

MINUTES

Huron County OPP Detachment Board Meeting

10:00 AM – Friday, May 17, 2024

OPP Meeting Room – 325 Albert St., Clinton, ON

PRESENT: **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Goderich Mayor Trevor Bazinet (Virtual), Central Huron Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson, South Huron Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich, North Huron Councillor Anita van Hittersum, Bluewater Councillor Greg Lamport, and Huron East Councillor John Steffler

STAFF: OPP Detachment Commander Jason Younan, Central Huron CAO Steve Doherty, South Huron CAO Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Central Huron Executive Assistant Jillian Bjelan

REGRETS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 CAO Doherty called the meeting to order at 10:00am
CAO Doherty confirmed that he received all members' record checks and he requested that all members' forward a copy of their completed training.
- 1.2 Oath or Affirmation of Office for the elected officials appointed to the Board
All Committee Members performed their Oath or Affirmation of Office.
- 1.3 Nomination of Interim Appointment of Chair
CAO Doherty called for nominations for Interim Chair from the floor. Goderich Mayor Bazinet nominated South Huron Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich who accepted the nomination. CAO Doherty called for additional nominations. Seeing none, CAO Doherty declared the nominations closed and South Huron Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich's nomination was seconded by North Huron Councillor Anita Van Hittersum. No discussion occurred and all voted in favour making the motion to elect South Huron Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich Interim Chair of the Huron County Police Detachment Board unanimous.
- 1.4 Nomination of Interim Appointment of Deputy-Chair
CAO Doherty called for nominations for Interim Deputy Chair from the floor. North Huron Councillor Anita Van Hittersum nominated Central Huron Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson who accepted the nomination. CAO Doherty called for additional nominations. Seeing none, CAO Doherty declared the nominations closed and Central Huron Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson's nomination was seconded by South Huron Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich. No discussion occurred and all voted in favour making the motion to elect Central Huron Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson Interim Deputy Chair of the Huron County Police Detachment Board unanimous.
- 1.5 CAO Doherty transferred meeting to Interim Chair Jim Dietrich

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1. **Moved by Member Anderson, seconded by Member Van Hittersum**

That the agenda as prepared for the May 17, 2024 inaugural Huron County OPP Detachment Board be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NONE
4. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA – Not Applicable
5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Not Applicable
6. DEPUTATIONS - NONE
7. REPORTS

7.1. Status update on the Detachment Board process

CAO Doherty noted that there will be an online application form for municipal appointees and this form will be advertised publicly and circulated to all nine municipal lower-tiers for minimum of one month. CAO Doherty will receive all applications, review those who meet the recommendations from the Solicitor General, and provide a top ten for consideration and the top two selected appointees will be invited to the subsequent Board meeting to be appointed.

CAO Doherty expressed that he has received no information regarding who the provincial appointees will be. He further added that he is discussing insurance with the Solicitor General and will have a Terms of Reference and insurance for the next meeting.

CAO Doherty proposed that all Board appointees are paid by each municipality's remuneration policy and therefore covered by each municipality's insurance. He clarified that the legislation has no prescription for remuneration policy so long as each Council approves the Board's remuneration policy. He indicated that there may be different best practice such as harmonizing remuneration. CAO Doherty stated that the Board has no financial capability as it is an independent Board and municipalities have individual contracts with the OPP. He added that there is a variance in remuneration policies and thus the proposed solution was for each municipality to pay their own rates; to create a new remuneration policy each municipality would need to approve it at their respective Council. CAO Doherty highlighted that the insurance would work similarly where each municipality would provide coverage for their appointees, the administrator of the Board would cover the provincial and municipal appointees, and if the Administrator had a claim the cost would be equally shared amongst the municipalities with Board presentation and those without representation would have a split cost (i.e. seven parts, six would be covered by each represented municipality and the seventh would be shared between those without representation).

Deputy Chair Anderson voiced that each municipality should pay a fair share and not in seven parts. Chair Dietrich stated that the Board should have its own budget noting that the Board is not a Committee of Council. Deputy Chair Anderson agreed and noted that in various meetings and trainings it was discussed that the Board needs its own budget and website.

Chair Dietrich highlighted that he is attending the OAPSB conference and aims to gain insight on Boards and policies.

Moved by Member Lampport, seconded by Member Steffler

That the Board direct CAO Doherty to return with recommendations on remuneration.

Carried

- 7.2 OPP Detachment Commander and CSPA Impacts on OPP Reporting
OPP Detachment Commander Younan explained that the Detachment County Report will be representative of the entire County in which everything will link back to the CSPA and include reference to the local Community Safety and Wellbeing (CSWB) Plan, the OPP Strategic Plan (on a three-year cycle that dovetails the CSWB), and the local detachment action plan which has opportunities for municipalities to be included.

Commander Younan noted that there is an understanding from the OPP that the Board does have a budget and that there is room for considering to send Commanders to OASPB. He added that the OPP is happy to host meetings and that the Board could consider doing Officer appreciation to foster meaningful connections and relationships with the Officers.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chair Anderson mentioned that OAPSB is looking for a host for a fall meeting and inquired if Central Huron could host; Chair Dietrich advised to wait until there is budget and further Board clarification and perhaps in the future Central Huron could host.

10. NEXT MEETING

Chair Jim Dietrich will call the next meeting; the date is to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1. **Moved by Member Lampport, seconded by Member Anderson**

That this meeting adjourn at 11:07 AM.

Carried