



Staff Report

Administration – Chief Administrative Officer

Report To: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: April 22, 2025
Report Number: ADM.25.011
Title: The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board 2026 – 2029 Action Plan Consultation
Prepared by: Adam Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.011, entitled “The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board 2026 – 2029 Action Plan Consultation”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit this report to serve as the Town of The Blue Mountains submission into the development of the 2026 to 2029 OPP Collingwood and The Blue Mountains Detachment Action Plan.

B. Overview

The Ontario Provincial Police has requested input from the Town into the Collingwood and The Blue Mountains 2026 to 2029 Action Plan. The report provides a summary of the key areas of focus to be submitted as feedback.

C. Background

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently reaching out to community organizations, businesses, service groups and stakeholders as part of their 2026 to 2029 Detachment Action Plan development process. The goal is to ensure that the policing service provided is responsive and reflective of the needs of the community. Input received will be considered with all other consultative feedback, which will help the OPP identify primary public safety priorities. These priorities will assist in contributing to the development of the OPP Action Plan moving forward, which will help guide efforts to keep roads, waterways, trails and neighbourhoods as safe as possible.

D. Analysis

To support the proposed submission, staff met with the Collingwood-Blue Mountains Detachment Commander and Blue Mountains Staff Sergeant to understand the desired scope of feedback and confirm intent of the exercise. Further to the above explanation on the purpose of the Action Plan, the Town does not have the ability to direct the terms of service

within the municipality. The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board provides civilian input about how policing is provided in the local community by the OPP. The draft Action Plan will be presented before the Board prior to finalization. The suggested input below is strictly from the perspective of the municipality, not the OPP Detachment Board:

1. Working with the Town in responding to encampment related issues

Municipalities across Ontario are grappling with the increasing prevalence of encampments, particularly in green spaces. While not a major issue facing the Town currently, the issue requires increasing preparedness to respond given the risks associated with the encampments.

2. Providing support for all events in Town that require road closures or paid duty officers

Be it organized by the Town or other community organizations, the Town appreciates the continued support of the OPP in ensuring they can be enjoyed in a safe manner.

3. Engaging in community events to provide education and awareness

Events such as the Seniors Fair and youth activities, including Big Brothers, Big Sisters at Bayview Park, represent opportunities to offer education and awareness on issues affecting community safety.

4. Support for traffic/speed related concerns brought forward by local residents

Collaboration on these issues can ensure a broad suite of tools and practices are available for consideration of resident concerns associated with traffic and speed. Ensuring lines of communication are open, particularly during the Annual Inspection Blitz.

5. Opportunities to share Motor Vehicle Act data, particularly around infrastructure damages relating to collisions.

Data sharing can assist the Town in identifying assets in need of replacement and/or repair as well as budgeting.

6. Continued involvement and support in emergency response and preparedness at the Town.

Support of the Fire Department's marine unit with additional coverage of hours or shifts that officers are on Georgian Bay. Continued services on snowmobile trails, as these officers had great visibility on the trails. Fire Services only responded to 2 (two) incidents, which is a reflection of this exceptional service.

The Town benefits immensely from the involvement of the OPP in its Emergency Control Group, and ensuring a high degree of participation is critical to ensuring the municipality is equipped to respond to storm events that are increasingly complex and impactful.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impacts

N/A

H. In Consultation With

Steve Conn, Fire Chief

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

Alan Pacheco, Director of Operations

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Adam Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer cao@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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