



**DUFFERIN OPP DETACHMENT BOARD - MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP,
TOWN OF MONO, MULMUR TOWNSHIP / CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT
DE DUFFERIN DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE - CANTON DE MELANC-
THON, VILLAGE DE MONO, CANTON DE MULMUR**
DUFFERIN OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT DE DUFFERIN DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

MAY 29TH , 2025 MINUTES

Present:

Cheryl Russel – Mulmur
Roseann Knechtel – Mulmur
Andrew Cunningham – 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
Hank Zehr - SOLGEN

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Al Blundell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by John Creelman, **Seconded by** Cheryl Russel
THAT the Agenda dated May 29, 2025, be approved as amended.
Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by John Creelman, **Seconded by** Andrew Cunningham
THAT the Minutes of February 27, 2025, be approved as circulated.
Carried.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Chair Blundell advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or any time throughout the meeting, and must be submitted to the Secretary in writing.
None were declared.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND DEFERRED ITEMS

6.1 DC Monitoring Feedback Form

No update at this time. Chair Blundell noted that if the form is not available by the next meeting, the previous version will be used.

6.2 Engagement with Dufferin County

Discussion continued on encouraging Dufferin County to partner with the board in addressing resident concerns.

6.3 Letter to Dufferin County – Extra Patrolling on County Roads

Discussion continued. It was noted that the County does not support reducing speed limits on County Roads. Several members reported ongoing public concerns.

6.4 Police Record Checks

An email regarding the OPP Vulnerable Sector Check was attached with the minutes. A letter outlining the application process was included in the agenda. Applicants are advised to complete applications thoroughly to avoid delays, as checks are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Chair Blundell requested this remain a standing agenda item.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Addressing DUIs (Cheryl Russel)

Discussion around reintroducing court programs involving mock hearings in schools, and involving MADD at OPP events and joint board meetings. The board praised OPP's media releases and social media efforts in raising awareness.

7.2 Provincial Police Services Supplement (John Creelman)

No updates on whether additional provincial relief funding for OPP costs will be available for 2026.

7.3 Provincial Safety Camera Changes (John Creelman)

Concerns were raised about the provincial management of safety (speed) cameras. Members felt the rules were developed for Toronto are not suitable for rural communities, and funds generated should support law enforcement or related services. Distracted driving was also highlighted as a concern.

7.4 Larry Matkowski Retirement (John Creelman)

Tribute was paid to Larry Matkowski for his dedicated service and strong community engagement.

7.5 2025 Action Plan – Intimate Violence (Cheryl Russel)

A spotlight report was provided. Challenges remain in having victims accept services, though support is always offered and encouraged.

7.6 Mono Home Invasions (Cheryl Russel)

Two recent incidents were reported in Mono. It was requested that home invasions be itemized separately in OPP reports rather than under "Break and Enters." A data request will be made to the Analyst.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1 None

9. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

9.1 Dufferin Detachment OPP – 1st Quarter Report

Inspector Mike Di Pasquale reviewed the Q1 2025 report, including Road Safety Statistics.

9.2 Road Safety Week Statistics

Statistics were included in the above report.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Inspector General of Policing Memorandum

Hank Zehr from the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) introduced himself to the Board and advised that he is available to address any questions or concerns. He noted that if he is unable to provide an answer, he will follow up to identify the appropriate contact. Mr. Zehr also spoke to the memo regarding protests and major events.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

11.1 None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cheryl Russel, **Seconded by** John Creelman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:00 a.m. to reconvene on September 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Al Blundell

Chairperson

Sarah Culshaw

Secretary