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# The Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

Annual Report to Collingwood  
Council



To: Mayor Hamlin and Members of Collingwood Council

From: Claire Tucker-Reid, Chair of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

Subject: Annual Report to Council

Date: May 26, 2025

**Recommendation:** “That this report be received for information.”

## **I. Introduction**

The Collingwood OPP Detachment Board is required to report to the municipal Council each year (preferably by June-end). This summary report will provide Council and the public with an understanding of our refreshed mandate as an OPP Detachment Board formerly known as the Collingwood Police Services Board and our current activities.

The Collingwood OPP Detachment Board (COPPDB) would like to highlight changes to the Community Safety and Policing Act to create a better understanding of the changes.

## **II. Our Requirements Under the Community Safety and Policing Act**

The Community Safety and Policing Act took effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The CSPA intends to allow more autonomy to the OPP Detachment Boards in offering quality governance mechanisms in policing and in reflecting community needs:

The OPP Detachment Boards are intended to be:

- a) More **community-based and engaging of the community** to make significant efforts to consult with the residents that they serve.
- b) **Engage the community in setting priorities** through the development of the OPP Business Plan and a Detachment Board's Priorities Plan.
- c) The implementation of **communications mechanisms** and plan (for example a website and social media channels).
- d) **Demonstrate adherence** to their roles & responsibilities and the **Inspectorate of Policing requirements**; and
- e) **Reflect** the community that they serve.

### III. OPP Detachment Boards Specific Legislative Requirements

68 (1) The O.P.P. Detachment Board shall:

- (a) Consult with the Commissioner on the **selection of a detachment commander**:
- (b) Determine **objectives and priorities** for the detachment, consistent with the strategic plan prepared by the Minister, after consultation with the detachment commander or his or her designate; note – calls for full consultation by the PSB.
- (c) **Advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing** provided by the Detachment.
- (d) Monitor the **performance of the detachment commander**.
- (e) **Review the reports** from the detachment commander regarding policing provided by the detachment; and
- (f) On or before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, **provide an annual report** to the municipalities and band councils regarding the policing provided by the detachment in their municipalities or on First Nation reserves

### IV. Current Initiatives

#### a) Community Input into the Collingwood OPP Detachment Plan

The Collingwood OPP Detachment Plan is a multi-year plan and is currently under development. The Plan considers the current strengths and challenges of policing in Collingwood, reflects community priorities through various inputs including written submissions and discussions, trends that are evident. The Plan would indicate what actions will be taken over the next four years. To complement these efforts the Collingwood Detachment Board will administer a town wide survey that captures residents' thoughts on both priorities and satisfaction levels. It

is our intention to determine the satisfaction levels on the various elements in policing and identify any gaps. For example, there may be a high priority on traffic safety but a low satisfaction rating on traffic safety. A gap would indicate that focus and actions are needed to increase residents' satisfaction levels. This input will be taken into consideration as the Plan is completed in the Fall of 2025.

#### **b) Level of Service Agreement with the Town of Collingwood**

Staff are currently developing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Collingwood and the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board. The document will describe the types of support that the Town will provide to the Board and further the level of service that will be provided annually. Examples of types of services will include – Budget development and control, Clerks services to administer the Board's operations, Communications Services to create and maintain a website, create a visual identity for the Board, promote various programs and initiatives etc. This MOU will provide role clarity, determine work efforts to support the Board's work, and allow for accurate accounting of budgets.

#### **c) Developing the Collingwood Detachment Board Visual identity**

In an effort to be autonomous, the Board is undertaking with staff's assistance the development of a visual identity for letterhead, communications, certificates, and awards etc.

#### **d) Community Safety Commendation Program**

The Collingwood OPP Detachment Board has developed and approved a Commendation Program that will acknowledge efforts in the community by individuals, organizations, and institutions with respect to keeping Collingwood safe. Staff and the Board are currently working on promotion, intake, and award processes.

#### **e) Attending the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards Conference**

In early June, one member of our Board and a staff person will be attending of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards Conference in London Ontario. We will be hearing about any further

directions from the Policing Inspectorate, training opportunities, and best practises that the Board can consider.

**f) Student Resource Officers in Schools**

The Board continues to advocate for continued and consistent Police presence in our schools within Collingwood. We are pleased with the relationship that the Detachment has with the School Boards and local schools however a stronger presence in our opinion would add to the continued safety of our students and staff.

**In Summary**

The Collingwood OPP Detachment Board appreciates the hard work of Mayor Hamlin, Vice-Chair and Councillor Jefferys, and all respective staff members who guide and support our good work. We value Council's continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Tucker-Reid

Chair, Collingwood OPP Detachment Board