



TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

Collingwood OPP Detachment Board

January 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Town Hall, Second Floor, Braniff Room
97 Hurontario Street, Collingwood, ON

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

Staff Present: Loris Licharson, OPP Detachment Commander
Amanda Pegg, Executive Director, Customer and Corporate Services
Jennifer Battista, Administrative Assistance, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Tucker-Reid called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Vice Chair Councillor Jeffery read the land acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of Agenda

OPP-001-2026

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

THAT the content of the agenda for the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting for January 16, 2026 be adopted as amended.

Item 5 minutes added

Item 6.1 Procedural By-law added

Item 6.2 Recognition Program Policy added

Item 12 Voting Now Open - OAPSB OPP Detachment Board Position Zone 2 and 3 added

Item 13.2 minutes added

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and/or Code of Conduct Conflict of Interests

None

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Administrative Assistant Battista reviewed the election process and called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board. Nominations were brought forward for Claire Tucker-Reid. Administrative Assistant Battista called a second time for nominations for the position of Chair. There being no other nominations for the position of Chair, Administrative Assistant Battista closed the election. Claire Tucker-Reid accepted her nomination and was therefore acclaimed as Chair of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board.

Administrative Assistant Battista called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board. Nominations were brought forward for Councillor Kathy Jeffery. Administrative Assistant Battista called a second time for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. There being no other nominations for the position of Vice Chair, Administrative Assistant Battista closed the election confirming that Councillor Kathy Jeffery has accepted the nomination and was therefore acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board.

5. Adoption of Minutes

OPP-02-2026

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

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

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

6.1 Procedural By-law

Chair Tucker-Reid asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the changes made to the Procedural By-law. None were raised.

OPP-03-2026

Moved by: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board enact and pass By-law No. 2026-001, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board, including the conduct, duties and responsibilities of its members and the calling of meetings, this 16th day of January, 2026.

CARRIED

6.2 Recognition Program Requirement Changes

Executive Director Pegg discussed the changes that can be made to the program by changing the language to focus on personal initiative and individual volunteer efforts. Staff asked for any questions or comments from the board.

Members discussed the possibility of awards being allowed to go to residents outside of Collingwood. Members agreed that residents from neighbouring towns contribute to the community as well, but specific wording would be needed. Staff will take this back, and the board can review and discuss the changes again in April.

6.3 Rules and Regulations for E-bikes and Mobility Devices

Detachment Commander Licharson advised that this is a complicated issue due to the different types of e-bikes and mobility devices and the legislation around them. He advised they have an officer who has specific training on this who could join the next board meeting if required.

Members asked what has been successful in other communities and noted that there was a by-law that stated what was available on trails, and asked if it is still in effect. Members observed that the type and amount of these kinds of machines have increased and speed is a concern.

Members requested that staff meet with the expert from the OPP and connect with by-law to provide more information.

OPP-04-2026

Moved by: Member Michael Edwards

Seconded by: Vice Chair Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT the subject matter expert from the OPP and the Town of Collingwood discuss and make a presentation to the OPP Detachment Board on the jurisdiction, intersections, and next steps on mobility and e-devices.

CARRIED

7. Deputations

8. Financial Update

OPP-05-2026

Moved by: Vice Chair Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the Financial Update and the 2026 Annual Billing Statement be received.

CARRIED

9. Reports

9.1 Detachment Commander Quarterly Policing Report, Detachment Commander Licharson

Detachment Commander Licharson discussed RIDE stats, staff changes, training, and mentorship programs. An update on the RIDE Grant was provided, noting that it is a four-year cycle and their application was submitted in July and they were notified in December that they have been successful in receiving the grant. Members asked questions regarding how many RIDES would be covered by the grant and noted that the grant amount has declined.

Detachment Commander Licharson gave an update on the amount of calls for the mental health response unit, and other stats for general patrol and the auxiliary unit. Street Crime had a number of occurrences investigated which led to seizures of drugs and controlled substances, firearms, bullet proof vests, and handgun conversion kits.

Detachment initiatives include increasing police presence and proactive community engagement in the downtown core in Collingwood and Thornbury, and Blue Mountain Village through the Community Engagement Enforcement Team. They have been working with the BIA's and have a presentation ready for February 19 for any businesses who would like to participate. Positive public engagements have been reported by officers and people, and businesses are happy to see officers out there. They are hoping the grant will be offered again and they will use their data to submit another application in the future.

