

AGENDA
Joint Meeting for Dufferin County Section 10
POLICE SERVICES BOARD
(Hosted by Mulmur Township)

Friday, April 23, 2021
9:00 am – ZOOM Electronic Meeting

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1. Call to Order by the Mulmur Police Service Board Chair, Jeff Sedgwick

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. Approval of the Agenda

Draft Motion: THAT the Agenda for the Joint Police Service Board be approved as _____ (circulated/amended)

4. Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2020

3 Draft Motion: THAT the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Dufferin County Section 10 Police Services Board dated October 23, 2020 be approved.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. Presentations/Delegations - None

7. New Business (Discussion Items)

7.1. Welcome to new Inspector Terry Ward

7.2. Police Service Board Changes (Update – Insp. Terry Ward)

- 6 7.2.1 Letter from Solicitor General re: composition proposal
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7.3. Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Update

- 15 7.3.1. Dufferin Report to Committee, January 28, 2021
- 17 7.3.2. Letter from Solicitor General re: CSWB Plan

7.4. Traffic Dampening - Using Cut-outs of Various Images (Discussion - Mike Walker)

7.5. Towing By-law (Update – Karen Landry)

8. Correspondence (Information Items)

- 19 8.1. Ministry of the Attorney General – Letter dated December 8, 2020
Re: Expanding the Use of Certified Evidence in Provincial Offences Act Courts
- 21 8.2 Ontario Improving Safety and Enforcement for Towing Industry, March 2, 2021

Draft Motion: THAT the correspondence (Information) Items be received.

9. OPP Report

Draft Motion: THAT the Detachment Report verbal update from Inspector Terry Ward be received.

10. Other Business and Items for Future Meetings

11. Closed Session – None (Minutes from October 23, 2020 carried forward)

12. Confirm Proceedings

Draft Motion: THAT all actions of the Joint Police Services Board, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date, are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed, and that each motion, resolution, and other action taken by the Board members and officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

13. Adjourn/Next Meeting Date

Draft Motion: THAT the meeting of the Section 10 Joint Police Service Board adjourn at ____am/pm to meet again on October ____ 2021 at 9:00am and that such meeting is to be hosted by the Town of Mono.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE DUFFERIN COUNTY SECTION 10 POLICE SERVICES BOARDS
HOSTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
ELECTRONIC MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.**

Attendance

Amaranth - Bob Currie, Walter Kolodziechuk, Amie Zukowski, Nicole Martin
Grand Valley - Steve Soloman, Josh Hoskin, Meghan Townsend
Melancthon - Al Blundell, David Thwaites, Denise Holmes
Mono - John Creelman (leaving at 11:00 a.m. due to another commitment), Mike Walker, Wayne Evans
Mulmur - Ken Cufaro, Dennis Phillipson, Jeff Sedgwick, Tracey Atkinson
Orangeville - Sandy Brown (leaving at 11:00 a.m. due to another commitment)
OPP - Nicol Randall
Ministry of Solicitor General - Duane Sprague
Canadian Mental Health Association, Peel Dufferin Branch - Allison Yeatman
Dufferin Child and Family Services - Jennifer Moore

1. Call to Order

Melancthon Police Services Board Chair Al Blundell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mayor White, Mayor of Melancthon attended this portion of the meeting to bring greetings on behalf of Council and Staff and to welcome all in attendance to today's meeting.

2. Introductions

Chair Blundell invited those present to introduce themselves.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kolodziechuk, Seconded by Brown that the Agenda for the Joint Police Services Board be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. Adoption of Minutes - September 27, 2019

Moved by Kolodziechuk, Seconded by Thwaites that the minutes of the September 27, 2019 Joint Police Services Board meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Correspondence

1. Meeting Discussion Notes from July 8, 2020 Teleconference regarding a Tow Truck By-law

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Brown that the Meeting Discussion Notes from the July 8, 2020 Teleconference regarding a Tow Truck By-law be received as information. Carried.

