



# Minutes

## The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board

**Date:** October 16, 2024  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, PO Box 310  
**Prepared by:** Kyra Dunlop, Recording Secretary

Members Present: Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson, Jim Oliver

Staff Present: CAO Shawn Everitt

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### **A. Call to Order**

#### **A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

#### **A.2 Board Member Attendance**

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. with all members were in attendance in Council Chambers, with Member Matrosovs joining electronically.

Town staff present were Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt.

OPP staff present were Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Sgt. Kevin Cornell, Sgt. David Brown, and Sgt. Anthony Tomei

#### **A.3 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Donna Wilson  
Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT the Agenda of October 16, 2024 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item E.5. Verbal Update on Staff Report Re: Improved Communications with Regional Partners on Inter-Municipal Recreational Events

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**

**A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

**A.5 Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Lynn Church

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board minutes of July 17, 2024 and the Special Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board minutes of September 11, 2024 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**

**A.6 Chair's Remarks**

Chair Oliver welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted they had gotten through the summer without any major issues that OPP staff had been dealing with.

Chair Oliver noted that he wanted to acknowledge that all of the Board Members are either finished or in the process of completing the second round of mandatory Ministry-issued training under the Community Safety and Policing Act. Chair Oliver noted that while it was not a simple process and took a number of hours to complete the training, it is worthwhile.

**B. Public Meetings/Deputations/Presentations**

None

## **C. Staff Reports**

### **C.1 Detachment Commanders Report, Quarter 3 2024**

Detachment Commander Licharson provided an overview of the Detachment Commander's Report and introduced OPP Staff.

Chair Oliver asked if with regard to the addition of an FTE staff person for the Domestic Abuse Issues Investigator (DAII) if that was a re-description of an existing position or a new addition. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that it was both, as they had filled a position in-house and then through discussions around service delivery models they added a new FTE to the detachment. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that that allowed the Detachment to fill the position to provide greater emphasis and oversight and will not effect the numbers of staff on the roads.

Chair Oliver asked if there is follow-up on noise complaints by officers when they are called to a home to investigate, because if the individuals are made aware of the noise complaint and that officers are coming to investigate those individuals may quiet down until officers leave. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that they have a record of follow-up calls, so if a home received multiple complaints in one evening they would have that data. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that once an officer arrives on scene things generally calm down, and very rarely do they have a situation where individuals or home-owners start playing those games. Councillor Ardiel asked if officers had data for the noise complaints that showed if the properties were licensed or unlicensed Short Term Accommodations or home-owners, as the Town is having difficulties with unlicensed Short Term Accommodations. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that this was not something officers would necessarily know to account for when receiving calls and investigating, and then when noise complaints come in to officers they will attend at the scene and then move on to the next call.

Chair Oliver asked what date had been selected for the Board's presentation to Council to provide an update on the Auxiliary Unit, and the Recording Secretary confirmed the date selected was October 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Chair Oliver noted any member of the Board wishing to attend who was not a member of Council, as those members would be there already, were welcome to do so.

Chair Oliver asked if any of the 36 occurrences under the Community Street Crime Unit in the geographic area of The Blue Mountains, and Detachment Commander Licharson noted he does not know the breakdown at this time. Chair Oliver noted if staff are able to provide that data would be appreciate, and as Board they should know if those occurrences were taking place in the Town.

Chair Oliver asked with regard to the Police Hospital Committees how that relates to the Roundtables, which were established to get all the various schoolboards, health units, hospitals, police and more to get together, and whether the Police Hospital Committee dovetails with the Roundtable meetings. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the Situation Tables do exist in Grey County and while they are not members they have an ancillary membership there, and the Police Hospital Committee is separate and strictly pertains to the issue of supporting the hospital at a police service level, particularly the transfer of care or custody agreement. Member Lynn Church asked if hospitals have their own security to rely on for those cases or are they not adequately staffed. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the hospitals do have their own security; Meaford has on-call security and Collingwood has their own security. Detachment Commander Licharson noted a lot of this boils down to legislation, as without the agreement and protocol officers are bound to stay until the person is admitted. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that it is the detachment's hope to go through the Memorandum of Understanding to look at the risk factors and come to a mutual decision to turn over an individual to security prior to an admission or form.

Chair Oliver asked what the geographic area of the Alzheimer's Society Chapter that is overseeing the Project Lifesaver in the community. Detachment Commander Licharson noted it was from the Barrie area but covers the detachment area including the Town.

