



**SMITHS FALLS POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
TUESDAY JULY 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
Community Appointee, Rob Dopson
Absent: Provincial Appointee, Andrew Howard
Staff Present: Police Chief, Jodi Empey
Deputy Police Chief, Chris Kettyle
Staff Sergeant 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

This is the Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) program second year with Smiths Falls Police. Introduced the 4 YIPI students - Madyson, Andrew, Rhemy and Pairisse. The YIPI program aims to provide a safe, fun and educational summer employment opportunity for youth. The aim is to offer youth from our community a unique personal growth opportunity and promote policing as a career. Throughout the summer the YIPI's will be working closely with community partners and charitable organizations to help promote community engagement. Their graduation ceremony will be August 21st, 2026 from 1 to 4PM in the Town Hall, Council Chambers.

Special Constable Breanna McMunn was welcomed. She has yet to be appointed. The Board will officially appoint her after exam marks are received.

Constable Parent and Constable Gazdik were welcomed by the Board to the Smiths Falls Police Service.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The following was added to the agenda:

10 (f) Appointment of new Special Constable

5 (g) Security of Property (this was formally during the Rise and Report.

Moved by: R Dopson

Seconded by: C McGuire

THAT the July 14, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.



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

5. IN CAMERA/CLOSED SESSION

THAT the Board move In Camera at 8:18AM pursuant to:

A) Sec 42(3) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Adoption of In Camera Minutes (Secretary)

Rise and Report: The June 16, 2026 In Camera Minutes were reviewed and adopted.

B) Sec 44(2)(e) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Litigation and/or Potential Litigation (Vice Chair)

Rise and Report: The Board was updated on a litigation matter. To be brought forward as appropriate.

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)(e) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Litigation and/or Potential Litigation (Vice Chair)

Rise and Report: The Board was updated litigation matters. To be brought forward as appropriate.

E) Sec 44(2)(g) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Board

Rise and Report: The Board was provided an update. To be brought forward as appropriate.

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 (Vice Chair)

Rise and Report: The Board discussed a staffing issue. Direction given to Chair and Vice Chair. Bring forward to next meeting.

G) Security of Property (added to the agenda)

Rise and Report: Information only. Added under New Business.

Moved by S Pankow

Seconded by R Dopson

THAT the Police Services Board revert back into open session at 9:27 AM.

Carried



6. CORRESPONDENCE

July 5, 2026, 2026 Letter from Kelley Denham

Re: Outstanding Matters and Additional Issues Identified

C Saumure questioned if this is political grandstanding or if this involves an incident that occurred last summer. Correspondence appears to be AI generated. Disturbing to think OPP could have a faster response time. Delegation rules follow that of the Town. Policies are now online. If a review is warranted, please advise and it will be reviewed. Chiefs' policies are not a matter of public record.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by R Dopson

Seconded by S Pankow

THAT the June 16, 2026 Police Services Board Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Board Policies Update (S Pankow)

S Pankow advised that the Board policies are now posted on Town's website. 266 pages. Public can review.

ACTION: Information only.

b) 2026 Budget Monitor June (Chief)

J Empey advised that there are no issues with budget so far. Renting portable radios - this became needed as part of Bike Night event (about \$7000). Two more events this summer.

ACTION: Information only.

c) Procedural Bylaw Refresh (Secretary)

K Costello noted that she is hoping to bring that forward in September. September meeting has moved to September 1st.

ACTION: Information and to be brought forward to the September meeting.

d) Ride Along (R Dopson)

Fortunate to go on a ride along. Encouraged all members to participate in this. Impressed with the way staff work together.

ACTION: Information only.

e) Strategic Plan Update (Chief)

A poster will be shared. 2 virtual Town Hall meetings will be held. There is a survey (takes 5 – 10 minutes). Hard copies will also be available throughout the Town.

ACTION: Information only.



f) Appointment of Special Constable

Moved by S Pankow

Seconded by R Dopson

THAT Breanna McMunn be appointed, once exams are passed, under the Community Safety and Policing Act, as a Special Constable for the Smiths Falls Police Service.

J Empey advised that this was a budgeted item.

11. OPERATIONAL REPORT

a) Operational & Training Update (C Kettyle)

Attached as Appendix A.

Update on Bike Night

Thanked DBA for the great event. Was concerned about the July 1st event due to the volume and multiple events going on so staffed accordingly. Well attended. Worked well with law enforcement partners. Canine and bike patrol were in attendance. Fire Department was a massive help with their drone and medical support. Had IT support engaged as well. YIPI students engaged for the event and all officers and civilians were on board.

Cost for police to assist in the event was \$16,000 but money well spent for public safety. Dan King was the Incident Commander. August event will hopefully have even more people attending.

12. DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026 at 8AM.

C Saumure publicly announced the change in meeting date.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S Pankow

Seconded by C McGuire

THAT the Police Services Board adjourn its proceedings 10:09 AM and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.

Carried

Chair

Secretary



DEPUTY CHIEF'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

JUNE 2026

CALLS FOR SERVICE – JUNE 2026

For the month of
June, Police
registered **740**
occurrences

Down from **753**
occurrences in
May 2026

OVERALL CHARGES AND ARRESTS JUNE 2026

63 criminal
charges laid in
June

24 arrests
made in June

BREACH RELATED CHARGES – JUNE 2026

Fail to Comply- Condition on Undertaking x 0

Fail to Comply with Court Order x 4

Fail to Comply with Probation Order x 10

Breach of Recognizance x 1

Total breach related charges – **15**

Total criminal charges for May – **63**

Percentage of total charges – **24%**

NOTEWORTHY CALLS FOR SERVICE – JUNE 2026

IPV CASES- 35 (Up from 23 in May 2026)

ASSAULTS- 11 (Up from 7 in May 2026)

FAMILY DISPUTES- 4 (Down from 6 in May 2026)

BAIL VIOLATIONS- 7 (Up from 6 in May 2026)

BREAK AND ENTER- 3 (Same from May 2026)

MISCHIEF- 7 (Down from 13 in May 2026)

HARASSMENT - 11 (Up from 4 in May 2026)

MENTAL HEALTH ACT INCIDENTS – JUNE 2026

29 calls for service (Up from 24 in May 2026)

6 Apprehensions – 4 x arrest...2 x voluntary

Hospital Wait Time Range: 30 minutes – 5.5 hours

Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Nurse attended at 5 calls

PROACTIVE POLICING- JUNE 2026

Foot Patrol – 21 hours

School Visits – 39 hours

Community Service – 108 hours

Bike Patrol – 25 hours

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/COMPLAINTS

JUNE 2026

Collisions – **16 total**
2 -Private Property
8 - Highway
6 - Fail To Remain

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

Traffic related
matters – **185**
Vehicle Stops - **128**

Vehicle Stops
Resulting in Charges–
61
Charges issued - **77**

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

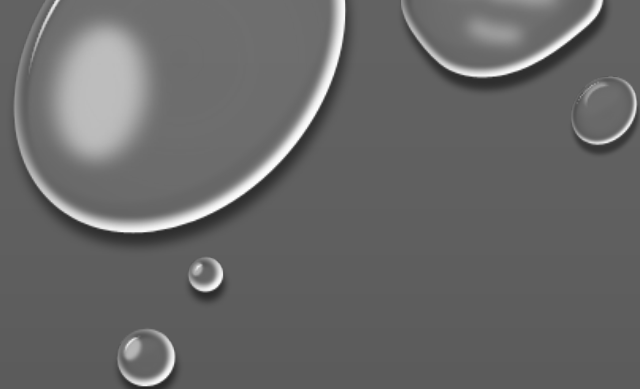
**CRIMINAL-
ALCOHOL-
DRUG
CHARGES VIA
PROACTIVE
TRAFFIC STOPS
JUNE 2026**

- **2 CRIMINAL / ALCOHOL / DRUG CHARGES LAID RELATED TO PROACTIVE TRAFFIC STOPS**
- **OPERATION WHILE IMPAIRED (X 1)**
- **DRIVE / HAVE CARE AND CONTROL OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH OPEN LIQUOR (X 1)**



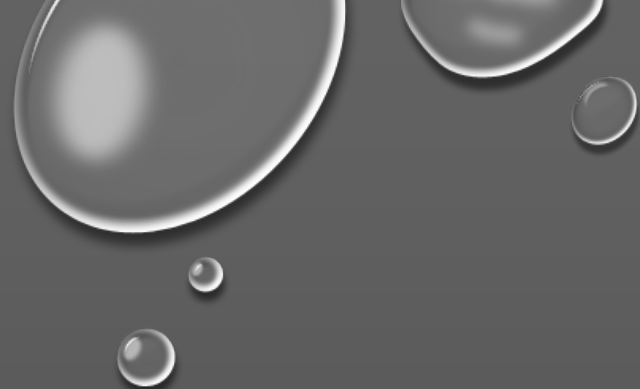
STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC PRIORITY (S.T.E.P.) – JUNE 2026

- S.T.E.P. INITIATIVE FOR JUNE WAS VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT SAFETY OFFENCES
- **7** CHARGES WERE ISSUED DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE JUNE S.T.E.P INITIATIVE
- SEVERAL EDUCATIONAL / PROACTIVE STOPS
- IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES CONTINUE TO BE A PROACTIVE FOCUS – **18** BREATH TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN 2026 – RESULTING IN **16** PERSONS BEING ARRESTED AND CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.
- THE S.T.E.P. TARGET FOR JULY 2026 WILL BE IMPAIRED DRIVING /ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES
- TOP TRAFFIC ENFORCERS IN MAY WERE CONSTABLES SLY / ROBIDOUX / GERMANN