8. Delegations:

1. **9:17 a.m. (Scheduled for 9:30 a.m.)** Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor, Operations Unit, External Relations Branch, Public Safety Division, Ministry of Solicitor General was in attendance and provided Board Member Training. This portion of the meeting was closed to the Public at the request of Mr. Sprague.

Moved by Brown, Seconded by Evans that in accordance with Section 35, subsection 4(b), of the *Police Services Act*, the Section 10 Joint Police Services Board move into a closed session meeting at 9:17 a.m. for Board Member Training.

Moved by Brown, Seconded by Currie that the Section 10 Joint Police Services Board now rise from Closed Session at 10:46 a.m. with no report.

Break until 11:00 a.m.

2. **11:00 a.m.** - Allison Yeatman, Program Manager with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Peel Dufferin Branch and Jennifer Moore, Executive Director with Dufferin Child and Family Services were in attendance and provided a PowerPoint Presentation which outlined the crisis services from both a Child/Youth lens, as well as an Adult lens. Ms. Yeatman and Ms. Moore also spoke about the collaborative crisis efforts in the community and how Dufferin Organizations coordinate to provide crisis support when an integrated response is required. Chair Blundell thanked Ms. Yeatman and Ms. Moore for their presentation.

9. OPP Report

Acting Inspector Nicol Randall provided a verbal update regarding operations in Dufferin, as well as activity related to criminal offences, POA charges, lack of traffic tickets, property offences and the Orangeville OPP Operations.

10. New Business/Additions (if any)

There was no new business or additions for this meeting.

11. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for this meeting.

12. Date and Location of Next Meeting

Meeting to be held on Friday, April 23rd, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and hosted by the Township of Mulmur. The type of meeting to be determined.

13. Confirm Proceedings

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Currie that all actions of the Joint Police Services Board, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed, and that each motion, resolution and other action taken by the Board members and officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Walker, Seconded by Currie that we now adjourn this meeting of the Section 10 Joint Police Services Board at 12:02 p.m. to meet again on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting to be hosted by Township of Mulmur. Carried.

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132-2021-404
By email

March 18, 2021

Dear Heads of Council and First Nations Chiefs:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA).

As you may remember, in February 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General conducted seven regional roundtable sessions across the province. Discussions at these sessions focused on new OPP-related regulatory requirements under the CSPA. Municipalities and First Nation communities receiving policing services from the OPP were invited to learn more about new OPP-related legislative and regulatory requirements and provide the ministry with feedback to inform the development of related regulatory proposals. In addition, we heard from many of you through various letters and engagement opportunities, including meetings with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario MOU Table and Rural Ontario Municipal Association about what you would like your new OPP detachment board to look like.

In response to your feedback, an OPP detachment board framework has been developed that we hope will provide municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from the OPP the flexibility to create a board that reflects your community and local needs.

Under this framework, municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from an OPP detachment are being asked to submit one proposal (per detachment) indicating the composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board.

Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment are asked to work together to determine the composition of their board(s) as well as the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the ministry. For example, after determining the composition of the detachment board(s), municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area may select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal.

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Proposals must meet base requirements set by the ministry, which include a minimum number of five members per board and a requirement that each board should be composed of 20% community representatives and 20% provincial appointees. To that end, municipalities and First Nations are not required at this time to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board. Rather, you are only asked to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.

To streamline and support the proposal process, the ministry has developed a digital form that can be accessed using the link included [here](#).

The ministry will work with municipalities and First Nations to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support you in submitting a completed proposal. If, however, a proposal still does not meet the minimum requirements, or a proposal is not submitted and/or if no consensus is reached on the composition of the board then the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Completed proposals are to be submitted to the ministry by **Monday, June 7, 2021**.

We recognize the significant implications that the current COVID-19 emergency has had on municipalities and First Nations across the province. To this end, in addition to the written supporting material attached here, we are also pleased to work with you directly through virtual information sessions.

