

It has been almost three years since the original message from the Chair was posted on behalf of the Melancthon Police Services Board. Much of the previous message as to the “who and what” of the Board remains accurate although the Provincial government has recently announced plans to table new legislation which might impact the governance model for Police Services Boards within the Province.

Since 2016

In the fall, 2016 Staff Sergeant Steve Sills retired as Detachment Commander of the Dufferin OPP. Through much of 2017 the Board engaged with the other Dufferin Police Services Boards to participate in the selection process of a new detachment commander. The appointment of Staff Sergeant Nicole Randall was announced in August, 2017.

The Melancthon Police Services Board was also engaged through the fall, 2016 and early, 2017 with the development of the required Protocols pursuant to the Police Services Act. The Protocols were adopted as of May, 2017. The Protocols are posted on our webpage.

In the fall, 2016 the Board initiated the required consultations for purposes of providing input to the OPP for the development of the 2017-19 Action Plan for the Dufferin OPP. The Plan was published by the OPP and is posted on our webpage. The Board will be pursuing the required consultations as of the fall/winter 2019 to assist in the development of the 2020-2022 Action Plan.

As of the fall, 2017 Mayor Darren White replaced Councillor Dave Besley as the Council representative on the Board and then, as of April, 2018, Kate Martin was appointed by the Province to be its representative on the Board.

The Board has worked proactively with Municipal Council and Det. Comm. Randall since the fall, 2017 to address issues related to the protection and safety of our community. These efforts have included regular monitoring and enforcement of traffic/speeding on our roads, steps to facilitate the enforcement of the half-load bylaw (March-May each year) and assisting in the development of educational efforts for the security and safety of our homes. The OPP has developed, published and produced various information sources/media which we have either posted to our webpage or provided links to other websites.

Current Board

The Melancthon Police Services Board, as sworn in on February 20, 2019, is composed of:

David Thwaites (Council representative) – Chair

Kate Martin (Provincial member) – Vice-Chair

Alan Blundell (public appointee) – Member.

The Future

The Township Council and the OPP have signed a renewal agreement as of January 17, 2019 for a six year term to provide for the continuation of police services as provided by the Dufferin OPP. The Melancthon Police Services Board will, subject to any changes in the provincial legislation, continue to serve the residents of the Township of Melancthon.

The Board through our regular quarterly meetings, our meetings with the other Dufferin Police Services Boards and community meetings, as arranged, will continue to serve. We have and will continue to post information on services and resources to our webpage to assist the residents of Melancthon.

Thank you for your interest and support.

David Thwaites

Chair