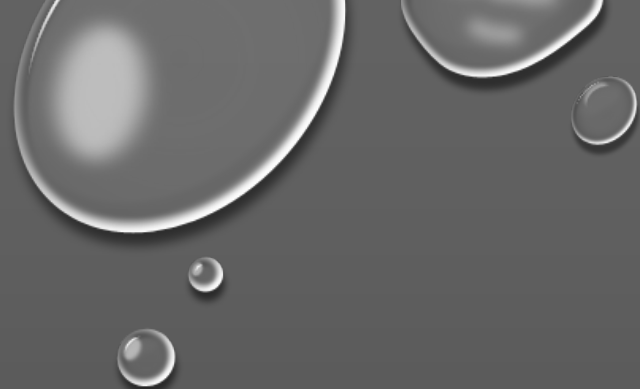
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH/CISO- JUNE 2026

- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT OF AN INFANT CASE - DIGITAL FORENSIC EXAMINATION ONGOING – CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH CHEO AND FAMILY CHILDREN'S SERVICES
- SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION – 12-YEAR-OLD VICTIM – INVESTIGATION ONGOING - CHARGES PENDING
- SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION ONGOING – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENTIARY KIT COMPLETED – WILL BE SENT TO CENTRE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES FOR PROCESSING
- ONGOING FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS – PRODUCTION ORDERS AND WARRANTS EXECUTED – EVIDENCE BEING SCREENED
- DETECTIVE KARLING FRASER – NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH
- ASSAULT POLICE FILE – INVESTIGATION NEARLY COMPLETED AND CHARGES ARE EXPECTED.
- ONGOING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING RELATED TO DRUG TRAFFICKING AND OTHER CRIMINAL INCIDENTS



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER- JUNE 2026

- NUMEROUS SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT MONTH – INCREASED PRESENCE AS SCHOOL YEAR WINDS DOWN
- HIRING PROCESS FOR 4 Y.I.P.I. SUMMER STUDENTS COMPLETED
- ASSESSMENT OF RISK TO OTHERS (ARTO) MEETING AT DUNCAN J SCHOOL
- CHIMO SCHOOL BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
- ST. FRANCIS PRESENTATION – MENTAL HEALTH COPING STRATEGIES / SAFE INTERNET USE
- MEETINGS - 1 X SITUATION TABLE, 2 X FILTER 4, 2 X SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF TOURNAMENT, 1 X CRIME STOPPERS MEETING, 1 X TORCH RUN TOLL, 3 X Y.I.P.I. PLANNING, 2 X CANADA DAY PLANNING
- MEDIA RELATIONS – 4 X INTERVIEWS WITH LAKE 88 RADIO, 1 X INTERVIEW WITH KATHY BOTHAM AT YOUR TV, FACEBOOK VIDEO FOR SOCIAL MEDIA



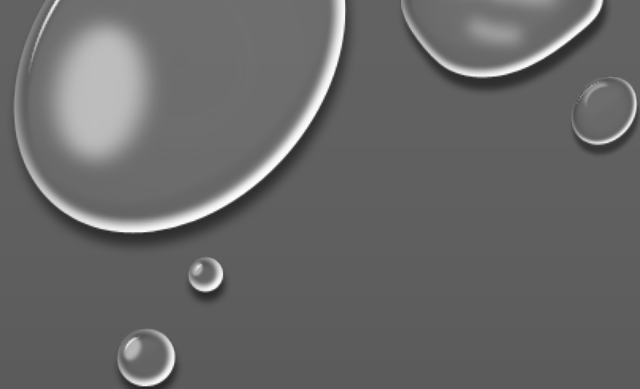
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER- JUNE 2026

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK COMPLETED**
- CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NIGHT
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN TOLL - \$16,000
RAISED
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF TOURNAMENT - \$25,735
- BIKE NIGHT EVENT
- POW WOW EVENT
- KINSMEN HALL BIKE SAFETY RODEO
- HANLEY HALL COMMUNITY LUNCH
- BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS
- W.A.K. – WE ARE KIDS PROGRAM