If you have questions related to OPP detachment boards under the CSPA, please contact Sarah Caldwell, Director of Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy, at sarah.caldwell@ontario.ca. If you have questions about the proposal process or would be interested in a virtual information session, please contact Joanna Reading, Senior Policy Advisor, at joanna.reading@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

Enclosures

c: Chief Administrative Officers

Municipal Clerks



CONTEXT

- Ontario passed the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* (Bill 68) and established the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) which, once in force, will repeal the *Police Services Act, 1990* (PSA).
- Section 67 of the CSPA requires there be **an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board, or more than one OPP detachment board**, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nation community.
- The Ministry is required to develop a regulation related to the composition of each OPP detachment board. To achieve this, the ministry has developed an “OPP Detachment Board Framework”.



FRAMEWORK

- The new **OPP Detachment Board Framework** will provide civilian governance to 326 municipalities and 43 First Nations including those that:
 - Are directly policed by the OPP;
 - Employ their own First Nations Constables but receive administrative support from the OPP; and
 - Receive “OPP Dedicated” policing (i.e. North Caribou Lake and Wapekeka First Nation).
- By enhancing civilian governance, the **OPP Detachment Board Framework** under the CSPA will:
 - Ensure each municipality and First Nation receiving OPP services and supports has an opportunity to represent their local perspectives, needs, and priorities; and
 - Provide opportunities for municipalities and First Nations to collaborate on efforts to improve community safety.

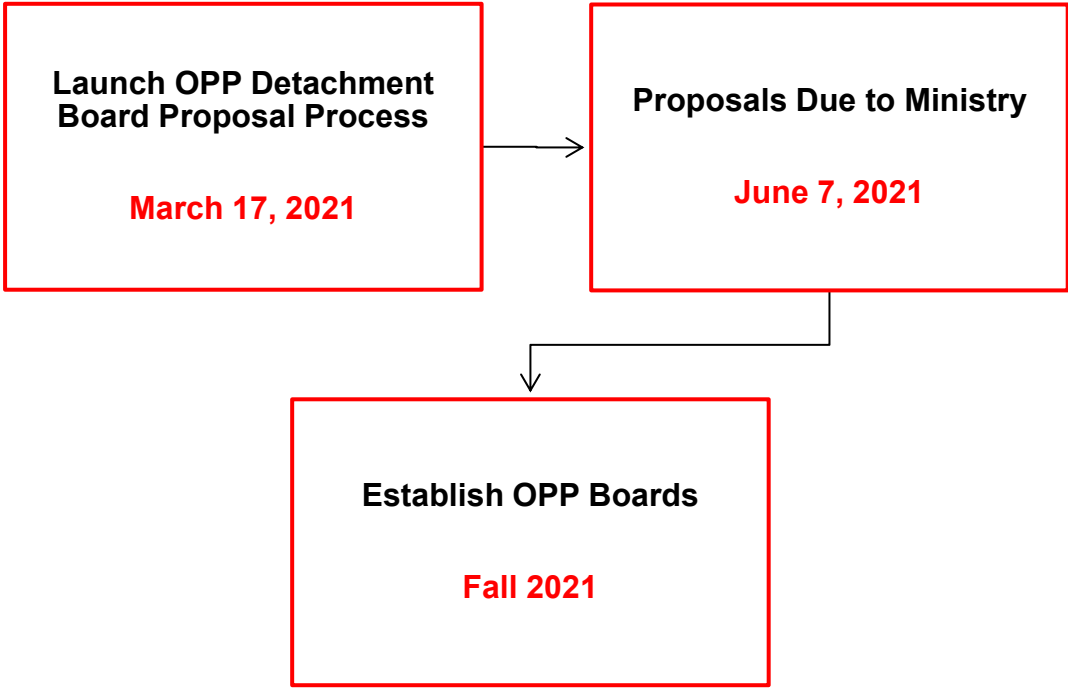


PROCESS

- To ensure the objectives of the **OPP Detachment Board Framework** are met, the ministry has developed a flexible approach that allows municipalities and First Nations to determine the preferred composition of their detachment board(s) by submitting a proposal using a digital form provided by the ministry.
 - Link to Digital Form: [OPP Board Proposal Form](#)
- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment will be required to work together to develop and submit **one proposal** indicating the composition of their board(s). The proposal must meet the minimum composition requirements established by the ministry (**See Page 2 & Qs and As**).
- Municipalities and First Nations will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board but will be required to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.
- The ministry will work with each municipality and First Nation to obtain outstanding information and provide support to ensure each detachment submits a completed proposal. However, a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements set by the ministry or a proposal is not submitted, and/or if a detachment is unable to come to a consensus, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board(s).
- The ministry is offering virtual information sessions for municipalities and First Nation communities to address outstanding questions and clarify concerns related to the proposal requirements and process, upon request.



TIMELINES



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OPP DETACHMENT BOARD COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Size	5 members
Maximum Size	None
Community Representatives	20% Community Representation Province to appoint community representative(s) if municipal council/band council fail to appoint representatives by joint resolution.
Provincial Appointments	20% Provincial Appointees



CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information/OPP Detachment Board Proposal Process	Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch Joanna Reading (Joanna.Reading@ontario.ca)
Civilian Governance Options for First Nations	Indigenous Engagement Unit Ashley O’Connell (Ashley.OConnell@ontario.ca)

Q1: What are the key differences between the section 10 board framework under the *Police Services Act* (1990) (PSA) and OPP detachment board framework under the *Community Safety Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA)?

A1:

- The OPP currently polices 326 municipalities. Of these, only those under a section 10 agreement have access to civilian governance. This means there are 178 municipalities that do not participate on a board and as a result do not have access to civilian governance.
- Under the CSPA, all municipalities receiving OPP policing services will have the opportunity to participate on an OPP detachment board.
- In terms of the roles and responsibilities of board members, the role of OPP detachment boards will include additional responsibilities not required for section 10 boards under the PSA (1990) such as:
 - o considering any community safety and well-being plan adopted by a municipality that receives policing from the detachment;
 - o establishing local policies, in consultation with the detachment commander, with respect to policing in the area receiving policing from the detachment; and
 - o ensuring local action plans prepared by the detachment commander address the objectives and priorities determined by the board.
- Under the CSPA, OPP detachment board members will be required to:
 - o consult with the OPP Commissioner on the selection of a detachment commander;
 - o monitor the performance of the detachment commander; and
 - o provide an annual report to the municipalities and band councils served by the OPP.
- OPP detachment boards will also provide a venue for the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area to coordinate and collaborate on strategies to address common issues that is not present under the PSA.

Q2: What does the transition to the new OPP detachment board framework mean for municipalities and First Nations currently receiving policing services by the OPP?

A2:

- Until the Act comes into force, the ministry will continue to renew section 10 agreements that are set to expire in 2021.
- However once the CSPA comes into force all existing section 10 agreements will be terminated, and Section 10 boards will be dissolved.
- To do this, the ministry is committed to providing sufficient time and adequate supports to municipalities currently participating on a Section 10 board or, in the case of municipalities that receive OPP policing without a formal agreement/contract (i.e. Section 5.1 municipality), a Community Policing Advisory Committees (CPAC) as they dissolve their current board structures and transition to the new OPP detachment board model.

Q3: When will the CSPA come into force?

A3:

- The ministry is working towards the act being proclaimed in early 2022.

Q4: Which municipalities and First Nations are included in the OPP detachment board framework?

A4:

- The OPP detachment board framework provides civilian governance to the municipalities and First Nations receiving policing from OPP detachments.
- More specifically, the framework includes 326 municipalities currently policed by the OPP.
- The First Nations included in this framework include the 43 First Nations that:
 - o are directly policed by the OPP (i.e., zone policing without a funding agreement);
 - o employ their own First Nations Constables but receive administrative support from the OPP (i.e., “OPP-Administered” policing under the Federal First Nations Policing Program (FNPP)); and
 - o receive “OPP-Dedicated” policing (i.e. Stream Two agreements under the FNPP).

Q5: What role will municipalities and First Nations have with respect to the OPP Detachment Board proposal process?

