



## MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP POLICE SERVICES BOARD



### WHO ARE WE AND WHAT WE DO:

The Melancthon Police Service Board is a Board required and created pursuant to Section 10 of the Police Services Act, a statute of the Province of Ontario. The Act requires that any municipality with a contract for police services with the Ontario Provincial Police have a Police Service Board. As the Township has such a contract with the OPP for services provided by the Dufferin detachment our Board functions.

The Board is composed of three members, one being a member of municipal council, one being a member of the community appointed by municipal council and one member appointed by the Province. The Board is not a committee of municipal council as it is created by statute, has its own statutory mandate, code of conduct and procedure for administration.

The Board mandate is to address policing issues within the municipality, including addressing the adequacy of the police services, and to monitor the performance of the detachment commander of the Dufferin OPP. The Board coordinates with the other municipal Police Service Boards served by the Dufferin detachment when necessary to address matters of mutual concern.

The *Police Services Act* and Regulations prescribe certain duties and responsibilities for each Police Service Board, including:

- a. determining, after consultation with the Detachment Commander, the objectives and priorities for the delivery of police services. This includes establishing a three year Action Plan to set forth policing priorities;
- b. local policies, after consultation with the Detachment Commander, for the management of policing;
- c. participation in the selection of the Detachment Commander;
- d. monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander;
- e. monitor the administration of the complaint system maintained by the OPP.

The Board, through its Municipal Council Representative, is the channel for communication with Municipal Council and the Chair of the Board will meet with Council, and vice versa, to address any questions relating to Police Services.

The Board is required to meet at least four times per calendar year, all meetings being open to the Public. The Board causes its agenda for meetings and the minutes from such meetings to be posted

to the Township website. The Board has its own procedural policy for the conduct of business, a copy can be found at the link at the top of the PSB web page.

### **WHAT WE ARE NOT:**

The Police Services Board is not a complaints bureau, and nor is Municipal Council. We are not the point of first contact if members of the community have an issue/complaint about a police officer or about the provision of services by the Dufferin OPP.

If a resident has a complaint, then the issue must and should be dealt with direct with the Dufferin OPP through its protocol, including direct with the Detachment Commander. If the resident, having addressed the complaint with the local Detachment continues to have a complaint then the matter should be addressed with the Independent Police Review Board. For more information, you are referred to the website for the OPP - [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca) and the Office of the Independent Police Review Board - [www.oiprd.on.ca](http://www.oiprd.on.ca).

### **RESOURCES;**

- The OPP website has various information links and information - [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)
- *Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.15* - [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p15](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p15)
- Ontario Civilian Police Commission - <http://www.slsto.gov.on.ca/en/ocpc/Pages/default.aspx>
- MTO site info on road safety - <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/>
- MTO updates - <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/>

The Dufferin OPP regularly release media releases on a variety of topics related to local policing to keep residents informed on matters of crime prevention, road safety and anti-fraud reports. Keep checking here for media releases.

### **MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICE ACTION PLAN:**

2014-16 OPP Action Plan, with status report as of 2015 is posted on our PSB section.

The Melancthon Police Service Board as appointed in December, 2014 has been making every effort to meet its mandate for and within the Township. In June, 2015 we initiated with Municipal Council a public community meeting in Horning's Mills and we followed this with a community meeting held in Corbetton in October, 2015. The Board has been proactive in seeking to address matters of community policing and safety as it has worked with Council to facilitate information exchange that will assist both the Board and Council in serving the residents of Melancthon, including issues of speeding and property safety. As a result of the Board's initiative and initial design in September, 2016 the OPP have produced an information

brochure addressing traffic safety focused on speeding titled Could You Stop, a copy of which can be found below.

The Action Plan for the three year period of 2017-19 is in the process of being compiled.

**QUESTIONS:**

If you have questions, please direct your query to the Melancthon Police Services Board. If by mail, c/o Township of Melancthon, 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6 or by email c/o Denise Holmes, Melancthon Township PSB Interim Secretary - [dholmes@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:dholmes@melancthontownship.ca)

**Police Services Board Members**

Public Member - David Thwaites, Chair

Melancthon Member - Dave Besley

Provincial Member - Vacant