



TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

June 18, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
The Town of the Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

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

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Tucker-Reid called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. and Mayor Hamlin read the land acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of Agenda

OPP-012-2025

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths
Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the content of the agenda for the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting for June 18, 2025 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Reports

4.1 Collingwood OPP Detachment Board Annual Report to Council

Members discussed the annual report noting that it was well written and discussed points around the tabled legislation regarding student resource officers in school. Board Members and Detachment Commander Licharson confirmed his attendance at the Council meeting

OPP-013-2025

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board approve the Annual Report to Council, to be presented by the Board at the June 23, 2025 Town of Collingwood Council - Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

5. Other Business

5.1 Draft OPP Detachment Board Survey 2025

Members discussed the draft survey noting the purpose of the survey is to look for satisfaction levels with the public in terms of policing levels in Collingwood and to identify any gaps.

Members discussed adding a question about the patrolling of trails and where people sleeping in banks, library, etc. would fall within the survey. Detachment Commander Licharson discussed the complexities homelessness as a policing issue and identified it as being included in crimes against persons, trespassing, etc. for the purpose of the survey.

Detachment Commander Licharson discussed an initiative for grant funds with a focus on retail theft, which would assist in the purchase of new bikes and equipment and training up to 5 members to enhance foot patrol. They aim to engage with businesses and increase their presence in the Downtown. Mayor Hamlin asked if efforts could be made to encourage banks to open their ATM access after operating hours, pending extended foot patrol.

Further discussion on homelessness occurred including initiatives that are in place to support those facing homelessness, as well as a collective strategy with the County and other agencies. Members requested the County of Simcoe attend an upcoming meeting to further discuss homelessness initiatives that are underway.

OPP-014-2025

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Board accept the survey as presented, with the addition of the Patrol of Trails to the Policing Priorities;

AND THAT the Board direct municipal staff to assist with the public engagement of the survey;

AND THAT results of the survey be presented to the Board and Detachment Commander by September 2025.

CARRIED

5.2 Respectful Workplace Policy

Members discussed the draft Respectful Workplace Policy and asked how people make a complaint. Deputy Clerk Dahl reviewed comments received from the Inspectorate of Policing to the draft policy, noting challenges with reporting and enforcement of policy violations and will further review options with Executive Director Pegg to be considered at the July meeting.

5.3 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Chair Tucker-Reid reminded Members to submit comments to the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the final document to be brought forward for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Upcoming Meetings

Discussion on a December meeting date for the next joint meeting with the Town of the Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board occurred, with a poll to go out to Board Members on their availability for the first two weeks in December.

Member Griffiths provided insights on the City of London Police from the OAPSB Conference he recently attended, noting an increase in population and no increase in the police force which contributed to policing issues within London.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:32p.m.

CARRIED

Chair