A5:

- Municipalities and First Nations in each OPP detachment area will be required to submit one proposal indicating the composition of their board and the rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board, if multiple boards are being recommended..
- The ministry will only accept one proposal per detachment.
- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment will be required to work together and determine the approach for developing and submitting their proposal to the ministry.
 - o For example, after determining the composition of the detachment board(s), the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment may select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal.

Q6: What information is the ministry requesting in the proposal form?**A6:**

- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area will be required to submit a proposal indicating the composition of their board(s).
- Municipalities and First Nations will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board. Rather, they will be required to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.
- If a municipality and/or First Nation chooses not to participate on a detachment board and forfeits their seat, they will be required to indicate this in the proposal.

Q7: Factors to consider when requesting more than one detachment board.**A7:**

- The CSPA allows an OPP detachment to establish one, or more than one, OPP detachment board.
- Detachments that are considering requesting more than one detachment board should consider factors such as:
 - o Geography (e.g. distance between municipalities and First Nations);
 - o Variations in population size and;
 - o The number of municipalities and First Nations within an OPP detachment; and
 - o Service demands (e.g. calls for service).
- However, if proposing more than one OPP detachment board, municipalities and First Nations should also consider challenges associated with recruiting board members (e.g. inability to fill vacancies) and the costs associated with operating additional boards.

Q8: Will municipalities/First Nations that are receiving policing and/or supports and services by two OPP detachments be allowed to participate on both OPP detachment boards?**A8:**

- Yes. Municipalities and First Nations that are receiving policing and/or supports and services by two OPP detachments can participate on both OPP detachment boards, or can choose to participate on only one OPP detachment board.
- Representation must be determined in collaboration with the other municipalities and First Nations within the OPP detachment, as a consensus on the composition of the OPP detachment board is required.
- Municipalities that wish to be represented on both OPP detachment boards will be required to cover the costs associated with participating on two boards (i.e. operational costs).

Q9: What is considered a “completed” proposal?**A9:**

- Each detachment will be required to complete one proposal using the digital form provided by the ministry. The link to the digital form can be found here: [Ontario Provincial Police Board \(OPP\) Proposal Form](#).
- A completed proposal must be submitted using the digital form provided by the ministry and meet the minimum composition requirements provided by the ministry.
- The ministry will work with each detachment to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support them in submitting a completed proposal.
- If however in the end if a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements set by the ministry or a proposal is not submitted, and/or if a detachment is unable to come to a consensus, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Q10: What support will the ministry provide municipalities and First Nations throughout the OPP detachment board proposal process?**A10:**

- Virtual information sessions, led by the ministry, will be made available upon request for municipalities and First Nation communities to address outstanding questions and clarify concerns related to the proposal requirements and process.
- If your detachment is interested in a virtual information session, or have other inquiries related to the OPP detachment board proposal process, please forward your request to the ministry to Joanna Reading via email at Joanna.Reading@ontario.ca.

Q11: What is the purpose of provincial appointments on OPP Detachment Boards?**A11:**

- Provincial appointees will provide advice to the board as public representatives whose appointments are independent of municipal/band councils.
- However, to ensure members of the detachment board are reflective of the communities they serve, the municipalities/First Nation Chief and Councils will have the ability to nominate individuals for consideration as provincial appointees.

Q12: Will the government address the current backlog in provincial appointments?**A12:**

- We know there are concerns related to the number of vacant provincial appointments and the length of time these appointments remain unfilled.
- We have made significant progress in reducing the backlog of provincial appointments. Since our government took office in 2018, we have filled approximately 124 provincial appointment vacancies on section 10 boards.
- We will continue to work with municipalities and First Nations to ensure provincial appointees are recruited and appointed in a timely manner.

Q13: Why are First Nations with Self-Administered Police Services not included in the OPP detachment board framework?**A13:**

- First Nations that receive policing from a Self-Administered First Nation Police Service (SA FNPS) are not included in the OPP detachment board framework as they are already represented on boards and/or have their own police governing authorities.
In addition, SA FNPS boards have existing relationships and alternate methods to communicate their input to the OPP with respect to supports and services the OPP provides to their communities.

