



TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

May 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall, Second Floor, Braniff Room

97 Hurontario Street, Collingwood, ON

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

Members Absent: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

Staff Present: Loris Licharson, OPP Detachment Commander
Amanda Pegg, Executive Director, Corporate and Community Services
Becky Dahl, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
Jennifer Battista, Administrative Assistance, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Tucker-Reid called meeting to order at 9:03am. Member Griffiths provided recognition and acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples.

2. Adoption of Agenda

OPP-006-2025

Moved by: Member Michael Edwards

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT the content of the agenda for the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting for May 9, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

OPP-007-2025

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board held on January 16, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

None

6. Deputations

None

7. Financial Update

OPP-008-2025

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Financial Update be received.

CARRIED

8. Reports

8.1 Detachment Commander Quarterly Policing Report, Detachment Commander Licharson

Detachment Commander Licharson introduced the Board to A/S/Sgt Mark Stadig.

Detachment Commander Licharson provided a high level review of the 2025 First Quarter OPP Detachment Board Report noting statistics on the number of Ride programs, impaired drivers, foot patrol hours, new recruits and transfers, and training hours.

The 2024/2025 Ride Grant was discussed. One grant application was allowed per detachment, and it was combined between our municipalities. Statistics were provided for Collingwood Blue Mountain Community Street Crime including seizure of firearms and controlled drugs and substances.

Detachment Commander Licharson noted awards and recognition of the King Charles Coronation Medal which was awarded to two officers in March by MP Terry Dowdall.

Body worn cameras were discussed with the goal being to increase public trust and discussed how the cameras will be activated and where they are worn. There are currently 50 members trained.

Detachment Commander Licharson gave an update on the 2026-2029 Action Planning Process noting the Corporate Communication Strategy Management Bureau has been contacted for timelines and noted tentative dates and guidelines are subject to change and will provide an update to the Board as soon as the new timelines are released. Q1 consultation has begun including input from stakeholders, community safety and wellbeing plans, and the community satisfaction survey.

Detachment Commander Licharson answered questions from the Board clarifying the acronym OMG (Outlaw Motorcycle Club). The Board asked questions related to mental health occurrences, targets and measures and the need for more foot patrol in the Downtown and whether a target could be set of hours dedicated for foot patrol. Detachment Commander Licharson advised efforts are based on calls and the hours that they have, noting it would be difficult to set these types of targets but can look at this moving forward. There is a potential initiative in place to address the downtown core it in Q2. The Board inquired about the amount of training hours allocated and if there is a standard. Detachment Commander Licharson answered that it is difficult to say due to training opportunities available.

Detachment Commander Licharson discussed the second portion of the report. Stats had no significant changes. It was pointed out that motor vehicle collisions increased 26% in Q1 over winter months, likely due to high snowbanks and impairment of vision and noted that personal injury collisions decreased. Unfounded incidents increased from last year to this year, many due to gas drive offs. Public complaints were at zero for Q1. Detachment Commander Licharson answered questions from the Board to clearance rates and youth charges.

OPP-009-2025

Moved by: Member Michael Edwards

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT the Board provide recognition to the Officers in receipt of and achieving the Kings Coronation Medal.

CARRIED

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

Executive Director Pegg discussed ongoing challenges with the transit terminal noting an altercation that took place recently resulting in the individual being arrested. Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed they cannot have police presence there 24/7 but they do focus patrols with the transit terminal area and make a visible presence there to deter issues.

The Board inquired to what mechanisms are in place to control repeat offenders and if there is anything the Board can do to advocate efforts on behalf of the detachment.

Detachment Commander Licharson advised that bail reform is not something they control and is controlled through legislation under the criminal code.

Chair Tucker-Reid requested Member Griffiths inquire about advocacy efforts to strengthen legislation regarding repeat offenders at the conference.

9. Community Input Process to Support the Development of the OPP Action Plan 2026-2029

9.1 Collingwood OPP Detachment Process and Timing, Detachment Commander Licharson

Item was addressed under Agenda Item 8.1

9.2 Collingwood OPP Detachment Board Community Input Process and Timing

Chair Tucker-Reid discussed working with staff to develop a community survey for the importance of policing and satisfaction levels and to determine any gaps in service. Executive Director Pegg noted she would take this back to staff to review.

9.3 Town of Collingwood Feedback on draft OPP Strategic Plan

No comments on report were provided.

9.4 Community Engagement Approach in Developing a Priorities Plan, Municipal staff and Detachment Commander Licharson

Item was addressed under Agenda Item 8.1 and 9.2.

9.5 Farmers Market Date for Board Member Booth

Deputy Clerk Dahl advised the Board of potential dates for the Farmers Market, being May 31, June 28, and Aug 2, 9, 30. To provide input into the

draft Action Plan, the Board requested a poll go out to select a date in May or June.

10. Other Business

10.1 Approval of the Name of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

The Board discussed the opportunity to create a logo as suggested by the Ontario Association of Police Services Board, with Member Griffiths to see what other Boards have done in this regard.

