



TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

October 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Town Hall, Second Floor, Braniff Room
97 Hurontario Street, Collingwood, ON

Members Present: Claire Tucker-Reid, Chair
Councillor Kathy Jeffery
Mayor Yvonne Hamlin
Member Michael Edwards
Member Anthony Griffiths

Staff Present: Loris Licharson, OPP Detachment Commander
Amanda Pegg, Executive Director, Corporate and Community Services
Michaela Perry-Schalle, Administrative Assistant, Legislative Services
Becky Dahl, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Others: Kevin Cornell, Staff Sergeant
David Brown, Sergeant
Anthony Tomei, Sergeant
Mike Foley, Simcoe District School Board Trustee

1. Call to Order

Chair Tucker-Reid called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Member Anthony Griffiths provided the recognition and acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples.

2. Adoption of Agenda

POL-015-2024

Moved by: Member Michael Edwards
Seconded by: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

THAT the content of the agenda for the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting of October 17, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

POL-016-2024

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board held on July 18, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. CCI Threats Investigation

Detachment Commander Licharson informed the Board that due to a publication ban, no new information can be discussed concerning the ongoing investigation. Detachment Commander Licharson presented proposals made to the School Board by the detachment; a pilot program with emergent access to schools and a pilot program whereby the detachment will have access to the school grounds after hours, for familiarity and training purposes. Detachment Commander Licharson recommended the continuation of education for school staff concerning school safety and possible threats, as exemplified in a presentation that the Detachment prepared. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that conversations have been ongoing with Professor Schulenberg concerning youth engagement strategies.

Mike Foley, School Board Trustee, asked about the Professor Schulenberg's report on SRO programs and its timeline. Detachment Commander Licharson states that the report has been delayed and is still underway.

Chair Tucker-Reid asked if data concerning violent incidents in schools will be updated. Detachment Commander Richardson stated that this report has been requested from the Regional Operation Analyst.

Trustee Foley left the meeting at this time.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

Member Mike Edwards addressed his inquiry with the Integrity Commission concerning a potential conflict of interest and confirmed that according to the Integrity Commission, there is no conflict of interest and that the OPP Detachment Board is exempt from the requirement to appoint an Integrity Commissioner.

7. Financial Update

7.1 Financial Update and 2024 Billing Statement

Amanda Pegg, Executive Director, Corporate and Customer Service, briefed the Board on the OPP bill that was received on October 4th for the

succeeding year of service and noted that the provided increase is approximately 38% above the previous billing, which is approximately \$2,000,000 greater than the year prior. Executive Director Pegg stated that this change has a large impact on the budget corporate wide and noted conversations with Treasurer Graham, who confirmed that this bill is fully tax funded and is approximately a 5% increase on the municipalities operating budget. Executive Director Pegg compared that other municipalities are also receiving cost increases; however, these are in the 20% range. CAO Skinner has requested a review of this bill from the Attorney General.

Vice Chair Jeffery confirmed that it is Council's responsibility to negotiate the contract amount and verify the obligations outlined within it and noted that herself and Mayor Hamlin are committed to soliciting an opinion prior to Council making a decision concerning the Financial Report.

Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed that the Financial Report originates from the Municipal Policing Bureau, which will be providing webinars to review the billing model. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that Court Security financing is based on data from 2 years prior and explained that discrepancies in Court Security financing may stem from a lack of court proceedings during the 2022 pandemic, compared to the normal Court Security operations in subsequent years.

POL-017-2024

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT the Financial Update and 2024 Billing Statement be received.

CARRIED

7.2 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement - Collingwood

Chair Tucker-Reid noted that a representative from the Municipal Policing Bureau was unavailable for the October 17th meeting and that future discussions concerning the Annual Billing Statement with the Policing Bureau can be expected.

7.3 2025 Draft Budget - Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

Chair Tucker-Reid noted that the proposed 2025 budget for the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board includes conferences, education, travel, dues, membership fees, and office supplies. Chair Tucker-Reid confirmed that the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board Budget is apart of the Municipal Budget.

Vice Chair Jeffery recommended that the 2025 Draft Budget be received and approved with the exception of Annual Support, until this number is

provided. Deputy Clerk Dahl confirmed that once finalized, the Annual Support number will be provided to the Board.

POL-018-2024

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board approve the 2025 draft budget estimates, subject to confirming Staff Allocation, to be presented to Council during their 2025 Budget Deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

8. Reports

8.1 Detachment Commander Quarterly Policing Report, Detachment Commander Licharson

Detachment Commander Licharson briefed the Board on the Quarterly Policing Report noting RIDE initiatives, foot patrol hours, staff changes, Community Street Crime occurrences, and staff training hours.

Detachment Commander Licharson reviewed the performance of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRT), highlighting their service requests, response times, and overall expertise; assessed the changes made to the Marine Program; acknowledged the efforts of the Collingwood/Blue Mountain Auxiliary Unit and recognized the work of the Collingwood/Blue Mountains Community Street Crime Unit, noting their various investigations that resulted in the seizure of several items.

Detachment Commander Licharson reviewed the detachment initiatives, including working with partners in the Health Care Field and support in mental health care apprehensions and gave an overview of Project Life Saver.