Q14: Are there other civilian governance options for First Nation communities that are captured within the OPP detachment board framework?**A14:**

- As an alternative to participating on an OPP Detachment board, under the CSPA First Nations have the option to request to form a First Nation OPP Board.
- Where a First Nation or multiple First Nations has entered into an agreement with the Minister for the provision of policing and other specified services by the Commissioner, the First Nation(s) may request that the Minister constitute a First Nation OPP board.
- A First Nation OPP board would perform similar functions and responsibilities as an OPP Detachment board by providing advice and oversight over the policing services provided by the OPP to a First Nation community or communities.
 - o This includes determining objectives and priorities, supporting development of the strategic plan, and advising the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided to a First Nation community or communities.
 - o A First Nation OPP board could also establish local policies, in consultation with the OPP, with respect to the detachment's provision of policing.
- Please contact Ashley O'Connell, Indigenous Engagement Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General at Ashley.OConnell@ontario.ca for more information on requesting a First Nation OPP Board.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Q15: What training will OPP detachment board members be required to complete?****A15:**

- Members cannot perform their duties or exercise any of their powers until they have successfully completed the training identified in the CSPA.
- More specifically, like all other boards and councils governed under the CSPA, OPP detachment board members will be required to successfully complete training with respect to:
 - o human rights and systemic racism;
 - o the diverse, multiracial and multicultural character of Ontario society;
 - o the rights and cultures of Indigenous peoples; and
 - o any other training prescribed by the Solicitor General.

Q16: Will municipalities be able to request enhanced OPP policing services (e.g., beyond basic “adequate and effective” policing) under the CSPA?**A16:**

- Under the CSPA, municipalities that receive policing from the OPP may enter into agreements for enhanced policing services.
- Municipalities will continue to be responsible for funding and implementing enhancements.

Q17: Once the CSPA is in force, will municipalities within a detachment receive one billing statement (i.e., a single invoice for the entire detachment)?**A17:**

- There will be no substantive changes to the billing process.
- Municipalities will continue to be billed individually.

Q18: Will there be an opportunity to provide additional feedback on other OPP-related matters for regulation?

A18:

- All OPP-related matters for regulation will be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for public comment.

From: [SOLGENinput](#)
Subject: Invitation to Virtual Information Session - OPP Detachment Board Proposal Process
Date: April 12, 2021 11:29:47 AM
Attachments: [Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones Solicitor General](#)[Lettre de l'honorable Sylvia Jones Solliciteure Générale.msg](#)

Dear Heads of Council:

Following on the email sent to all OPP-policed municipalities and First Nation communities on March 18, 2021 (attached) regarding the proposal submission process for OPP detachment boards, we have scheduled general virtual information sessions on the following dates:

1. Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – 10:30 to 11:30 PM (EDT)
2. Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (EDT)

These meetings will be held via Zoom.

In order to ensure the best virtual experience and minimize any technical issues, we ask that all attendees pre-register by response to this email, indicating:

- Name and title
- Municipality/detachment you are representing
- Preferred date

Zoom coordinates will be provided prior to the session.

Although there will be a brief re-cap of the proposal submission process at the start of the meeting, we ask that all attendees review the information package prior to the meeting. The information session will primarily be an open forum for questions related to the proposal submission process.

Thank you,

Ministry of the Solicitor General

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REPORT TO COMMITTEE

To: Chair Ryan and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

From: Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: January 28, 2021

Subject: **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update 2**

In Support of Strategic Plan Priorities and Objectives:

Good Governance - ensure transparency, clear communication, prudent financial management

Inclusive and Supportive Community – support efforts to address current and future needs for a livable community

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the Dufferin Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Background and Discussion

The Provincial Government enacted legislation through the Comprehensive Police Services Act (2019), requiring municipal governments to adopt Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) plans. The legislation stated every municipal council was required to develop and adopt these plans by working in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee, effective January 1, 2019 and to be completed by January 1, 2021.

The County of Dufferin was recognised as the lead for the coordination and development of the Dufferin CSWB Plan, as detailed in report CS 2019-08-22 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The County engaged Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit to be the consultant to complete the Dufferin CSWB Plan. Details can be found in report CS 2019-11-28 Single Source Consultant – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Work began in January 2020.

