



NORFOLK O.P.P. DETACHMENT BOARD MINUTES

**May 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
Norfolk County Administration Building
50 Colborne St. S., Simcoe ON**

Present: Chair K. Huffman, Board Member M. Cruse, Board Member L. Vandendriessche, Board Member A. Veri

Also Present: W. Tigert, County Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chair Huffman called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. She apologized for the delay as there had been technical difficulties in getting the live stream function working. Although the live stream issue was not remedied but Chair Huffman advised that the meeting would be recorded and would be available following the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda/Changes to the Agenda

Moved By: Board Member M. Cruse

Seconded By: Board Member L. Vandendriessche

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Moved By: Board Member L. Vandendriessche

Seconded By: Councillor A. Veri

That the minutes of the OPP Detachment Board meeting held on March 19th 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled for the meeting.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations scheduled for the meeting.

7. Consent Agenda

Moved By: Board Member M. Cruse

Seconded By: Board Member A. Veri

That Item 7.1 the OAPSD Newsletter be received for information.

7.1 OAPSB Newsletter

Carried.

8. Reports Deferred from the Previous Meeting

9. Items for Consideration

9.1 Safety in the Northeast Area

Chair Huffman provided an advisory from residents in the Northeast area of the County about some reported break-ins as well as numerous other concerns identified by residents. These were referred to Inspector Tait for his information.

9.2 Procedural By-law Working Group - Chair Huffman

Chair Huffman requested that the working group look for two volunteers from the Board to assist with the drafting of the procedural bylaw. Members Veri and Vandendriessche advised that they would assist with this endeavor.

9.3 Operational Statistics and Highlights 2025 - March and April

Inspector Tait provided a very detailed overview of the operational activities of the OPP Detachment. He highlighted a number of areas where there were significant reductions in the incidents reported and investigated as well as some areas where call were trending upwards although slightly.

Member asked a number of questions on the volume and trends as well as how the responses are categorized for reporting purposes.

Inspector Tait also gave a high-level overview of the ongoing planning for the upcoming Friday the 13th event in Port Dover.

Member Cruse advised of his attendance at the recent Crime Stoppers Luncheon, on behalf of the Board. He commented on how it was a very information and beneficial experience for him in this role.

9.3.1 9.4 Gender Based Violence

Chair Huffman added a new item for consideration, that being the growing concern around gender-based violence and asked Inspector Tait if this was an emerging issue with the OPP and the Norfolk Detachment?

Inspector Tait confirmed that this is 100 percent a huge focus of the OPP Provincially and in the County. Response and strategy is being based on the monitoring of local groups and organizations. There is ongoing focus on education of the issue and the need for officers to incorporate more empathy into their dealings with individuals impacted by this issue.

Moved By: Board Member A. Veri

Seconded By: Board Member L. Vandendriessche

That items 9.1 through 9.4 be received as information.

Carried.

10. Correspondence Arising from Previous Business

11. By-laws

12. Adjournment

Moved By: Board Member M. Cruse

Seconded By: Board Member A. Veri

That the OPP Detachment Board be adjourned.

Carried.

Chair

Clerk