



Joint Meeting Minutes

Collingwood and The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Boards

June 18, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Town of The Blue Mountains Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON and Virtual

Members Present:	Claire Tucker-Reid, Chair Mayor Yvonne Hamlin Member Michael Edwards Member Anthony Griffiths Andrea Matrosovs, The Town of the Blue Mountains Gail Ardiel, The Town of the Blue Mountains Lynn Church, The Town of the Blue Mountains Donna Wilson, The Town of the Blue Mountains Jim Oliver, The Town of the Blue Mountains
Members Absent:	Councillor Kathy Jeffery, Vice Chair
Staff Present:	Loris Licharson, OPP Detachment Commander Amanda Pegg, Executive Director, Corporate and Community Services Jennifer Battista, Administrative Assistance, Legislative Services Becky Dahl, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
Others:	Carrie Fairley, Acting Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the Joint OPP Detachment Board meeting to order at 9:30 am, at the Thornbury Harbour. Chair Oliver introduced The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Members and Staff present. Chair Tucker-Reid introduced the Town of Collingwood's Board Members and Staff present.

1.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs, The Town of the Blue Mountains
Seconded by: Gail Ardiel, The Town of the Blue Mountains

THAT the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Joint OPP Detachment Board Agenda of June 18, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

CARRIED

1.3 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

None.

1.4 Christian Galarrage, Marine Unit

Christian Galarrage, OPP Officer, provided an overview to the Board Members regarding the equipment on board of the OPP vessel and noted on average there are approximately 10-12 rescues a year with the summer months being the busiest. Officer Galarrage further noted that the Coast Guard has the primary responsibility for search and rescues and the OPP assist.

Board Members discussed the credentials and requirements for OPP officers to be part of the Marine Unit. Officer Galarrage noted there is a two-week course that provides the training needed. They further discussed that the use of drones as part of search and rescues on the water is not currently part of their practice and the relationship between OPP and Fire Rescue on the water.

1.5 Constable Swann, Traffic Management Officer

Constable Swann provided an overview to the Board Members regarding traffic enforcement and the equipment available to officers when on the road.

1.6 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Chair Claire Tucker-Reid
Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Joint OPP Detachment Board Minutes dated December 13, 2024, be approved as circulated, including any revisions.

CARRIED

1.7 Chair's Remarks

Chair Oliver noted that he is looking forward to a successful and a safe summer across our entire region.

2. Deputations, if any

None

3. Correspondence, if any

4. Staff Reports

5. Closed Session

5.1 Closed Session Reporting Out Statement

6. New and Unfinished Business

6.1 2026-2029 Action Plan

Chair Oliver spoke regarding the 2026-2029 Action Plan and the outreach that has taken place, so far. Detachment Commander Loris Licharson spoke regarding the survey results and feed back received so far for the Action Plan and noted the next step, which is to review the data that was received. Detachment Commander Licharson provided more information on the efforts made by the OPP to receive data. Detachment Commander Licharson further noted the goal was to have the action plan before the Boards in August, but that date has been pushed back from strategy management to October. Chair Tucker-Reid offered to share the Collingwood Board's survey with The Blue Mountains Board.

Chair Oliver spoke noting his struggles with knowing what format and community partners the Board should consult with to get the data that is required and how the Board's input will support the Action Plan. Chair Oliver further noted that one of the Board's mandates is to seek out information regarding where our communities feel there need to be priorities for community safety and policing. Town of Collingwood Chair Tucker-Reid noted their Board struggles with the same dilemma. Chair Tucker-Reid provided more information regarding a survey the Collingwood Board is looking at launching which looks at various areas of policing and the gaps identified and further noted they want to augment what is already happening and not duplicate efforts.

Mayor Hamlin noted that Collingwood is finalizing their community survey. Chair Oliver spoke regarding media coverage for this survey, specifically of the results of the survey. Detachment Commander noted there was an article in Collingwood Today specifically about the survey and results.

The Boards discussed not duplicating efforts and Detachment Commander noted that all the information will be shared.

The Boards further discussed increasing the level of awareness in the community of the action planning process.

6.1.1 Community Satisfaction Surveys

This Agenda Item was discussed with Agenda Item 6.1.

6.2 Summary of Best Practices from the OAPSB Conference

Chair Oliver spoke regarding the OAPSB conference noting it was very useful and the presentation from the Minister of Solicitor General was very informative and noting that fees for police for college students are being removed. Chair Oliver provided more information on the commitment the

province has made to remove the fees for new recruits coming into Police College and training for Special Constables. Chair Oliver noted that there was a session on the third day of the conference around delivering community safety and policing within the First Nations. Chair Oliver noted that one of the large First Nation Collectives is now officially recognized as a police organization oversight group within the CSPA and provided more information to the Boards.

Chair Tucker-Reid spoke regarding the OAPSB Conference regarding best practices and suggested that Members of the Board who attending the conference share, informally, ideas and thoughts from the Conference.

Chair Tucker-Reid spoke regarding policies that the association suggests and as well the inspectorate of policing and suggested that staff compile a list of the suggestions. Chair Tucker-Reid further suggested that a timetable can then be developed, with both Boards, in terms of policy and development.

Moved by: Chair Claire Tucker-Reid
Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Collingwood OPP Detachment Boards requests Municipal Staff to gather best practices and suite of Detachment Board policies, as suggested by the OAPSB to bring forward to a future meeting of the respective Boards.

CARRIED

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs, The Town of the Blue Mountains
Seconded by: Gail Ardiel, The Town of the Blue Mountains

THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment extends the length of the meeting to 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

6.3 Suite of Detachment Board Policies as suggested by the OAPSB

This Agenda Item was discussed at Agenda Item 6.2.

6.4 OPP Detachment Board Logo and Branding

Chair Oliver noted that under the CSPA, the association realizes there are now two forms of police governance boards in the province of Ontario. Chair Oliver further noted that this Board can no longer be called Police Service Boards and now we are OPP Detachment Boards and noted that municipal boards continue in their role as Municipal Police Service Board. Chair Oliver noted that the intent of the OAPSB is to rename themselves as Police Governance Ontario, within approximately six months.

7. Additions to the Agenda

7.1 The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Annual Report to Council

Moved by: Donna Wilson, The Town of the Blue Mountains

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs, The Town of the Blue Mountains

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board receives for information The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board 2025 Annual Report to Council;

AND THAT the Board approves and endorses the report to be presented at the June 23, 2025 Council Meeting, by Chair Jim Oliver.

CARRIED

8. Notice of Meeting Dates

Next meeting in December in Collingwood

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs, The Town of the Blue Mountains

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel, The Town of the Blue Mountains

THAT the Town of Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Joint OPP Detachment Board Meeting does now adjourn at 11:50 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Chair