



## Joint Meeting Minutes

### Collingwood and The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Boards

December 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

FreeSchools World Literacy Community Room and by Videoconference  
Collingwood Public Library, First Floor, 55 Ste. Marie Street, Collingwood

Members Present: Claire Tucker-Reid, Chair  
Councillor Kathy Jeffery  
Mayor Yvonne Hamlin  
Member Michael Edwards  
Member Anthony Griffiths  
Jim Oliver, Town of The Blue Mountains  
Lynn Church, Town of The Blue Mountains  
Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor, Town of The Blue Mountains

Members Absent: Donna Wilson, Town of The Blue Mountains  
Gail Ardiel, Town of The Blue Mountains

Staff Present: Loris Licharson, OPP Detachment Commander  
Sonya Skinner, CAO  
Becky Dahl, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk  
Jenny Haines, Administrative Coordinator

Others: Kyra Dunlop, Deputy Clerk, Town of The Blue Mountains  
Carrie Fairley, Legislative Coordinator, Town of The Blue Mountains  
Wes Staddon, OPP Sargent  
Kevin Cornell, OPP Sargent

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#### 1. Call to Order

Collingwood Board Chair Claire Tucker-Reid called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Town of the Blue Mountains Board Chair Jim Oliver provided recognition and acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery  
Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

**THAT** the content of the agenda for the Joint Collingwood and The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Meeting for December 13, 2024 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Deputations**

**4.1 Police Inspectorate, Duane Sprague**

Police Services Advisor Duane Sprague provided the Board with an overview of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) confirming that the Act replaces the former *Police Services Act* which has been unchanged since 1990. Police Services Advisor Sprague provided an overview of the role of the Inspectorate of Policing (IoP) and reviewed the core activities of the IoP under the CSPA, noted that the IoP is comprised of two branches being the Investigations, Inspections and Liaison Branch (IILB) and the Centre for Data Intelligence and Innovation (CDII). Police Services Advisor Sprague noted that the IILB is comprised of 4 units, which are responsible for executing the IoP's compliance and enforcement operations, and for providing enhanced monitoring, advisory and liaison services to support legislated entities in meeting their statutory obligations.

Police Services Advisor Sprague noted that he works out of the Police Services Liaison Unit (PSLU), confirming that advisors provide an array of services and functions to our policing stakeholders such as monitoring local issues, sharing reliable information, assisting in navigating local issues and building and strengthening relationships. Inspectorate Sprague provided the Board with the policing landscape in Ontario and various advisors assigned to each zone, confirming that Hank Zehr will be taking over Zone 5 and part of Zone 3 upon his retirement.

Police Services Advisor Sprague provided a high-level review on the O.P.P Detachment Boards confirming its purpose and responsibility under the CSPA, confirming an O.P.P Detachment Board is not the same as a Police Services Board, as an O.P.P Detachment Board advises the O.P.P. on community safety priorities and helps to identify local concerns that should be addressed. Police Services Advisor Sprague reviewed the role of the Inspector General (IG) confirming that they are required to monitor and conduct inspections and monitor and conduct inspections of members of O.P.P. detachment boards members, and provided the Board with an outline of relevant sections to review within the CSPA and recommended Board members review the Code of Conduct.

*Mayor Matrosovs left the meeting at this time. Deputy Clerk Dahl confirmed that the Town of The Blue Mountains Detachment Board no longer has quorum.*

Police Services Advisor Sprague addressed questions of the Boards regarding the role of the inspectorate in relation to the Board and the O.P.P detachment and the possibility of inspections; capacity of the Board operationally to establish local policy when the Board works autonomous from Council; confirmation on what exactly is considered local policy; the Boards ability to govern; and who governs the institute of the IoP; audits of the Detachment Board and if the Board will be provided with an audit tool to ensure that the Board is meeting the requirements of the CPSA; whether there is a standard approach to establishing priorities and objectives and if so, will that come from the O.P.P; and confirmation on where the role of the Board starts and stops.

CAO Sonya Skinner noted that Section 68 of the CSPA provides guidance on the governance role of the OPP Detachment Board. Collingwood Chair Claire Tucker-Reid noted that the Board would appreciate a standard approach to the Boards evaluation and thanked Police Services Advisor Sprague for his presentation.

*Police Services Advisor Sprague left the meeting.*

## **5. Other Business**

### **5.1 Preventing Targeted Violence in Schools, Detachment Commander Licharson**

Detachment Commander Licharson introduced Sargent Wes Staddon to the Board.

Detachment Commander Licharson presented the Board with a presentation entitled "Preventing Targeted Violence in Schools" and noted the objectives of the presentation are to raise awareness, ensure preparedness, review the police response and prevention. Detachment Commander Licharson briefed the Board on what is considered an active threat and the importance of improving preparedness.

Detachment Commander Licharson provided a high-level review of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Lockdown Procedure, being a provincial model and protocol for local Police and School Boards. Detachment Commander Licharson noted the importance of using consistent terminology and explained to the Board the role that the Collingwood and Blue Mountains Detachment have when an active incident occurs.

Detachment Commander Licharson reviewed the Safe Schools Initiative noting the importance of schools creating an environment where kids can talk, the importance of educating school staff on what to listen for and

having an understanding of multi-disciplinary threat risk assessment models. Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed that a unified approach, clear communication and immediate coordination are integral.

Detachment Commander Licharson answered questions from the Board regarding if consideration has been made to present the presentation to the School Board directly; if the OPP Detachment Board should participate in emergency response training; what role does the OPP Detachment Board have during emergency situations; and what tactics do the OPP use when they respond to situations that are not at a school.

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery  
Seconded by: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

**THAT** the OPP Detachment Boards defer the following agenda items to the next meeting:

- 5.2 School Resource Officers Programs in Ontario Update
- 5.3 Review of the Updated School Board / Police Protocol

**CARRIED**

**5.2 School Resource Officers Programs in Ontario Update, Detachment Commander Licharson**

Item deferred to next meeting.

**5.3 Review of the Updated School Board / Police Protocol, Detachment Commander Licharson**

Item deferred to next meeting.

**5.4 \*Addition: Bicycles and E-Bikes on Sidewalks**

Board members discussed concerns raised by residents regarding bicycles, e-bikes and motorized scooters being used on sidewalks. Board members discussed the Detachment Boards role in addressing this concern.

**6. Correspondence**

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery  
Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

**THAT** the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Boards receive the Correspondence List as provided.

**CARRIED**

**6.1 2023 Annual Report of the Inspectorate General of Policing**

**7. Next Meeting**

Deputy Clerk Dahl confirmed that a poll will go out to Board members to determine the next joint meeting date with the Collingwood and Town of the Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Boards.

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Jeffery

**THAT** the meeting of the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Boards be hereby adjourned at 11:22 a.m. **CARRIED.**

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Chair