Detachment Commander Licharson provided an update on the various Bike Rodeo programs they have explored; provided an overview of a pilot program to offer the OPP Kids Program outside of the school setting; spoke on continuing relationships with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and their continued success with the Bigger Together Program; noted their attention to rebuilding a partnership with the Cadet program; shared the successful commencement of the Youth Police Advisory Committee and touched on their continued support of various existing summer camps and day camps.

Detachment Commander Licharson reviewed the report, including statistics on charges, violent crimes, homicides, property crime, theft and public complaints.

Detachment Commander Licharson took comments from the Board and responded to questions regarding staffing resources and the process of

detained illegal weapons, illegal firearms, controlled substances and drugs.

Member Mayor Hamlin questioned revenue and how increases can be made using the Provincial Offences Act; noted that a frequent concern amongst the public is the failure to stop, and noted interest in advertising and assisting with events such as the Bike Rodeo.

Member Anthony Griffiths asked questions regarding the type of clothing that Crisis Workers wear to Mental Health calls. Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed that Crisis Workers are equipped with Body Armor.

Detachment Commander Licharson noted that anti-fraud and crime prevention is a priority of the detachment.

Chair Tucker-Reid requested a high-level analysis of the Quarterly Policing Report and its trends and suggested that this be included in future reports. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the trends are overall consistent with the year prior, however he noted the following fluctuations:

- Assaults have increased since the year prior
- Shoplifting has increased since the year prior
- Partner crime has increased since the year prior

Vice Chair Jeffery confirmed that the recent changes to speed limits within community safety zones were directed by Council. Deputy Clerk Dahl noted that a thorough staff report including an analysis of these speed limits that was presented to Council will be circulated to the Board for information. Detachment Commander Licharson noted an increase of police presence in these school zones and noted photo radar and speed bumps as possible traffic calming solutions.

Sergeant Brown presented the detachment's Youth Engagement Plan and noted efforts to increase effective communication with youth through social media engagement, community events, school outreach and the Youth Advisory Committee. Sergeant Brown reviewed long term partnerships including School Boards, Police-Youth Advisory Committee, Hope Chapel, Niigan Mosewak, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Army Cadets. Sergeant Brown took questions and comments on the Youth Engagement Plan. Chair Tucker-Reid emphasized the need to quantify the success rate of the Youth Engagement Plan and suggested possible methods for doing so. Sergeant Brown requested to revisit quantifying efforts after one year of testing the discussed plan. Chair Tucker-Reid noted a necessity of opportunities for underrepresented and marginalized youth and asked what methods are being used to consider these groups.

8.2 Community Observations (how is policing going in the community)

Chair Tucker-Reid suggested that this item be skipped as community observations were thoroughly discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. Other Business

9.1 Annual Report to Council

Chair Tucker-Reid noted that it is the OPP Detachment Board's legislative responsibility to report to Council annually, by June of each given year. Chair Tucker-Reid noted that due to the transition to the new Community Safety and Policing Act, the report will take place later this year. Chair Tucker-Reid noted that included in this report will be a proposed plan for the year to follow, potential approaches and an updated detachment plan. Deputy Clerk Dahl confirmed that this report will be presented to Council on November 4th.

9.2 Enforcement of Speed Limits

Chair Tucker-Reid stated Councils' request that Collingwood OPP Detachment Board continues to follow up on the statistics and implementation of the Detachment priority of the enforcement of speed limits throughout the Town.

9.3 Community Outreach

Chair Tucker-Reid reviewed the results of the satisfaction survey provided to members of the public at the Collingwood Farmers Market on October 12th, 2024. These results displayed that out of 100 people who took the survey, 86% were satisfied with current policing within the municipality. Chair Tucker-Reid noted the following recommendations provided from members of the public:

- An increased police presence on the main street
- An increased presence of plain clothed mental health workers during crisis calls
- An increase police presence in trail systems

Vice Chair Jeffery suggested implementing this satisfaction survey at future events to reach an alternate demographic.

9.4 Development of an OPP Detachment Board Commendation Program

Chair Tucker-Reid suggested that a Commendation Program be developed that is reflective of community safety efforts. Chair Tucker-Reid took comments and questions concerning criteria, structure and alternate solutions regarding a possible Commendation Program. Chair Tucker-Reid suggested that this Commendation Program be revisited at a later meeting following further analysis.

10. Standing Items

10.1 Communications Plan (Student Resource Officers)

Chair Tucker-Reid stated that the Board will note in their report to Council their ongoing advocacy for the full reimplementation of Community Resource Officers in schools.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Next Meeting

12.1 Joint Meeting with Town of the Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board

Deputy Clerk Dahl confirmed that the joint meeting with Town of the Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board will be established at a later date due to conflicts of availability. Chair Tucker-Reid confirmed audits, police inspectorate requirements and research updates on the SRO program will be included on this agenda.

12.2 Regular Meeting Schedule - 2025

POL-019-2024

Moved by: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the following dates be approved for regular Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meetings in 2025:

- Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 9:00AM
- Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 9:00AM
- Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 9:00AM
- Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 9:00AM

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Vice Chair Jeffery

THAT Collingwood OPP Detachment Board be hereby adjourned at 11:32AM.

CARRIED

Chair