Member Gail Ardiel noted that a number of Board Members attended the Bike Rodeo and that the kids had a blast, and it was so much fun to see the participation and provided her thanks to detachment staff for this event. Member Donna Wilson noted that her family members did participate in the event as well and that it was a great event, and that her granddaughter experienced the event very positively. Member Wilson noted that when officers can have those positive interactions with kids it is helpful for those who may be in difficult home-situations. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that these comments were great to hear and that it is a priority for the detachment for this youth engagement to continue, and that one thing they have learned over the years is to have a varied approach to youth engagement outside of just being at the schools. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that it is about going to where the kids are at, rather than the other way around. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the Youth Engagement piece will be explored more fully by Sgt Brown during today's presentation. Member Andrea Matrosov noted that something that stood out to her was the varied ages of the participants, and asked with regard to other engagement opportunities what kid of ages are we looking at for these outreach programs. Detachment Commander Licharson noted for the OPP Kid's Bike Rodeo it is generally directed to a Grade 6 level and generally the age range for other programs can

be from ages 12 to 19, but with some programs as young as daycare programming. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that they are trying hard to figure out ways to create positive interactions and contact with people of all ages.

Chair Oliver noted that the new format of presentation is very useful for members to compare year over year, and asked would the Provincial system allow for comparison between the Town or detachment to other similar detachments. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that he does not believe so, and he would advise caution when looking at comparative statistics as every detachment is different, and every community is different. Detachment Commander Licharson noted when you look at the number of visitors and tourism that the Town experiences, you would be hard-pressed to find another community in this Province that experiences that same level so it is easy to look at geographic areas or population base and compare, but it would not tell the same story. Detachment Commander Licharson noted that the needs for each community is different.

Member Church noted with regard to the growth in the community it is probably contributing to the increase of statistics as well, and Detachment Commander Licharson noted his agreement with the growth Collingwood and The Blue Mountains have seen, and with that additional calls for service for thefts is expected, especially when we consider the higher costs of construction materials now too.

Sgt. David Brown provided overview of Youth Engagement Program presentation.

Member Church noted it was her understanding that OPP staff were planning foot patrols at unplanned events such as the arena or baseball games, which is a great idea for staff to be able to stop by and say hello which can mean a lot to community members.

Member Ardiel noted that she was glad to hear Sgt. Brown mention preschools as she was in that business for decades and she always enjoyed when they would go with the kids to the police station as a way to build positive relationships. Member Ardiel noted that this kind of engagement programming helps instill positive relationships between youth and officers at an early age. Member Ardiel noted a community day at the other centres would be a good community event for officers to do. Member Ardiel noted she was not aware the Cadets Program was still running so building awareness around that would be good. Detachment Commander Licharson noted creating positive and proactive interactions was of paramount importance to detachment staff.

Chair Oliver noted he was really pleased with the information provided regarding the Youth Advisory Committee, and requested a bit more information about recruitment for the 7 young persons, whether this was word of mouth or was it recruitment from

existing youth organizations. Sgt. Brown noted they tried to create a balance of boys and girls and between the municipalities, and that they spoke with guidance counsellors from high schools and from that collaboration they narrowed down the group to 7 kids. Chair Oliver noted through a community fundraising event he had met some representatives of community group "Young Life" that operated in The Blue Mountains and in Collingwood, and asked if detachment staff worked with that group. Sgt. Brown noted he would be happy to talk more with Chair Oliver about that group as he had not heard of them.

Member Wilson noted her thanks to detachment staff for their work in increasing youth engagement and having a positive impact on youth and children and appreciate the partnership at Hope Chapel.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board receive for information the Detachment Commander's Report, Quarter 3, 2024

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Jim Oliver, and Donna Wilson

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**

## **D. Correspondence**

### **D.1 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Re: Letter to Police Partners and Boards Re Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce requesting funding support**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

### **D.2 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Re: Quarter 2 Coordinator's Report April to June 2024**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

### **D.3 Selwyn J. Hicks, Chair, Hanover Police Service Board Re: Letter in support of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and motion passed in support of funding request**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

### **D.4 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Re: All Chief's Memo 24-005 Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 Mandatory Thematic Training**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

**D.5 Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Re: Quarter 3 Coordinator's Report July to September 2024**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

