

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE DUFFERIN COUNTY SECTION 10 POLICE SERVICES BOARDS (“Joint Meeting”)¹

(Hosted by Orangeville Police Services Board)

Location: Electronic Participation conducted Online via Microsoft Teams

Conference ID: 985 600 498# Telephone No: +1 437-703-4638

Date / Time: Friday, October, 22 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Todd Taylor – Chair Orangeville
Heather Asling – Orangeville
Alan Blundell - Melancthon
Sarah Culshaw -
Ken Cufaro -
John Creelman – Mono
Wayne Evans – Mono
Mike Fazackerley – Shelburne
Josh Hoskin –
Ken Krakar – Orangeville
Nicole Martin – Amaranth
Ian McSweeney – Vice-Chair Orangeville
Jennifer Roach – Dufferin OPP
Mary Rose – Orangeville
Mike Stoddart – OPP Superintendent
Meghan Townsend – Grand Valley
Mike Walker – Mono
Terry Ward – Dufferin OPP
Darryn White – Melancthon

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chair Taylor of the Orangeville Police Services Board

- 1.1 Welcome and Introduction - The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Taylor

¹ Note participation at this joint meeting, including discussions and motion voting, by representatives of the various Dufferin County Section 10 Police Services Boards does not, without express approval from such Boards, necessarily represent the Board’s views or policy and should not be considered to be binding in the absence of such approval.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation:

Motion that the Agenda for the October 22, 2021 Joint Meeting be approved.

Moved by A. Blundell

Seconded by M. Walker

All in favour

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Joint Meeting

Recommendation:

Motion that the minutes of the April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting be received and approved.

Moved by: D. White

Seconded by: W. Evans

All in favour

Carried.

5. Children Traffic Dampening Signs (Chair Taylor to lead discussion)

At the April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting, traffic calming initiatives including signage depicting young children were discussed. This discussion will be continued including possible next steps for traffic calming measures throughout the county.

A. Blundell advised that the Melanchthon township proceeded with the project and purchased 4 child image signs and distributed them throughout the Township. The signs are double-sided and the purchase price was \$300 per unit.

I. McSweeney inquired about the images that were used and sourcing for the children. He noted the impact that these signs have on drivers.

A. Blundell advised that the images were provided by the sign manufacturer as stock images.

Chair Taylor inquired about the thoughts and opinions that the OPP have on these signs. Inspector Ward advised that any type of traffic calming measures are support by the OPP.

M. Walker inquired about the potential for having the signs sponsored by local business persons. D. White advised that the signs were purchased by a local sign manufacturer.

Chair Taylor inquired about the potential of a group purchase for cost savings. Mary Rose inquired about the location of the signs and their proximity to schools.

Recommendation:

Motion to receive the information.

Moved by K. Cufaro

Seconded by M. Rose

All in favour

Carried.

6. Towing – OPP internal plans for arrival at the scene (Chair Taylor and Inspector Ward to lead discussion and report)

At the April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting, attending Police Services Boards representatives discussed licensing and regulation of tow trucks within Dufferin County. Inspector Ward will advise the Joint Meeting on the internal strategies for the OPP when tow trucks are utilized at collisions.

Regional OPP Superintendent Mike Stoddart provided a high-level overview of his job responsibilities and oversights. He noted that he has considerable experience with the towing industry from his previous role with the OPP. He introduced OPP Officer and Community Liaison, Jennifer Roach of the Shelburne OPP attended the meeting to speak about towing in the county. She noted that there has been an escalation of criminal activity within the towing industry.

Since June of 2020 the OPP have participated in a multi-agency task force to ensure safe and ethical towing and storage services. This will also ensure there is an equitable distribution of requests for towing services. Officer Roach outlined the program requirements for towing operators within the county related to the towing drivers as well as insurances held by the organization. These requirements include a criminal background check and the OPP on scene will check each towing operator on scene for any outstanding criminal matters. The application package for towing operators are due to the Orangeville Police detachment on November 1, 2021 for the 2022 calendar year.

The OPP will conduct safety inspections of the vehicles used for the tows. All vehicles must be released with the approval of the OPP.

Chair Taylor inquired as to how the impound locations will be used around the county.

Inspector Ward noted that it will take some time for all participants to adjust to the new system and that it will be much safer for all involved.

The OPP is transitioning to a new encrypted radio system that will prevent scanning of their radio frequencies; this will prevent “chasing” by tow truck drivers.

Chair Taylor will inquire about the status of the Towing Bylaw forthcoming from the Town of Orangeville Clerk’s department.

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received.

Moved by I. McSweeney

Seconded by M. Walker

All in favour

Carried.

7. Information Update from Inspector Ward – New Traffic Division

Detachment Commander Inspector Ward advised the Joint Meeting on the progress of the new traffic division within the Dufferin County OPP.

Inspector Ward introduced the new traffic enforcement division in Dufferin County. He noted that it is a small unit of 3 officers that will be trained at will assist with identifying, educating and enforcement where the traffic difficulties are.

He informed the group about the community crimes unit. Recently a large drug ring was thwarted with a large drug bust. The group discussed the amount of public pressure with traffic concerns.

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received.

Moved by A.Blundell

Seconded by M. Rose

All in favour

Carried.

**8. Police Services Board Composition (originally proposed by Grand Valley) -
The Joint Meeting will review and discuss information received since the
April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting.**

Chair Taylor noted that not all Boards in the County submitted proposals to SOLGEN. The anticipated forthcoming decision from SOLGEN will determine the composition and amalgamation of Boards.

Recommendation:

Motion that the information be received.

Moved by: J. Hoskin

Seconded by 2. Evans

All in favour

Carried.

9. Other Business and Items for Future Joint Meetings

None

10. Confirm Proceedings

Motion that, subject the scope of the authority of Joint Meeting participants, all actions taken at the Joint Meeting with respect to every matter addressed and/or approved on the above date, are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed, and that each motion, resolution, and other action taken at the Joint Meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

Moved by: M. Rose

Seconded by: M. Fazackerley

All in favour

Carried.

11. In-Camera Session

None

12. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Shelburne will host the next meeting on April 22, 2022.

Moved by: M. Walker

Seconded by: A. Blundell

All in favour

Carried.