

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

November 17, 2023 - 9:00AM

Present: Jeff Sedgwick – Mulmur	Walter Kolodziechuk – Amaranth
Cheryl Russel – Mulmur	Holly Boardman - Amaranth
Andrew Cunningham – Mulmur	Nicole Martin - Amaranth
Roseann Knechtel – Mulmur	Gail Little – Amaranth
Althea Alli – Shelburne	Andrew Stirk – Amaranth
Todd Taylor – Orangeville	Meghan Townsend – Grand Valley
Ian McSweeney – Orangeville	Brad Haines – Town of Grand Valley
Darren White – Melancthon	Mike Walker – Mono
Al Blundell – Melancthon	Wayne Evans – Mono
Bill Nielson - Melancthon	John Creelman – Mono
Denise Holmes - Melancthon	Insp. Mike Di Pasquale - OPP
Sarah Culshaw – Melancthon	D/Sgt Chafic Harris – OPP
Duane Sprague – Solicitor General	S/Sgt John Buligan - OPP
	A/Sgt Rob Button - OPP

1. Call to Order

Al Blundell, Chair of the Melancthon Police Services Board called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Introductions

Al Blundell welcomed all and asked all members to introduce themselves.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - NONE

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Cheryl Russel and Seconded by Gail Little

THAT the agenda for the November 17, 2023 Joint Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Gail Little and Seconded by Cheryl Russel

THAT the minutes of the June 16, 2023 Joint Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

6. Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisory provided the following comments.

- As the Ministry works to bring the CSPA into force by April 1, 2024, work is underway to finalize all proposals and complete the regulatory work required to implement the Detachment Board framework.
- In August 2023, the majority of Detachments received correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General detailing that their OPP Detachment Board proposal was approved by the Solicitor General.
- Once all proposals are finalized, a regulation with the compositions for all Detachments will be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for public review and comment.
- The Ministry will be reaching out to the designated Detachment leads to collect needed information, including: the preferred name of your Board, key contact person, mailing address, email address, phone number and other identifying information (e.g., website). This information is needed to assist with the coordination of provincial appointments.

Board Training:

The CSPA will support enhanced and modernized training requirements for the policing sector in Ontario. This will include continuing, updated and/or new legislative and regulatory training requirements for police officers, special constables, members of Police Service Boards (PSBs), and identified classes of employees of oversight bodies (e.g., Law Enforcement Complaints Agency, Inspectorate of Policing).

The courses will include:

1. *Roles and Responsibilities Training*
 - development of a course on the role of a Police Service Board and the responsibilities of members of a Board or Committee.
 - must be aligned with the content of the CSPA and its regulations.
2. *Thematic Training*: the procurement of (4) courses that cover:
 - a. human rights;
 - b. systemic racism;
 - c. diversity and inclusion, and
 - d. the rights and cultures of First Nation, Inuit and Métis Peoples.

Note: Thematic Training will be required for all police officers, special constables (RCMP exempt), members of Police Service Boards and Committees, and identified classes of employees within oversight bodies (e.g.: Law Enforcement Complaints Agency, Inspectorate of Policing)

The standardized training will be developed in an e-learning format, delivered by the ministry, tracked through the ministry portal set up to deliver the training, and inspectable by the Inspectorate of Policing.

The training provided to policing boards will be available in English and French.

It is anticipated that the self-directed training will be completed by most learners within a total of 8 hours. Each learner will be provided with a username and directions on setting up their password to access all online training.

When will it be made available?

The Ministry is targeting to launch all e-learning training courses by late Fall 2023, prior to the CSPA coming into force (April 1, 2024).

The Ministry must ensure that the standardized training is in place, accessible, and is successfully completed within the timeframe accorded to each learning group under the CSPA.

For members of Policing Boards and Committees, training is to be completed as follows:

- a. Roles and Responsibilities Training: prior to the in-force date, with a continuous intake for the course as new Board Members are appointed.
- b. Thematic Training: an additional 6 months will be provided from the date of their appointment.

