

**JOINT MEETING OF THE DUFFERIN COUNTY SECTION 10  
POLICE SERVICES BOARDS (“Joint Meeting”)<sup>1</sup>  
(Hosted by Shelburne Police Services Board)**

**Location:** Electronic Participation conducted Online via Zoom

Meeting ID: 816 4908 3054

**Date / Time:** Friday, April, 22 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda**

**1. Call to Order by Chair Fazackerley of the Shelburne Police Services Board**

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

**2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation:

Motion that the Agenda for the April 22, 2022 Joint Meeting be approved [as amended].

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#### **4. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Joint Meeting**

Recommendation:

Motion that the minutes of the October 22, 2021 Joint Meeting be received and approved.

#### **5. Children Traffic Dampening Signs – Update (Chair Fazackerley to lead discussion)**

Recommendation:

Future follow up.

#### **6. Towing By-Law – Update (Chair Fazackerley and PC Roach to lead discussion and report)**

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received.

#### **7. POA Matters – Update – Letter to A.G. Doug Downey – Mono/Caledon (Chair Fazackerley and Mayor John Creelman to lead discussion and report)**

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received.

#### **8. Police Services Board Composition – Update (Chair Fazackerley and Duane Sprague, Police Services Advisor, to lead discussion)**

#### **9. Community Watch Program (Chair Fazackerley and PC Roach to lead discussion)**

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received and future follow up.

## **10. Other Business and Items for Future Joint Meetings**

## **11. Confirm Proceedings**

Motion that, subject the scope of the authority of Joint Meeting participants, all actions taken at the Joint Meeting with respect to every matter addressed and/or approved on the above date, are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed, and that each motion, resolution, and other action taken at the Joint Meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

## **12. In-Camera Session**

None

## **13. Adjournment**

Recommendation:

That the meeting be adjourned at [enter time].

Confirmation of next regular meeting is October 21, 2022 at 9:00am.

# **MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE DUFFERIN COUNTY SECTION 10 POLICE SERVICES BOARDS (“Joint Meeting”)<sup>1</sup>**

**(Hosted by Orangeville Police Services Board)**

**Location:** Electronic Participation conducted Online via Microsoft Teams

**Conference ID: 985 600 498# Telephone No: +1 437-703-4638**

Date / Time: Friday, October, 22 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Todd Taylor – Chair Orangeville  
Heather Asling – Orangeville  
Alan Blundell - Melancthon  
Sarah Culshaw -  
Ken Cufaro -  
John Creelman – Mono  
Wayne Evans – Mono  
Mike Fazackerley – Shelburne  
Josh Hoskin –  
Ken Krakar – Orangeville  
Nicole Martin – Amaranth  
Ian McSweeney – Vice-Chair Orangeville  
Jennifer Roach – Dufferin OPP  
Mary Rose – Orangeville  
Mike Stoddart – OPP Superintendent  
Meghan Townsend – Grand Valley  
Mike Walker – Mono  
Terry Ward – Dufferin OPP  
Darryn White – Melancthon

## **Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order by Chair Taylor of the Orangeville Police Services Board**

- 1.1 Welcome and Introduction - The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Taylor

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## **2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

None

## **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation:

Motion that the Agenda for the October 22, 2021 Joint Meeting be approved.

Moved by A. Blundell

Seconded by M. Walker

All in favour

Carried.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Joint Meeting**

Recommendation:

Motion that the minutes of the April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting be received and approved.

Moved by: D. White

Seconded by: W. Evans

All in favour

Carried.

## **5. Children Traffic Dampening Signs (Chair Taylor to lead discussion)**

At the April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting, traffic calming initiatives including signage depicting young children were discussed. This discussion will be continued including possible next steps for traffic calming measures throughout the county.

A. Blundell advised that the Melanchthon township proceeded with the project and purchased 4 child image signs and distributed them throughout the Township. The signs are double-sided and the purchase price was \$300 per unit.

I. McSweeney inquired about the images that were used and sourcing for the children. He noted the impact that these signs have on drivers.

A. Blundell advised that the images were provided by the sign manufacturer as stock images.

Chair Taylor inquired about the thoughts and opinions that the OPP have on these signs. Inspector Ward advised that any type of traffic calming measures are support by the OPP.

M. Walker inquired about the potential for having the signs sponsored by local business persons. D. White advised that the signs were purchased by a local sign manufacturer.

Chair Taylor inquired about the potential of a group purchase for cost savings. Mary Rose inquired about the location of the signs and their proximity to schools.

Recommendation:

Motion to receive the information.

Moved by K. Cufaro

Seconded by M. Rose

All in favour

Carried.

## **6. Towing – OPP internal plans for arrival at the scene (Chair Taylor and Inspector Ward to lead discussion and report)**

At the April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting, attending Police Services Boards representatives discussed licensing and regulation of tow trucks within Dufferin County. Inspector Ward will advise the Joint Meeting on the internal strategies for the OPP when tow trucks are utilized at collisions.

Regional OPP Superintendent Mike Stoddart provided a high-level overview of his job responsibilities and oversights. He noted that he has considerable experience with the towing industry from his previous role with the OPP. He introduced OPP Officer and Community Liaison, Jennifer Roach of the Shelburne OPP attended the meeting to speak about towing in the county. She noted that there has been an escalation of criminal activity within the towing industry.

Since June of 2020 the OPP have participated in a multi-agency task force to ensure safe and ethical towing and storage services. This will also ensure there is an equitable distribution of requests for towing services. Officer Roach outlined the program requirements for towing operators within the county related to the towing drivers as well as insurances held by the organization. These requirements include a criminal background check and the OPP on scene will check each towing operator on scene for any outstanding criminal matters. The application package for towing operators are due to the Orangeville Police detachment on November 1, 2021 for the 2022 calendar year.

The OPP will conduct safety inspections of the vehicles used for the tows. All vehicles must be released with the approval of the OPP.

Chair Taylor inquired as to how the impound locations will be used around the county.

Inspector Ward noted that it will take some time for all participants to adjust to the new system and that it will be much safer for all involved.

The OPP is transitioning to a new encrypted radio system that will prevent scanning of their radio frequencies; this will prevent “chasing” by tow truck drivers.

Chair Taylor will inquire about the status of the Towing Bylaw forthcoming from the Town of Orangeville Clerk’s department.

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received.

Moved by I. McSweeney

Seconded by M. Walker

All in favour

Carried.

## **7. Information Update from Inspector Ward – New Traffic Division**

Detachment Commander Inspector Ward advised the Joint Meeting on the progress of the new traffic division within the Dufferin County OPP.

Inspector Ward introduced the new traffic enforcement division in Dufferin County. He noted that it is a small unit of 3 officers that will be trained at will assist with identifying, educating and enforcement where the traffic difficulties are.

He informed the group about the community crimes unit. Recently a large drug ring was thwarted with a large drug bust. The group discussed the amount of public pressure with traffic concerns.

Recommendation:

Motion that the report be received.

Moved by A.Blundell

Seconded by M. Rose

All in favour

Carried.

**8. Police Services Board Composition (originally proposed by Grand Valley) -  
The Joint Meeting will review and discuss information received since the  
April 23, 2021 Joint Meeting.**

Chair Taylor noted that not all Boards in the County submitted proposals to SOLGEN. The anticipated forthcoming decision from SOLGEN will determine the composition and amalgamation of Boards.

Recommendation:

Motion that the information be received.

Moved by: J. Hoskin

Seconded by 2. Evans

All in favour

Carried.

**9. Other Business and Items for Future Joint Meetings**

None

**10. Confirm Proceedings**

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Moved by: M. Rose

Seconded by: M. Fazackerley

All in favour

Carried.

**11. In-Camera Session**

None

## 12. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Shelburne will host the next meeting on April 22, 2022.

Moved by: M. Walker

Seconded by: A. Blundell

All in favour

Carried.

January 7, 2022

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 720 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Minister,

We, the Mayors of the Town of Caledon and the Town of Mono, respectfully submit this joint letter to provide you with our municipal perspectives, outline our unique challenges and frustrations, and also to propose solutions that would mitigate the serious issues facing our provincial offence courts in Dufferin and Caledon.

Municipal resources are being exhausted and pushed beyond capacity and the implications are profound. The information we share below clearly indicates that the Caledon/Dufferin POA Courts are in a crisis. We are not alone in the Province nor are the problems described here solely attributable to COVID 19.

The critical challenges are:

***Last minute cancellations due to a lack of judicial resources***

This is resulting in a negative and compounding administrative impact to case management. As example, between September 10<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> there were 3,038 docket lines cancelled and rescheduled. This one example equates to 26 closed court days.

A related frustration is that early resolution dockets are often cancelled, with the next available return date being in June pushing some matter 12 months before they are able to have an early resolution. Matters requesting trials are being scheduled up to 24+ months out.

Another troubling result of this issue is the capital and operating costs to run a court are essentially wasted when we are forced to reschedule due to lack of, or cancellation of, judicial resources. We have provided the courtroom and technology, the court clerks and prosecutors, and notified all the defendants, only to repeatedly cancel.

***Reduction of Judicial availability for administrative functions such as swearing of informations, issuing of summons and review of applications***

This is creating an enormous backlog and, in some cases, has resulted in the swearing of informations occurring *after* an appearance date causing inconvenience to defendants and the need to re-issue summonses with attendant multiple, unproductive court attendances.

Outlined below are some possible solutions that from our perspective would mitigate these issues.

- Assign Justices of the Peace to POA courts either in person or virtually. This should entail total mobility for all justices of the peace regardless of region.
- There are currently over 80 per diem justices of the peace and they should be utilized to the fullest. Exemption from their presiding 'cap', something allowed for, should be considered to address backlog. Per diem justices of the peace willing to accept POA assignments would go a long way to addressing backlog.
- Allow e-Hub access for POA court matters immediately, for the swearing of informations and issuing of summons to start addressing the timeliness of judicial administrative functions and paperwork.
- Launch early resolution, trial and paperwork blitzes to address backlog. Make judicial dependant paperwork a mandatory part of court assignments.
- Use your legislative authority as Attorney General to fast track section 11 of the POA to proclaim the re-opening amendments and, amend the early resolution process in section 5 of the PA to permit the clerk of the court to enter convictions.
- Together with the Ontario Court of Justice, commit to convening a 'Justice Summit' on POA where all stakeholders can address the considerable issues facing our courts.

Minister, it is not inconceivable that hundreds if not thousands of serious charges are at risk of being withdrawn either by prosecutors or as the result of a court ruling on 11b of the Charter as it applies to old POA cases.

We are very willing to be part of the solution and welcome a further conversation with you or your staff on how we can work together. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Mayor John Creelman  
Town of Mong



Mayor Allan Thompson  
Town of Caledon

Copy to:

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin Caledon

The Honourable Lise Maisonneuve, Chief Justice, Ontario Court of Justice

The Honourable Paul R. Currie, Regional Senior Justice, Central West Judicial District

Her Worship Marsha Farnand, Regional Senior Justice of the Peace





## COMMUNITY WATCH

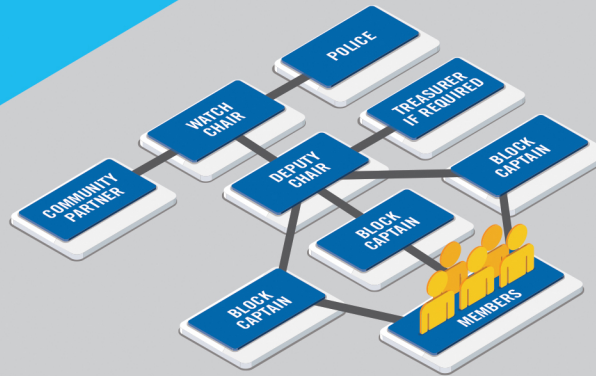


### WHO CAN BE INVOLVED

- You and your neighbours
- Local police
- Your Municipality

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Contact your local police service for resources and information



### WHAT IT'S NOT

- Not a vigilante group (Citizens on Patrol)
- Not a “nosy neighbour” gossip group
- Not block parent
- Not a lot of meetings



Community based crime prevention that increases community safety by inspiring residents to look out for their neighbour, and their neighbour's property.

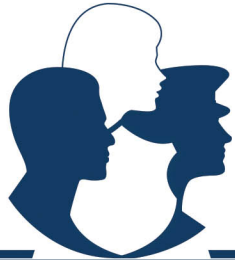
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### WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

- Help reduce crime in your community
- Learn basic crime prevention principles and techniques
- Get to know your neighbours and other community agencies
- Learn how to identify abnormal activity in your neighbourhood
- How to effectively report this activity
- Enrich the fabric of your community
- Create a safer, more welcoming community

### WHAT IS REQUIRED OF MEMBERS?

- Learn about crime prevention
- Be observant
- Call police when necessary
- Get to know your neighbours
- Attend training or view it on-line
- Make small contribution to cover cost of signage



## SURVEILLANCE DE QUARTIER

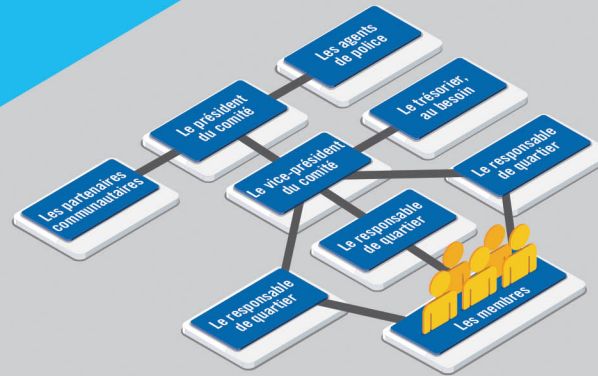


### QUI PEUT PARTICIPER

- Vous et vos voisins.
- Le service de police local.
- La municipalité.

### COMMENT PARTICIPER

- Communiquez avec votre service de police pour en savoir plus et connaître les ressources à votre disposition.



### CE QUE CE COMITÉ N'EST PAS

- Un groupe d'autodéfense (Citizens on Patrol).
- Un groupe de curieux ou de commères.
- Un groupe de type « Parent-secours ».
- Un groupe qui tient beaucoup de réunions.



Les comités de surveillance de quartier visent la prévention du crime. Ils favorisent la **sécurité communautaire** en incitant les résidents à veiller sur leurs voisins et sur les propriétés de leur quartier.

[www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)

### POURQUOI PARTICIPER ?

- Pour contribuer à la réduction de la criminalité dans votre quartier.
- Pour connaître les principes et techniques de base de la prévention du crime.
- Pour apprendre à connaître vos voisins et les organismes de votre quartier.
- Pour savoir reconnaître les activités suspectes dans votre quartier.
- Pour savoir comment signaler efficacement ces activités.
- Pour enrichir le tissu social de votre quartier.
- Pour rendre le quartier plus sécuritaire et accueillant.

### CE QUI SERA ATTENDU DE VOUS ?

- Approfondir vos connaissances sur la prévention du crime.
- Être observateur.
- Communiquer avec la police, au besoin.
- Faire connaissance avec vos voisins.
- Suivre la formation, en personne ou en ligne.
- Verser une petite contribution pour couvrir les frais d'affichage.