On April 14, 2020 the Provincial government passed the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020. This amended the Police Services Act to allow the Solicitor General to prescribe a new deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans after January 1, 2021. At that time no new deadline was established.

In September 2020 there was a change of consultant, when Public Health realigned their resources to deal with the pandemic. Details can be found in report CS 2020-09-24 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update.

The Provincial government recognized the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for communities across Ontario and on December 24, 2020 the Provincial government advised municipalities the new deadline was July 1, 2021.

Despite the unforeseen challenges the pandemic created, Dufferin has continued to move forward with work on the plan. The advisory committee has met several times and is currently reviewing survey data gathered from the general public and local community partners. Once this has been reviewed, with local demographic and service data, the advisory committee will decide how to build the physical plan and will identify strategic partners for the design and implementation of the plan. Many of the agencies who are part of the advisory committee will also be strategic partners in the design and implementation stages. The advisory committee anticipate no issue with the new deadline.

Financial, Staffing, Legal, or IT Considerations

The costs for the development of a County wide CSWB plan were covered by the Rate Stabilization Reserve from the 2020 budget. There have been no funding announcements to support the implementation of the plans.

Recommendation

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, dated January 28, 2021, titled Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update 2, be received.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Anna McGregor
Director, Community Services

Attachment – Correspondence from Solicitor General

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132-2020-5553

By email

December 24, 2020

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

As you know, on January 1, 2019, amendments to the *Police Services Act* (PSA) came into force which mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan, working in partnership with police services/boards and various other sectors, including health/mental health, education, community/social services, and children/youth services. As previously communicated, municipalities originally had two years from the in-force date to prepare and adopt their first CSWB plan (i.e., by January 1, 2021).

The government recognizes that the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for communities across Ontario. Over the past several months, we have heard from municipal partners that resources have been redirected to the pandemic response and, as a result, some have experienced delays in their CSWB planning and engagement processes.

In an effort to support municipal, policing and community partners during the emergency, on April 14, 2020, the government passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, which amended the PSA to allow the Solicitor General to prescribe a new deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans post January 1, 2021. This amendment came into force immediately upon Royal Assent.

I would like to inform you that the new deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan is now July 1, 2021. This extension provides municipalities with an additional six months to complete their plans.

This change will ensure municipalities, police services and local service providers can continue to dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to COVID-19, while also providing adequate time to effectively undertake consultations, work collaboratively with multi-sectoral partners, and meet the legislative requirements to develop meaningful and effective CSWB plans.

Community partners continue to underscore the importance and need for this type of holistic planning that addresses crime and complex social issues on a long-term, sustainable basis and improves the safety and well-being of Ontario communities.

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Despite the unforeseen challenges that the pandemic has created, it is encouraging to see municipalities across the province persevere and make significant progress on their CSWB plans through innovative and forward-thinking approaches.

I greatly appreciate your on-going support as we move forward on this modernized approach to CSWB together. Through collaboration, we will continue to build safer and stronger communities in Ontario.

Lastly, if municipalities have any questions about CSWB planning, please direct them to ministry staff, Tiana Biordi, Community Safety Analyst, at Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

December 8, 2020

Municipal Chief Administrative Officers:

Re: Expanding the Use of Certified Evidence in *Provincial Offences Act* Courts

Bill 177, the Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2017, introduced amendments to the Provincial Offences Act (POA) aimed at modernizing and streamlining POA court processes.

I am pleased to advise that, effective December 14, 2020, amendments to s. 48.1, which provides for the use of certified evidence in POA proceedings, will come into force through an Order in Council. Certified evidence includes written statements in a document that are certified or sworn to be true by the person signing the document.

Currently, the POA permits a certified statement in a certificate of offence or in a certificate of parking infraction, as well as other prescribed types of certified evidence, to be admitted in evidence as proof of the facts certified in it. However, these certified statements may not be relied upon as evidence for offences such as speeding and any offence under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) that carries demerit points.

