

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The Township of Melancthon Police Services Board held our meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Dufferin Detachment OPP station. Those present: Municipal Member Darren White, Public Member Alan Blundell, Secretary, Sarah Culshaw, Detachment Commander Terry Ward, Dufferin OPP, and Constable Button

Call to Order by the Chair

Chairperson Alan Blundell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Carried

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by White, Seconded by Blundell that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None declared.

Approval of Minutes –February 14, 2023

Moved by White, Seconded by Blundell that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on February 14, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Issues Arising from the Minutes

None.

Presentations/Delegations

None.

Correspondence

None

Financial

None

Detachment Commander's 1st Quarter Report (Jan – Mar 2023)

Detachment Commander Terry Ward discussed the 1st Quarter report attached with the minutes. The following formed part of the discussions

- Mental Health is a growing concern as calls are on the rise.
- The Township of Melancthon still has plenty of speeding charges, however due to OPP presence known on the Highway, speed is coming down.
- Constable Button offered to take part in the Roads Subcommittee. Member White thanked Constable Button and indicated that he will consult with the Roads Subcommittee
- Detachment Commander Terry Ward would like to point out the incredible work and dedication by the volunteers.
- Violent occurrences in the three High Schools in Dufferin County are on the decrease. The new Superintendent at the Upper Grand School Board has been working with the OPP to discuss future potential increase in police presence.
- The Mental Health response unit has been very successful and has received remarkable feedback. Typically, the first call will go to the OPP, but once they are aware of the Mental Health response team, they are able to contact them directly, enabling more OPP officers to stay on the roads. Unfortunately, the program is constantly under the mercy of grant funding for this program.

Committee Reports

None.

Other Business

1. Manpower and Staffing
 - 1.1. Are the openings currently being filled – Currently the Detachment is at approximately 72% and although that is not ideal, it is better than other detachments, and they are continuously working on bringing it to 100%
 - 1.2. Does the OPP feel that increasing the number of enrolments at the Police College will provide relief- Unfortunately the whole Province (perhaps the Country) is struggling with recruiting. There are still specific needs and requirements for all successful applicants.
2. 2023 OPP Action Plan
 - 1.1. Has a publication date been set- currently waiting on the completion of the strategic plan as much of the action plan will fall under the commissioner's strategic plan.

3. 2022 OPP Dufferin Annual Progress Report- the report has just been approved and submitted to the regional planner.
4. Facility Tour

Public Discussion

None

Closed Session

None

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the Next Police Service Board meeting will be August 8, 2023

Adjournment

9:50 a.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Blundell that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again on August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.
Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY