



**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

DECEMBER 16, 2025 MINUTES

Present:

Cheryl Russel – Mulmur
Roseann Knechtel – Mulmur
Andrew Cunningham – Mulmur
Al Blundell – Melancthon
Sarah Culshaw – Melancthon
Darren White - Melancthon

John Creelman – Mono
Hailey Litherland- Mono
Jeff Sedgwick – Provincial Appointee
Insp. Mike Di Pasquale - OPP
Staff Sergeant John Buligan – OPP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Al Blundell called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by John Creelman, **Seconded by** Andrew Cunningham,
THAT the Agenda dated December 16, 2025, be approved as amended.
Carried.

The In-Camera session of the agenda will take place at the end of the meeting

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Andrew Cunningham, **Seconded by** John Creelman
THAT the Minutes of September 18th, 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. IN-CAMERA

To be Discussed at the end of the meeting as per agenda amendment.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND DEFERRED ITEMS

7.1 Dufferin County regarding extra patrolling on County Roads

Member John Creelman stated that this item is something he would still like to revisit with the County of Dufferin.

7.2 Police Record Checks

Inspector Mike Di Pasquale, indicated that the unit is working on upstaffing for better service. Discussions ensued regarding the importance of this matter, and the secretary was directed to forward a letter of concern to the online police records check unit.

7.3 Joining OAPBS

The Secretary will obtain more information from Hank Zehr, from SOLGEN regarding the benefits of joining OAPBS. Further Discussion to ensue at the next meeting

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Acknowledgements: Welcoming, Recognizing, and Honoring OPP Officers

Chair Blundell welcomed back Staff Sergeant John Biligan.

8.2 Proof of completion of the Thematic Training

The secretary indicated that it was her understanding that everyone is taking the training or has taken the training. She will follow up with Hank Zehr to find out what they have on record.

8.3 Safety Concerns on County Road 17 and Prince of Wales

It was stated that the speed has been lowered on County Road 17 by the Prince of Wales intersection, however, there are still concerns that drivers are not slowing down. The County of Dufferin are doing an overall roads safety study on County roads. Member John Creelman expressed the importance of this report not being engineer driven, but obtaining information from the OPP, and residents.

The board directed the secretary to forward a letter to the concerned resident letting them know that we are addressing this issue.

8.4 Melancthon's letter to the County of Dufferin regarding speed limits on 124

The County of Dufferin is reporting back on County Road 124 speed signs.

8.5 Perception of crime stats and how to address them.

Deferred

8.6 New speed limits on County Road 17

Discussions ensued regarding the County Road 17 speed limits. It was stated that it is very difficult to have the County Roads speed limits changed.

8.7 Speed Data Melancthon

Staff Sergeant Buligan stated that he is collaborating effectively with the Townships to address road concerns and obtain information from the Blackcat system.

8.8 ARIS (Authorized Requester Information Service) Information

Attached with the agenda is information from ARIS. The secretary gave a quick overview stating that ARIS is a method of requesting information that allows eligible organizations to obtain personal driver and vehicle information.

8.9 Grey Bruce Resolution re: Appeal to the MSG for Provincial Funding

The secretary indicated that the OPP billing 2026 has been capped at 11%, but that the increase in OPP billing will have significant budget implications in 2027.

8.10 Inspector General Memorandum – Risk Based Compliance Framework

Attached for information.

8.11 Updated Oath

Discussions ensued, and it was indicated that the updated Oath was for new members only.

8.12 Letter from the Solicitor General – Combatting and preventing hate-motivated crimes.

The Dufferin OPP have not experienced a great deal of hate-motivated crime currently.

8.13 Discussions regarding Hard Target

Discussions ensued on how to support target hardening including a Dufferin Wide County Watch. Chairperson Blundell asked for this item be on the Joint Police Services Board meeting.

8.14 Joint Board meeting scheduled for mid March

Chairperson Blundell indicated that he will attempt to arrange a Joint Board meeting in the spring of 2026.

9. FINANCIAL

9.1 Insurance Invoice

For information.

10. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

10.0 Dufferin Detachment OPP – 3rd Quarter Report

Inspector Mike Di Pasquale reviewed the Q3 2025 report.

Members of the board would like to thank the Dufferin OPP for all their dedication and hard work.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Member John Creelman congratulated the Dufferin OPP Detachment for their successful arrests related to copper thefts in the Township of Melancthon. He also noted that these types of thefts continue to occur throughout the Dufferin region.

11. (Previous Agenda item #6) 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 Andrew Cunningham, **Seconded by** John Creelman,

THAT the board rise from Closed Session,

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cheryl Russel, **Seconded by** Andrew Cunningham

THAT the meeting adjourns at 11.15 p.m. to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Al Blundell

Chairperson

Sarah Culshaw

Secretary