Beginning December 14, s. 48.1 of the POA will apply to all proceedings commenced under Part I and Part II of the POA where a set fine has been specified for the offence or that are otherwise prescribed by regulation, and so now will include speeding and other HTA offences that attract demerit points. The Ministry is not proposing to prescribe any other types of certified evidence or offences by regulation at this time.

Certified statements, when relied upon by the prosecution, would reduce the need for the person who certifies the contents of the document to be true, including enforcement officers, to appear in court and give oral testimony. Expanding the availability of certified evidence is a key part of the Ministry's efforts to streamline POA court processes and enable more efficient use of court and enforcement resources.

Thank you for your continued co-operation as we work together to identify new and innovative ways of making the POA justice system more efficient, responsive, and accessible. I look forward to continuing our collaboration to implement the remaining Bill 177 reforms to further streamline and modernize POA processes.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on this initiative, please contact Wendy Chen, Acting Manager of the Ministry's POA Unit, at JUS.G.MAG.POASupport@ontario.ca or (437) 244-8733.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Corbett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Corbett" clearly distinguishable.

David Corbett
Deputy Attorney General

News Release

Ontario Improving Safety and Enforcement for Towing Industry

March 2, 2021

Province to Launch Joint Forces Operation Team and Tow Zone Pilot

TORONTO - The Ontario government is making our roads and highways safer by launching a Joint Forces Operation team to address violence in the towing industry and introducing a tow zone pilot on designated sections of provincial highways. Ontario's provincial towing task force has also recommended additional actions to better protect customers and improve towing industry safety, including establishing an oversight model of the towing and storage industry, exploring licencing for tow truck drivers, and introducing clearer equipment standards.

"The ongoing violence in the towing industry is unacceptable, which is why our government is taking action to make the towing industry safer through strengthened oversight and standards," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "Ontario's towing industry is a vital service on our roads and highways every day, and these actions will help to improve safety for all drivers."

Based on [recommendations](#) from the provincial towing task force established last year, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and municipal police services will form a Joint Forces Operation team to investigate criminal activity in the towing industry with the goal of enhancing consumer protection and public safety. The province will also launch the first phase of a [pilot](#) that would introduce restricted tow zones on designated sections of provincial highways to help clear highways faster and safer.

"As part of our government's plan to improve oversight of the towing industry, we are forming a Joint Forces Operation team led by the OPP and municipal police services to shutdown criminal activity in the towing industry that puts Ontarians in danger on our roadsides," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "This operation will root out criminals and ensure that decisive actions can take place to address incidents of violence in the towing industry."

In response to the recommendations of the task force, the province intends to propose legislation that would, if passed, enhance standards and improve safety. The province is also forming a new technical advisory group made up of representatives from towing companies, consumer advisory groups, automobile insurance companies, municipalities, and law enforcement organizations.

"We are thrilled to see the results of the provincial towing task force, including the introduction of a tow zone pilot that will provide faster and safer towing services to truck drivers travelling on some of Ontario's busiest highways," said Geoffrey Wood, Senior Vice President, Ontario Trucking Association. "With the

introduction of this tow zone pilot, truck drivers in the Greater Toronto Area will see benefits such as faster service and standard rates for towing services."

"We commend the Ontario government for developing a plan to increase safety and oversight for the towing industry that responds to the needs of the industry," said Mark Graves, President of the Provincial Towing Association of Ontario. "Today's announcement is a positive step towards consistent oversight and improved safety for Ontario's tow truck drivers who work hard every day to provide professional service to drivers on roads and highways across the province."

QUICK FACTS

- In June 2020, the province established [a towing task force](#) to increase safety and enforcement, clarify protections for customers, improve industry standards and consider tougher penalties for violators in response to concerns about violence and criminal activity in the industry.
- The task force included representatives from the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, the Ministry of Finance, the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police.
- The findings are based on consultation with more than 70 stakeholders in the towing, consumer, automobile insurance, municipal and law enforcement sectors.
- From December 11, 2020 to January 15, 2021, Ontario released a [survey](#) to gather feedback from the public on their experiences with the towing industry.