All training courses will be delivered by the Ministry.

The Ministry has partnered with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) to coordinate sector-wide input on the development of the curriculum.

The Ministry has also begun to form a Community of Practice where Members will review training content and include potential scenarios/examples that will contextualize and reinforce learning objectives.

Through the OAPSB, the Ministry is identifying members of large and small; urban and rural; municipal, OPP and First Nation Boards to assist in reviewing training content.

Is there separate training for municipal boards and OPP Detachment Boards?

Yes, Section 35 (2) of the CSPA notes that training on the role of a Police Service Board and the responsibilities of its members must be successfully completed by all members of a Police Service Board or Committee. It will include:

- Board member training requirements, policing in Ontario, roles and responsibilities of policing boards, police governance, the code of conduct, and community safety and well-being plans.
- Content tailored for the type of Board (Municipal Police Service Board, First Nation Board, Ontario Provincial Police Detachment board).

Re: Joint OACP/PAO/OAPSB/OSOPA Community Safety and Policing Act Training, February 2024
Provided with these minutes.

Discussions ensued regarding where the Secretarial and IT support would come from. Duanne Sprague and Ian McSweeney will endeavor to investigate this further.

7. Approved OPP Detachment board proposal – Meghan Townsend

Content covered in the above discussions.

8. AMO Delegation to Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario – John Creelman

John Creelman indicated that he discussed POA revenue at the AMO conference. He had reiterated that there is approximately 1 billion dollars in lost revenue from fines. He had also indicated that a letter has been sent to the Attorney General with regards to this issue. Ian McSweeney also indicated that Orangeville Police Services sent correspondence to solidify John Creelman's delegation.

9. Melancthon Roads deemed as 60KPH Area – Alan Blundell

Acting Seargeant Button indicated that there is not much evidence to support a need for speed reductions. However, he stated that a reduction could see more infractions if they were lowered particularly in stunt driving. It was stated that the Black Cat is helpful in determining where and when to enforce. As part of an education piece, Acting Seargeant Button stated that he could bring out concerned residents to areas of concern to show them with a radar that speeding may not be as bad as it is perceived.

10. Review of the Dufferin Traffic Unity

Acting Seargent Button spoke regarding vehicle enforcement. The Dufferin OPP now has E-ticketing in their vehicles that generates tickets and warnings on the spot. This equipment retains the information on record, so that if a driver gets a warning, and then gets stopped again for driving too quickly, the Officer can elect to enforce rather than educate.

11. Community Street Crime Unit presentation- Detective Seargeant Chafic Harris

Detective Seargeant Chafic Harris presented to the Board regarding Street Crime. Presentation attached to the minutes.

12. Commercial Vehicle enforcement and weights - OPP

The OPP performed a CMV safe roads initiative blitz. As a result of this blitz, Officers pulled over 264 trucks and pulled 16 trucks off the road.

13. Mental Health awareness and response - OPP

Mental Health continues to be a growing concern. The Mental Health Unit has continued to be a success giving more officers time on the road and allowing trained personnel to deal with mental health issues.

14. Dufferin OPP lay charges over the Thanksgiving weekend – OPP

Acting Seargent Button relayed information regarding the charges laid over the Thanksgiving weekend.

15. OPP – Detachment Updates

As per above discussions

16. Municipal Board Reports

17. Other Business and Items for future Joint Meetings

18. Confirming Motion

Moved by Andrew Stirk and Seconded by Gail Little

THAT all actions of the Joint Meeting, with respect to every matter addressed and/or approved on November 17, 2023 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed;

AND THAT each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the members of the Joint Meeting on November 17, 2023 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

CARRIED.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cheryl Russel and Seconded by Andrew Stirk

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 am to meet again in early spring 2024;

AND THAT the next Joint meeting of the Dufferin County Section 10 Police Services Boards be hosted by the Township of Amaranth.

CARRIED.