OPP-010-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

Whereas as outlined in Ontario Regulation 135/24, this Board is an OPP Detachment Board in the geographical area serviced by the Collingwood O.P.P. Detachment;

Therefore be it resolved that until such time as the CSPA or O. Reg. 135/24 is amended to reflect the name of our Detachment Board in the corresponding table within O. Reg. 135/24, this Board will be operating as the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board.

CARRIED

10.2 Discussion: Preparation and Timing of Annual Report to Council

Deputy Clerk Dahl reminded the Board of the June 30 deadline to present the annual report to Council. Chair Tucker-Reid asked for input from the members to what they would like to see in this years report. The Board asked if the previous report could be circulated for context. The Board agreed to present the report on June 23, 2025. A special meeting will need to be called to approve the report prior to being presented to Council.

10.3 Update: Detachment Board Commendation Program

10.3.1 Template of the Commendation Certificate and Standard Operating Procedure to Support its Implementation

Communications Manager Carter gave an overview of types of support she can provide including hosting a webform on website for submissions, assisting with media releases, and advertising through social media channels, the local radio stations, Town booth at the Farmers Market, and digital displays. Cost options include radio campaigns, digital campaigns, Spotify, poster design, card design, and mini billboard.

Manager Carter provided points on what she would need to start

including program/initiative description, who it is being recognized, nomination criteria, award process, how to submit nominations, deadlines, and contact for the program.

Councillor Jeffery suggested the logo may be important to this as well. Member Griffiths can find out what others are doing.

10.4 Update: Draft MOU, Amanda Pegg, Executive Director, Corporate and Customer Services

Executive Director Pegg discussed the draft MOU intended to establish collaboration between the OPP Detachment Board and the Town. The MOU's primary purpose is to outline roles, responsibility, and service expectations that support the Board in fulfilling their mandate under the Act. Staff to circulate draft with minutes for the Board to review with the final draft to be presented at the next regular meeting.

Member Councillor Jeffery asked if we already had an MOU. Deputy Clerk Dahl confirmed there were discussions but no paper document that she is aware of and with the enactment of the Community Safety and Policing Act and change from a Police Services Board to an OPP Detachment Board, this new MOU is warranted.

10.5 Update: Board Insurance, Becky Dahl, Manager, Legislative Services

Deputy Clerk Dahl discussed Collingwood joining group insurance with the County of Simcoe. With some uncertainty in the Board being covered under this new policy, she reached out to association to join their cooperative. As part of the coverage, an abuse policy will need to be drafted and approved by the Board within 30 days of receiving coverage. An example was provided but are currently waiting for more details. A special meeting may be required to approve the policy within the required timeframe.

10.6 Discussion: Routine updates at Council-Committee of the Whole meetings

Deputy Clerk Dahl advised there have been occasions where council members felt it might be helpful to have a Board member and/or the Detachment Commander present at council meetings. Detachment Commander Licharson stated this had been discontinued from past practice due to the number of meetings and offered to speak offline if needed.

Member Councillor Jeffery confirmed there are two members from the Board who can answer most questions and suggested council could ask for attendance either remotely or in person on an as-needed basis.

10.7 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: Resident Survey

Staff advised the Board of a survey that is currently posted and provided background to the Plan and Geographic Municipal Coordinating Committee (GMCC), confirming they meet twice a year with additional meetings called if needed as are looking for a representative of the Board to participate in the meetings. Member Edwards volunteered to be the Boards representative to the GMCC.

11. Correspondence

OPP-011-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board receive the Correspondence List as provided.

CARRIED

11.1 March 27th OAPSB Zone 3 Meeting Attachments

11.1.1 Intensive Serious Violent Crime Team (ISVBT) Presentation

11.1.2 Inspectorate of Policing Zone Update

11.1.3 OAPSB Zone 3 Update

11.2 Inspector General Memo #4: Release of the Inspectorate of Policing's Strategic Plan

12. Next Meeting

12.1 Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 9:00am (joint meeting with the Town of the Blue Mountains)

The Town of The Blue Mountains will host the joint meeting and are looking for agenda items with potential agenda items to be sent to Deputy Clerk Dahl.

12.2 Thursday July 17, 2025 at 9:00AM

12.3 Thursday October 16, 2025 at 9:00AM

Deputy Clerk Dahl asked if there is an appetite to meet more frequently with the initiatives underway, confirming the Board is only required to meet quarterly. It was also confirmed the Board estimates/budget will be required to be considered at the July meeting in order to meet the target dates for the 2026 municipal budget. MOU to consider for costing levels to also be considered at the July meeting. Member Councillor Jeffery noted that she will not be able to attend the June 18 meeting.

Member Councillor Jeffery requested questions to the Detachment Commander report be sent to the Detachment Commander ahead of time so he is provided with better opportunity to address questions at the meeting.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:17a.m.

CARRIED

Chair