



# Minutes

## The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board

**Date:** July 16, 2025  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury ON  
**Prepared By:** Carrie Fairley, Acting Recording Secretary /Acting Deputy Clerk

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

**Members Absent:** Donna Wilson

**Staff Present:** Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Adam Smith

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### A. Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all members of the Board present save and except for Member Wilson.

Town Staff present was Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Adam Smith

OPP Detachment Staff present were Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Town of The Blue Mountains Staff Sergeant Kevin Cornell, and Operations Manager Mark Stadig.

#### 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 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Agenda of July 16, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

## **A.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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.

## **A.4 Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board minutes of April 16, 2025 and the June 18, 2025, Town of The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood Joint OPP Detachment Minutes be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

## **A.5 Chair's Remarks**

Chair Oliver welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted this time of year is busy for Staff with all the events going on in the Town.

Chair Oliver spoke regarding the statistical reports and recent media coverage with respect to intimate partner violence noting it was distressing to see how these numbers are increasing.

Chair Oliver noted that this Board is responsible for seeking input from the community and interest groups with respect to the 2026-2029 planning process. Chair Oliver requested that the Board members keep this in the back of their minds as the summer unfolds.

Chair Oliver noted if there was a desire, the Board members can go for a ride-along with OPP and encouraged members to contact the Inspector to arrange a ride-along.

## **B. Deputations, if any**

None

## **C. Correspondence, if any**

### **C.1 Drew Kalte, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, Re: Program Coordinator's Q 1 Report, January 1 to March 2025**

Moved by: Lynn Church

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board receives for information correspondence from Drew Kalte, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce regarding the Program Coordinator's Q1 Report, January 1 to March 2025

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

## **D. Staff Reports**

### **D.1 Detachment Commanders Report - Quarter 2, 2025**

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson spoke regarding critical events within the Detachment noting there was a death in custody as well as a police shooting.

Detachment Commander further noted this causes additional pressures and stressors on officers and they are ensuring they are doing everything possible for these officers.

Detachment Commander Loris Licharson provided an overview of the Detachment Commanders Report.

Chair Oliver spoke regarding the Ministers comments at the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards ("OAPSB") conference where the Minister talked about how the province is intending to eliminate tuition fees for the college, for new recruits who wish to go into policing. Detachment Commander confirmed that has happened, and recruits are no longer required to put out the initial tuition fees.

Chair Oliver spoke regarding intimate partner violence noting he is appreciative that statistic is now a separate statistic in the report. The Chair further spoke regarding a proposal to have intimate partner violence in Ontario identified as an epidemic.

Detachment Commander spoke about the increases in intimate partner violence statistics noting the different variables that are considered when calculating the statistics. Detachment Commander Loris noted there is a relatively new position which is a Detachment Abuse Issues Investigator whose primary roles is oversight, review of intimate partner violence, and reviews the occurrences to ensure policy is being followed as well as support for follow-up needs and supports investigative excellence and oversight, to name only a few. Member Ardiel spoke noting the importance of communicating to help reduce some of this violence. Chair Oliver questioned if this position is responsible for monitoring the offender to ensure they are complying with the orders. Detachment Commander noted there is separate role for that which is the Offender Management and Apprehension Coordinator that monitors those conditions and monitors checks and enforcements and further noted that they were successful in receiving a grant to provide administrative support for that unit.

Staff Sergeant Static spoke regarding an initiative to combat retail theft and enhance the OPP's presence in the business and tourist areas of the communities. Staff Sargent further noted that the initiative will focus on engagement with business owners including Crime prevention through Environmental Design principles and training.

Chair Oliver spoke regarding response times in calls for service and noted conversations and presentations at the past OASPB conference and questioned if the Board is able to know details on response times. Detachment Commander noted that is one of the changes with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* ("CSPA"), and this will not be reported at every meeting but once a year, a Closed Session meeting will be requested, and this information will be provided to the Board. Chair Oliver noted that he has not heard any complaints regarding response times but receiving that information would be helpful.

Detachment Commander provided an overview of the statistics for Q2.

Chair Oliver questioned if this area is seeing the vehicle theft that is being talked about in other areas. Detachment Commander noted that this municipality has not seen the thefts as other municipalities and provided information on prevention and the communications that have been released on this topic.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board receives for information the Detachment Commander's Report Quarter 2, 2025

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

## **E. Closed Session**

None

### **E.1 Closed Session Reporting Out Statement**

None

## **F. New & Unfinished Business**

### **F.1 Draft 2026 Estimates**

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board approves the 2026 Board Estimates as presented and directs staff to provide the 2026 Board Estimates for Council consideration through the 2026 Council Budget Process

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

### **F.2 Chair's Update to Board on 2025 OAPSB Annual General Meeting**

Chair Oliver spoke regarding his attendance at the OASPB Conference that he attended and provided his notes to each member. Chair Oliver spoke regarding the Minister's speech at the beginning of the conference and noted the Ministers presentation regarding recruiting new candidates. Chair Oliver spoke regarding the presentation by the Police Board and Police Service for the City of London regarding the struggles they have had over the years. Chair Oliver spoke regarding the CSPA and Board Remuneration. OASP is contemplating changing their name to Police Governance Ontario.

### **F.3 Board Remuneration**

Chair Oliver spoke noting his disappointment with respect to the Board's remuneration with respect to per diem. Chair Oliver noted that remuneration is important to highlight the significance the Board members play in their role and noted that other municipalities offer a per diem rate of \$150.00 per meeting. Member Ardiel noted that the Town of The Blue Mountains does not have the same number of residents as Collingwood, which helped Council to base the decision on remuneration of this Board. Member Ardiel further noted that other boards and committees do not receive remuneration, except for the Committee of Adjustment. Member Matrosovs noted that they were focused on looking at Collingwood, since they are the sister board and noted that budget reviews are underway, if the Board would like to put forward something further to review the remuneration of the Board.

### **F.4 OPP Detachment Board Standardized Branding/Logo**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Lynn Church

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board directs the Acting Recording Secretary to prepare for the Chair, a business card proof to provide back to the Chair for approval

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

### **F.5 Update on Special Joint Meeting**

Chair Oliver spoke regarding Agenda Item F.8 at this Agenda Item and noted the Board should discuss initiating a similar survey that would be on the Town's website, published in the Blue Mountain Review. Board members supported this initiative. Member Matrosovs suggested the Town's Communications team may be able to provide input on best practices. Interim CAO Adam Smith noted the website is affective avenue to get this information out to residents and will consult with the Communications Team on the most valuable means to get engagement.

The Board further discussed the path forward with respect to conducting a survey.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board directs Staff to work with the Chair to review the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board's Survey and to work with the Town's Communications Department on best practices with respect to communicating a survey and to report back with a proposal on community consultation to the Board at the October meeting.

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

**F.6 Update regarding 2025 Annual Report to Council**

Chair Oliver noted that he presented to Council at the end of June 2025;

**F.7 Update of the Procedural By-law**

Moved by: Lynn Church

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board directs the Acting Recording Secretary to provide the Board with a Draft Updated Procedural By-law for the Board to review at the Board's October meeting

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**

**F.8 Collingwood's OPP Detachment Board's Community Consultation Survey**

This Agenda Item was discussed under Agenda Item F.5.

**G. Additions to the Agenda**

**H. Notice of Meeting Dates**

The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board, October 15, 2025  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

## **I. Adjournment**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Meeting does now adjourn at 10:16 a.m. to meet again October 15, 2025, or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Gail Ardiel, Lynn Church, Andrea Matrosovs, and Jim Oliver

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0)**