**E. Other Business**

**E.1 The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Insurance - Requirement of Abuse Policy**

Recording Secretary Kyra Dunlop confirmed that the Board's insurance provider requires all OAPSB opt-in Boards to have an Abuse Policy in place. Ms. Dunlop confirmed that staff had provided a copy of POL.COR.21.006 Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Local Boards and Advisory Committee and POL.COR.18.04 Protocol Policy for Complaints Related to Council Members and Local Boards to the insurance provider who confirmed that those 2 policies would meet their criteria for an Abuse Policy if amended to include and apply to the Board. Ms. Dunlop confirmed that if the Board was satisfied with this recommendation, a motion of support could be entertained and provided to Council for consideration to approve the changes to the policies.

Chair Oliver noted that this was a relatively easy way to meet the insurance providers' requirements and something the Board would have wished to be subject to in any case.

Member Ardiel noted that the Accountability and Transparency Committee was working on some updates to these policies which is from 2021, and inquired if the new policy the Committee is working on oversee this change. Ms. Dunlop confirmed if there are updates proposed to any Corporate Policies, they are required to go through a Public Meeting process for comment and changes are ultimately approved by Council. Ms. Dunlop noted if the two policies being contemplated for the Board substantively change, staff would be touching base with the Board's insurance provider to ensure the policies still meet the requirements for an Abuse Policy.

Moved by: Donna Wilson

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT, effective September 27, 2024, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board will be insured through the OAPSB Group Insurance Plan, and in order to satisfy the requirements of the OAPSB Group Insurance Plan, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board is required to adopt policies regarding abuse;

AND THAT, through communications with the OAPSB Group Insurance Plan, and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards, the Recording Secretary of The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board confirms that, if amended to include reference to "The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board", that the "Code of Conduct for Members

of Council, Local Boards and Advisory Committees, Policy No. POL.COR.21.06” and the “Protocol Policy for Complaints Related to Council Members and Local Boards, Policy No. POL.COR.18.04” would satisfy the policies required by the OAPSB Group Insurance Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board requests that Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains revise its corporate policies “POL.COR.21.06 Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Local Boards and Advisory Committees” and “POL.COR.18.04 Protocol Policy for Complaints Related to Council Members and Local Boards” to include reference to, and apply to “The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board”;

AND THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board directs the Recording Secretary to provide this motion to the next available Council Meeting, for Council consideration, due to its time sensitive nature.

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**

## **E.2 Draft Board Name Change By-law**

Recording Secretary Kyra Dunlop noted that the Board had previously passed a motion to change the Board's name and after consultation with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards it is advised the Board pass a By-law to approve the name change.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Donna Wilson

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board By-law Number 2024-01, being a By-law to change the name of the Board, be hereby enacted as passed this 16th day of October, 2024.

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**



### **E.3 2025 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board discussed their meeting schedule for 2025. Recording Secretary Kyra Dunlop noted that the Board had previously provided direction to prepare draft meeting options for bi-monthly meetings, and that staff were looking for direction on the Board's meeting schedule to set for 2025 and for inclusion in the Board's Procedural By-law.

Moved by: Lynn Church

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board receives for information Option 1 and Option 2 for the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule;

AND THAT the Board directs staff to proceed with Option 2 for scheduling 2025 Board Meetings;

AND THAT the Board directs staff to include Option 2, bi-weekly meetings commencing the month of January, in the draft Board Procedural By-law.

Nay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Lost (0 to 5)**

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board receives for information Option 1 and Option 2 for the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule;

AND THAT the Board will continue to meet in 2025 status quo, being quarterly meetings commencing the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.;

AND THAT the Board directs the Recording Secretary to prepare a schedule for 2025 and circulate the schedule to the Board and post to the Town's website.

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**

### **E.4 Draft Board Procedural By-law**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

**E.5 Verbal Update on Staff Report Re: Improved Communications with Regional Partners on Inter-Municipal Recreational Events**

This item was deferred to the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

**F. Closed Session**

None

**G. Notice of Meeting Dates**

To be confirmed

**H. Adjournment**

Moved by: Lynn Church

Seconded by: Donna Wilson

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Meeting does now adjourn at 10:32 a.m. to meet again in 2025, or at the call of the Chair, and that the items included on the October 16, 2024 Board Agenda not dealt with will be deferred to the next meeting scheduled.

Yay (5): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, Donna Wilson and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0)**