurance Act issued

CRIMINAL/
ALCOHOL/
DRUG
CHARGES VIA
PROACTIVE
TRAFFIC STOPS
MARCH 2026

- **14 CRIMINAL / ALCOHOL / DRUG CHARGES LAID RELATED TO PROACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS**
- **OPERATION WHILE IMPAIRED / EXCEED 80 MG OF ALCOHOL IN BLOOD (X 4 EACH)**
- **FAIL TO COMPLY WITH BREATH DEMAND (X1)**
- **DRIVE / HAVE CARE AND CONTROL OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH OPEN LIQUOR (X4)**
- **NOVICE DRIVER –BLOOD ALCOHOL ABOVE ZERO (X1)**

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

- S.T.E.P. INITIATIVE FOR MARCH WAS INTERSECTION SAFETY – STOP SIGNS / IMPROPER TURN/TRAFFIC LIGHT INFRACTIONS/FAIL TO YIELD
- **12** CHARGES WERE ISSUED RELATED TO THE MARCH S.T.E.P INITIATIVE
- IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES CONTINUE TO BE A PROACTIVE FOCUS – **15** BREATH TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN 2026 – RESULTING IN **14** PERSONS BEING ARRESTED AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.
- THE S.T.E.P. TARGET FOR APRIL 2026 WILL BE SEATBELT AND CHILD CAR SEAT / RESTRAINT INFRACTIONS
- TOP TRAFFIC ENFORCERS IN MARCH WERE CONSTABLES ROBIDOUX / GERMANN / BLANCHARD



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH/CISO - MARCH

- LEAD INVESTIGATOR ON MISSING PERSON FILE (BERTRIM) – ASSISTING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH (O.P.P.)
- ARMED ROBBERY – SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED / 2 SUSPECTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY
- 2 X COMMERCIAL BREAK AND ENTERS – INVESTIGATION COMPLETED – 2 SUSPECTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED
- 4 SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS – ONGOING
- IDENTITY FRAUD INVESTIGATION REGARDING VEHICLE LOANS
- HISTORICAL IPV RELATED INVESTIGATION – CROWN CONSULTATION COMPLETED - CHARGES EXPECTED
- CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION – SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED / FOSTER PARENTS CHARGED AND ARRESTED
- ONGOING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING RELATED TO DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER- MARCH 2026

- NUMEROUS SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT MONTH
- PRACTICE LOCKDOWN DRILLS CONDUCTED AT ST. LUKES SCHOOL
- CODE RESPONSE SCENARIO PLANNING MEETING WITH SMITHS FALLS HOSPITAL STAFF – JOINT MOCK EXERCISE PLANNED FOR APRIL
- 4TH ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE – PLANNING / PARTICIPATION – OVER \$10 000 RAISED – BULK OF WHICH WILL BE STAYING IN SMITHS FALLS
- 1 X SITUATION TABLE, 2 X FILTER 4 MEETINGS, 1 X POLAR PLUNGE PLANNING MEETING
- MEDIA RELATIONS – 3 X INTERVIEWS WITH LAKE 88 RADIO
- MEALS ON WHEELS FOOD DELIVERY
- TRAINING – COMMUNITY CENTRE JOINT TRAINING / HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING / SYSTEMIC RACISM TRAINING



COURSES AND WORKSHOPS – MARCH 2026

- DEWEY, DEREK – BREATHALYZER TECHNICIAN (MARCH 09-13, 2026 – OTTAWA)
- KEOGAN, BEN – BREATHALYZER TECHNICIAN (MARCH 09-13, 2026 – OTTAWA)
- HART, MIKE – CISO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FOUNDATION COURSE (MAR 11-12, 2026 – SMITHS FALLS)
- KING, DAN – CISO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FOUNDATION COURSE (MAR 11-12, 2026 – SMITHS FALLS)
- LEMAY, LINDSAY – CISO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FOUNDATION COURSE (MAR 11-12, 2026 – SMITHS FALLS)
- MCDOWALL, KAYLA – MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER COURSE (MARCH 23-27, 2026 – OACP WATERLOO)

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 | | | | | | | |
| 1-May | | | | | | | |
| 1-Jun | | | | | | | |
| 1-Jul | | | | | | | |
| 1-Aug | | | | | | | |
| 1-Sep | | | | | | | |
| 1-Oct | | | | | | | |
| 1-Nov | | | | | | | |
| 1-Dec | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 65 | 74 | 8 | 53 | 80 | 120 | 6 |

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION – LOCAL GAS STATION – FEMALE SUSPECT BRANDISHED A FIREARM AND DEMANDED CASH – NO INJURIES
- COMMERCIAL BREAK AND ENTER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT– SMASHED THROUGH FRONT DOOR AND STOLE ITEMS FROM INSIDE
- COMMERCIAL BREAK AND ENTER AT A BUSINESS DOWNTOWN– SMASHED THROUGH DOOR AND STOLE NUMEROUS ITEMS FROM INSIDE
- EXCELLENT COORDINATION BETWEEN FRONT LINE OFFICERS / IDENTIFICATION UNIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH – 2 SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED / ARRESTED / CHARGED FOR ALL 3 INCIDENTS – SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED, AND EVIDENTIARY ITEMS LOCATED.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INVESTIGATION – 16-MONTH-OLD INFANT – COMPLEX AND COLLABORATIVE INVESTIGATION WITH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH, CAS – OTTAWA AND SMITHSFALLS AND CHEO – FOSTER PARENTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED, FOSTER CHILDREN REMOVED FROM HOME AND SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED
- COMMERCIAL BREAK AND ENTER TO LOCAL GAS STATION – EXCELLENT COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE – SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED AND ARE PART OF A LARGER INVESTIGATION RELATED TO COMMERCIAL BREAK AND ENTERS THROUGHOUT ONTARIO. SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED
- PROACTIVE PATROL BY CONSTABLE ROBIDOUX – NOTICED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY NEAR A RESIDENCE – INVESTIGATION REVEALED SUSPECTS WERE ABOUT TO COMMIT A VIOLENT HOME INVASION ON UNSUSPECTING OCCUPANTS – 2 SUSPECTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING AND OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES.

SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICE

2026 BUSINESS PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT

| Date | Vehicle Stops | Foot Patrol Hours | Bike Patrol Hours | Schools Hours | Other Hours | Calls for Service |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| January – March | 383 | 47 | 0 | 83 | 136 | 1696 |
| April – June | | | | | | |
| July – September | | | | | | |
| October – December | | | | | | |
| 2026 TOTALS | 383 | 47 | 0 | 83 | 136 | 1696 |

SMITHS FALLS POLICE – MENTAL HEALTH ACT CALLS

2026 BUSINESS QUARTERLY REPORT

| Date | MHA CALLS | APPREHENSIONS | MCRT NURSE ATTENDED | WAIT TIME RANGE |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| January 1 to March 31 | 92 | ARREST – 6 VOLUNTARY – 9 | 21 | 15 MINS – 5 ½ HOURS |
| April 1 to June 30 | | | | |
| July 1 to September 30 | | | | |
| October 1 to December 31 | | | | |
| 2026 Totals | 92 | 15 | 21 | 15 MINS – 5 ½ HOURS |

Alzheimer Society

LANARK LEEDS GRENVILLE



Project Lifesaver

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

SMITHS FALLS POLICE COMMUNITY FIRST

POLICE

COMMUNITY FIRST

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