



**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

FEBRUARY 25, 2026 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
Staff Sergeant Ryan Martin - OPP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Culshaw – Secretary Called the meeting to order

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Moved by Darren White, **Seconded by** Cheryl Russel

THAT Al Blundell be appointed Chair of the Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township Dufferin OPP Detachment Board for 2026.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Moved by Jeff Sedgwick, **Seconded by** Al Blundell

THAT Cheryl Russel be appointed Vice Chair of the Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township Dufferin OPP Detachment Board for 2026.

4. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Moved by Cheryl Russel, **Seconded by** Al Blundell

THAT Sarah Culshaw be appointed Secretary to the Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township Dufferin OPP Detachment Board for 2026.

5. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Blundell shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by John Creelman, **Seconded by** Cheryl Russel,
THAT the Agenda dated February 25, 2026, be approved as amended.
Carried.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Cheryl Russel, **Seconded by** John Creelman
THAT the Minutes of December 16, 2025, be approved as circulated.
Carried.

8. 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.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND DEFERRED ITEMS

9.1 Dufferin County regarding extra patrolling on County Roads - discussion continued from previous meetings

Member White was disappointed with the County of Dufferin's response on this matter. Member White and Member Creelman will continue to advocate for this service.

9.2 Police Record Checks – OPP Vulnerable Sector Check discussion continued from previous meetings

A letter was forwarded to the Provincial Coordinator of the Ontario Police Record Check Unit (attached with the minutes). A letter was then received explaining new enhancements to address the matter (attached with the minutes)

9.3 Joining OAPSB

Deferred until after the joint PSB meeting.

9.4 Update on letter to Solicitor General from John Creelman

Member John Creelman has decided to back away from this at this time and indicated that they are happy with the paid duty services.

9.5 County Council's decision on County Road 124

It was stated that lowering the speed on County Road 124 created issues with traffic diverting to the Prince of Wales road and County Road 17. The speed limit has been changed back to 50 km/hr, however, it was also stated that a sidewalk along the stretch of the road going in to Shelburne is needed.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 OPP movement to Orangeville, when and why the move and how will that affect us.

It was stated that rumours that Dufferin OPP are moving to Orangeville are false.

10.2 Joint PSB meeting

A Joint meeting with 1 or 2 members from each board will take place on March 12, 2026

10.3 Lock it or Lose it program – how is the message being delivered to the population.

Information is being released through Media release, Social Media, and all Community Events.

10.4 Inspector General Memorandum

Received as information.

10.5 CSWB meeting

The CSWB will be discussed at the Joint meeting in March.

10.6 Polar Plunge – March 29

Received as information

10.7 Review of 2026-2029 Dufferin Detachment Action Plan

Deferred until we have received the Action Plan

10.8 Priorities for 2026

- Road Safety
- Community Engagement
- Communication for the Public

10.9 Added Item – Emergency Shelter.

Secretary Sarah Culshaw advised that during periods of severe inclement weather resulting in road closures, the participating Municipalities prefer that Emergency Shelters be placed on alert rather than opened preemptively. OPP members indicated that such requests should be directed to Steve Murphy, Dufferin County Emergency Management Coordinator.

11. FINANCIAL

- None

12. DETACHMENT COMMANDER’S REPORT

12.1 Dufferin Detachment OPP 4th Quarter Report 2025 - Inspector Mike Di Pasquale – OPP, went through the report (attached with the agenda)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cheryl Russel, **Seconded by** Darren White

THAT the meeting adjourns at 11.05 a.m. to reconvene on May 27th, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Al Blundell

Chairperson

Sarah Culshaw

Secretary