

**FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025 MINUTES
DUFFERIN OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP – TOWN OF MONO – MULMUR TOWNSHIP
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Present:

Cheryl Russel – Mulmur
Roseann Knechtel – Mulmur
Al Blundell – Melancthon
Sarah Culshaw – Melancthon
Insp. Mike Di Pasquale - OPP

John Creelman – Mono
Fred Simpson - Mono
Hayley Litherland - Mono
Jeff Sedgwick – Provincial Appointee

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Al Blundell – Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed new member Hayley Litherland to the Board.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Hayley Litherland recited the Oath of Office to the board.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Al Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Cheryl Russel, Seconded by Jeff Sedgwick

THAT the Agenda dated February 27, 2025 be approved as amended.

Carried.

Due to other commitments and timing constraints for Inspector Mike Di Pasquale, the agenda was modified to allow him to present the Detachment Commander's Report earlier.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Cheryl Russel, Seconded by Jeff Sedgwick

That the Minutes of November 28, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Al Blundell advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Secretary in writing.

None were declared.

7. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Inspector Mike Di Pasquale presented the 4th Quarter 2024 OPP report with the board.

8. ADMINISTRATION

8.1 2025 Board Meeting Dates

Moved by Russel, Seconded by Sedgwick

THAT the board approve the following meeting dates for 2025:.

Feb 27th, 2025, May 29th, 2025, September 18th, 2025, & Nov 20th, 2025

8.2 Change in the Terms of Reference regarding Provincial Appointee concerning per diem.

The secretary indicated that the only change to the Terms of Reference was the per diem minimum as it is required to be no less than \$75.00 per meeting. The secretary indicated that she was still investigating whether we could waive the per diem as per the request of the current Provincial Appointee.

8.3 Mennonite Community Safety Report

The report composed by Deputy Mayor McLean of Melancthon regarding Mennonite Road Safety was attached with the Agenda.

8.4 Update on request to Dufferin Public Works for traffic counts on County Road 19/Prince of Wales and speed data on roads within Mono, Melancthon and Mulmur. Member Russel spoke to, and provided information included with the minutes on the County road 19/Prince of Wales traffic comparison showing the increase between 2023/2024.

8.5 DC Monitoring Feedback Form to be completed by March 31, 2025.

A new DC Monitoring Form will be available soon, at which time the board will complete it. This item will be included on the next meeting agenda.

8.6 Mulmur Council request for greater information on victim services.

Discussion ensued, and it was concluded that this was resolved.

8.7 How to get Dufferin County to engage with us as a partner to address the concerns of residents (discussion continued from last meeting)

Suggestions for engagement were: Town Hall meetings, social media, community groups as well as an auxiliary group working with community groups. Further discussions to ensue at future meetings.

8.8 How to get Community involvement including community education (discussion continued from last meeting)

It was asked if the Board could liaise with the auxiliary and victim service to go to schools for education and awareness. John Creelman stated that he would contact school boards to find out more. Further discussion to continue at future meetings.

8.9 Letter to Dufferin County regarding extra patrolling on County Roads (Darren White) discussion continued from last meeting.

Further discussion to take place at the next County meeting. An update will be provided at that time.

8.10 Police Record Checks (Darren White) (discussion continued from last meeting)

Member White stated that in the past, it would take 2-20 days for a Police Record Check to be complete, however, now it is taking 3 months. This has become very problematic as some organizations insist on having them before hiring or allowing people to become part of a organizations.

8.11 Resignation letter for Duane Sprague

Included with Agenda Package

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

10. FINANCIAL

10.1 BUDGET

Budget discussions ensued, and the following motion was passed

Moved by Russel, Seconded by Sedgwick

THAT the Board approve the 2025 Budget

Carried.

10.2 Insurance Deductible

Discussions also ensued regarding who would pay for a deductible in the event of an insurance claim. The following motion was passed.

Moved by Sedgwick, Seconded by Russel

WHEREAS the Dufferin OPP Detachment Board - Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur serves these three municipalities;

AND WHEREAS an insurance claim related to the Board may arise, requiring payment of a deductible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the participating municipalities—Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, and Mulmur Township—agree by resolution to equally share the cost of the insurance deductible in the event of an insurance claim.

Carried.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 DUFFERIN POLAR PLUNGE

The Polar Plunge will take place on March 30th this year. Chair Blundell indicated that he plans to attend.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Litherland, Seconded by Russel

THAT the meeting be adjourn at 10:56 am to meet again on May 29th , 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Al Blundell

Chairperson

Sarah Culshaw

Secretary