



**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

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> , 2025 MINUTES**

Present:

Cheryl Russel – Mulmur  
Al Blundell – Melancthon  
Darren White – 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**

Chair Al Blundell called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Chair Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Cheryl Russel, **Seconded by** John Creelman,  
**THAT** the Agenda dated Sept 18, 2025, be approved as amended.  
**Carried.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by** Jeff Sedgwick, **Seconded by** Cheryl Russel  
**THAT** the Minutes of May 29, 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 Dufferin County regarding extra patrolling on County Roads**

Member White had suggested the County of Dufferin allocate funding in their budget to fund some of the patrolling on County roads. He expressed his disappointment the proposal was turned down.

### **6.2 Police Record Checks**

Member White expressed concerns that the length of time required to complete a Police Record Check is negligent. He noted that delays have resulted in individuals losing employment and volunteer opportunities, as well as experiencing suspensions.

Inspector De Pasquale responded that there has been a noticeable increase in report requests, particularly at this time of year. He further explained that Triton, the company responsible for completing the record checks, is exploring the option of adding staff and authorizing overtime to address the backlog.

The Board agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting under *Detachment Commander Reports*.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Acknowledgements: Welcoming, Recognizing, and Honoring OPP Officers**

Chairperson Blundell Acknowledge the following OPP Officers:

S/Sgt Corrie Trewartha who has transferred to Wellington County

A/S/Sgt Steven Roy who has been filling in for John Buligan

And welcome back S/Sgt John Buligan who returns to Dufferin from his secondment at Wikwemikong Tribal Police

Welcome A/S/Sgt Mark Quinton formerly one of the two D platoon supervisors, who will be filling in for S/Sgt Trewartha.

### **7.2 Black Cat Data (Melancthon)**

Discussions ensued regarding traffic calming solutions. Suggestions were speed bumps, bullards and rumble strips. Inspector De Pasquale asked the board forward him where the priorities are as a result of the Black Cat.

### **7.3 Dangerous Drivers (Melancthon)**

A letter originally sent to the Township of Melancthon regarding concerns about dangerous drivers in the area was forwarded to the Police Services Board.

Discussions took place regarding Highway 10 and County Road 17, noting increased traffic volumes and the risky decisions some drivers are making when crossing the road.

Additional concerns were raised about drivers travelling slowly in the left lane, causing frustration for other motorists.

Inspector De Pasquale thanked the Board for the feedback and confirmed that the issues will continue to be monitored. The Board also directed the Secretary to forward a letter to the original writer, advising that the concerns will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

#### **7.4 Reinstatement of Provincial Funding (Letter/Resolution Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board)**

A letter with a resolution regarding the Provincial Offences System was included in the agenda. Discussion followed regarding the need for greater court availability and more structured scheduling to reduce the amount of time police officers spend waiting at court.

Member John Creelman offered to prepare a letter with recommendations to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

#### **7.5 Dufferin OPP – Multiple Charges over Civic Long Weekend**

Correspondence was included with the agenda outlining the charges laid over the Civic Long Weekend.

#### **7.6 Inspector General Memorandum**

A memorandum (first spotlight report) was included with the agenda from the Inspector General regarding Policing Protests and Major Events.

#### **7.7 Dedicated Traffic Unit – should Dufferin have one? (John Creelman)**

Currently, the Dufferin County OPP do not have a dedicated traffic unit, although, Inspector De Pasquale indicated that they do have dedicated police officers that do traffic.

#### **7.8 Traffic study regarding ASE roll out in Shelburne and increased volume on other roads (Cheryl Russel)**

With the reduction of speed cameras in Shelburne, traffic patterns have shifted, with GPS systems directing drivers to alternate routes including County Road 124, County Road 17, and Prince of Wales. Member Russel expressed disappointment that County Council is not addressing the issues in the northern part of the County. Board members also raised concerns that these traffic challenges may worsen once the main operations center is located in the southern part of the County. Additionally, it was suggested that the 40 km/h zone on County Road 124 be removed and a sidewalk be installed.

#### **7.9 Proof of completion of Training and how it affects quorum**

Chairperson Blundell asked the members to share all training records with the Secretary so that we can ensure that it is logged with the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

## **7.10 Joining OAPSB (differed)**

The secretary requested this item be deferred to obtain more information.

## **8. FINANCIAL**

### **8.1 Insurance Renewal**

The Board directed the secretary to move forward with the Insurance as per the quote from Intact Insurance.

## **9. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT**

### **9.1 Dufferin Detachment OPP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

Inspector Mike Di Pasquale reviewed the Q2 2025 report.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10.1 ITEMS FOR FUTRE MEETINGS**

The board would like to discuss traffic changes because of Shelburne's traffic speed cameras

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**THAT** Board move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of.

**Carried.**

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

**THAT** the board rise from Closed Session,

**CARRIED**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**THAT** the meeting adjourns at 12:00 p.m. to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

**Carried.**

*Al Blundell*

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**Chairperson**

*Sarah Culshaw*

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**Secretary**