ASSET BUILDER AWARD 2026

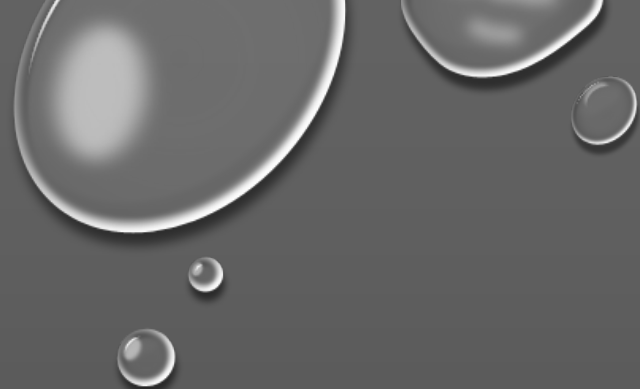
- CONGRATULATIONS TO CONSTABLE SEAN KEOGAN WHO WAS RECOGNIZED JUNE 24TH BY THE LANARK COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COLLABORATIVE WHERE HE RECEIVED A 2026 ASSET BUILDER AWARD.
- SEAN WAS GRACIOUSLY NOMINATED BY JENNIFER MILLER AND CONNOR CRANE FROM BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS WHO HIGHLIGHTED HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE YOUTH IN SMITHS FALLS AND THE MEANINGFUL IMPACT SEAN HAS HAD IN THEIR LIVES.
- WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU SEAN AND ALL THE WORK YOU DO TO FOSTER POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE POLICE AND OUR COMMUNITY. YOU ARE TRULY AN ASSET, NOT ONLY TO OUR ORGANIZATION BUT TO ALL THE CITIZENS WHO CALL SMITHS FALLS HOME.





SPECIAL CONSTABLE REPORT – JUNE 2026

- PROACTIVE BIKE PATROL THROUGH PARKS AND DOWNTOWN CORE
- FOOT PATROL / VISIT VARIOUS BUSINESSES AS A PROACTIVE PRESENCE
- PRISONER SECURITY / BOOKINGS / TRANSPORT DUTIES
- DOCUMENT SERVICE – SUMMONS / COURT DOCUMENTS ETC.
- ASSIST OFFICERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH RELATED CALLS FOR SERVICE
- ASSIST PATROL OFFICERS WITH VARIOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE
- COACH / TRAIN NEW SPECIAL CONSTABLE
- HEALTH CANADA DRUG SUBMISSIONS COMPLETED FOR OFFICERS
- EVIDENCE ROOM MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL
- ASSIST WITH DISPATCH DUTIES TO COVER FOR BREAKS
- FIREARMS VERIFICATION OFFICER TRAINING COMPLETED
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SEMINAR



COURSES AND WORKSHOPS JUNE 2026

- FERRIER, ASHLEY – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SEMINAR (JUN 15, 2026 – PERTH CIVITAN CLUB)
- GAUTHIER, KARINE – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SEMINAR (JUN 15, 2026 – PERTH CIVITAN CLUB)
- WOODS. BROCK – ONTARIO MAJOR CASE MANAGEMENT COURSE (JUN 15-25, 2026 – SMITHS FALLS OPP ERHQ)
- FERRIER, ASHLEY – FIREARMS VERIFICATION COURSE (JUN 18, 2026 – CANADIAN POLICE KNOWLEDGE NETWORK)
- TOWNEND, CADE – POLICE BICYCLE PATROL OPERATOR COURSE (JUN 22-25, 2026 – CORNWALL POLICE)
- CLARK, MARINA – POLICE BICYCLE PATROL OPERATOR COURSE (JUN 22-25, 2026 – CORNWALL POLICE)

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK STATS

2026 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK STATS								
MONTH	VS VOLUNTEER	VS EMPLOYMENT	NON-VS VOLUNTEER	NON-VS EMPLOYMENT	TRITON	WALKIN	BROAD RECORD	TOTAL COMPLETED
1-Jan	21	27	3	22	36	37	0	146
1-Feb	24	21	1	14	19	41	2	122
1-Mar	20	26	4	17	25	42	4	138
1-Apr	24	31	3	21	33	46	2	160
1-May	33	27	4	8	26	46	0	144
1-Jun	32	35	2	17	36	50	2	174
1-Jul								0
1-Aug								0
1-Sep								0
1-Oct								0
1-Nov								0
1-Dec								0
TOTALS	154	167	17	99	175	262	10	884

YEAR OVER YEAR STATS COMPARISON

TYPE	2024	2025	2026 (end of June)
CALLS FOR SERVICE	8,143	7,745	3,749
ARRESTS MADE	365	412	196
CRIMINAL CHARGES	1,209	1,165	428
VEHICLE STOPS	821	1,081	880
TRAFFIC CHARGES	584	822	471
FOOT PATROL HOURS	230	281	88
BIKE PATROL HOURS	45	106	45
SCHOOL VISIT HOURS	91	242	224
COMMUNITY SERVICE	182	416	351
IMPAIRED DRIVER TESTS	8	29	18

TORCH RUN TOLL DAY