Detachment Commander Licharson discussed the Salus Initiative to enhance bail compliance and execute warrants. The sole focus is for officers is to execute warrants and conduct compliance checks. They had a target of 25 warrants and completed 24 to date.

It was noted that there were IT updates in Q4 which included updating the records management system which supports a modern organization and layout. They also had an upgrade on the roadside screening device and all officers underwent mandatory training.

Detachment Commander Licharson discussed the 211 referral project ensuring that there is no significant workload impact. 211 will contact the person in crisis and puts them in contact with community supports. The final report on the pilot is to come from the South Simcoe Police Services. Members asked about the requirement for more resources.

9:57am Mayor Hamlin left.

OPP-06-2026

Moved by: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Detachment Commander Quarterly Policing Report be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

9.1.1 CEET Initiative and Bail Compliance Initiative

Discussed under 9.1

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

Vice Chair Councillor Jeffery discussed a situation where there was a delay in registering a stolen license plate, and expressed concern with the length of time that it took. Detachment Commander Licharson stated this might be a one-off, but will speak with Vice Chair Councillor Jeffery after the meeting for details of the event.

9.3 Long Range Action Plan

Detachment Commander Licharson explained the format of the Action Plan and noted that they tried to cover as much as possible taking into account the community and board survey. Detachment Commander Licharson reminded members that the Action Plan is a living document, and we can pivot if change is needed. Detachment Commander Licharson will submit the plan with the goal to have it published by March.

OPP-07-2026

Moved by: Member Michael Edwards

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the following comments to the draft Action Plan of the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board be submitted for consideration:

Members discussed the Action Plan and noted the focus on Youth is important, there is a good emphasis on training, and the plan is well structured.

Members liked that the plan is evidence based and that they had reached out to the community for input and the survey was an excellent tool.

Members agreed nothing is missing from the plan. Members commended Detachment Commander Licharson for a fulsome plan.

CARRIED

10. Other Business

None

11. Standing Items

None

12. Correspondence

The Board reviewed the general correspondence and pulled two items for discussion.

Vice Chair Councillor Jeffery discussed the Solicitor General Public Safety Initiatives correspondence and noted that she is happy to see these initiatives and asked how funding is allocated. Detachment Commander Licharson commented that the memo speaks to a number of grant opportunities with specific details on who can apply and what it is for.

Chair Tucker-Reid spoke to the correspondence regarding the Detachment Board Annual Governance Cycle, noting that it indicates the Board should adopt this, and proposed it be put on the agenda for the April meeting for a more in-depth discussion.

Chair Tucker-Reid also pulled the Inspector General Memorandum 8 - Findings Reports and IG Decisions requesting it become a standing item on the agenda.

OPP-09-2026

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

THAT the 2026 Annual Governance Cycle be included in the April agenda for further discussion.

CARRIED

OPP-10-2026

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

THAT all correspondence from the Inspector General become a standing item on future agendas.

CARRIED

13. In-Camera

OPP-11-2026

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

WHEREAS the Chair hereby concurs the reason(s) for the in-camera session have been duly reviewed and considered and the matters are authorized under the exception provisions to conduct a closed session in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act prior to proceeding into closed session;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board proceeds in camera in order to address a matter pertaining to: 44(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board.

CARRIED

13.1 Review of Recognition Program Submissions

13.2 Adoption of Minutes

13.3 Attachment for Item 9.3 Long Range Action Plan

13.4 Attachment for Item 9.1 Detachment Commander Quarterly Policing Report, Detachment Commander Licharson

14. Rise (and Report if available)

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board return to open session.

15. Next Meeting

Members discussed the joint meetings with the Town of the Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board. Members agreed if there is something valuable to share it would be a good idea to have joint meetings, but they are not always necessary.

OPP-15-2026

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the following dates be approved for regular Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meetings in 2026:

Thursday April 16, 2026

Thursday July 16, 2026

Thursday October 15, 2026

CARRIED

OPP-16-2026

Moved by: Member Anthony Griffiths

Seconded by: Member Michael Edwards

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board concludes that should there be an item of mutual interest with The Town of the Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board that staff organize a joint meeting.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Vice Chair Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Member Anthony Griffiths

THAT the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board meeting be hereby adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair