

Huron OPP Detachment Board

Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Huron OPP Detachment Office
325 Albert Street, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0

Members Present: Marg Anderson, Vice Chair - Elected Official - Central Huron
Anita van Hittersum, Member - Elected Official - North Huron
Greg Lamport, Member - Elected Official - Bluewater
Jim Dietrich, Chair - Elected Official - South Huron
Trevor Bazinet, Member - Elected Official - Goderich
John Steffler, Member - Elected Official - Huron East
Dave Frayne, Member - Provincial Appointee
Jasmine Clark, Member - Community Representative
Jennette Walker, Member - Community Representative
Jared Petteplace, Member - Provincial Appointee

Staff Present: Stacey Jeffery, Administrator/Recording Secretary
A/Insp Ryan Olmstead, Huron OPP
Steve Doherty, Central Huron CAO

1. Call to Order

Administrator Jeffery called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Member Frayne nominated Member Dietrich for position of Chair. Member Anderson supported the election of Member Dietrich for position of Chair.

Member Steffler nominated Member Anderson for position of Vice Chair. Member Walker supported the election of Member Anderson for position of Vice Chair.

Administrator Jeffery asked Members two more times if there are any other nominations for position of Chair and Vice Chair.

No additional nominations were identified.

Motion: 01-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: MAnderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board elect Member Jim Dietrich as the Chair of the Huron OPP Detachment Board for 2025.

Disposition: Carried

Motion: 02-2025

Moved: JSteffler

Seconded: JWalker

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board elect Member Marg Anderson as the Vice Chair of the Board for 2025.

Disposition: Carried

3. Approval of Agenda

An addition of attachment related to item 7.1 was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Motion: 03-2025

Moved: AvanHittersum

Seconded: JSteffler

That Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the Agenda, as amended.

Disposition: Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

None noted.

5. Approval of Past Minutes

The following amendments were discussed:

- Addition of Member Walker to the meeting attendance; and
- Removal of "County" in the minute title.

No other revisions of the minutes were discussed.

Motion: 04-2025

Moved: MAnderson

Seconded: JPetteplace

That Huron OPP Detachment Board adopts the minutes of December 17, 2024, as amended.

Disposition: Carried

6. Presentations/Delegations

7. Business from Previous Meetings

7.1 2025 Draft Huron OPP Detachment Board Budget

Chair Dietrich presented the revised budget as provided by the Administrator and circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Members discussed that the revised budget provides the opportunity for all members to attend the conference and some zone meetings for value to the board and communities served. It was also discussed that some municipal councils may require more detailed information related to the budget and noted that not all lower tiers previously had a Police Services Board or have a council representative on the Board. It was noted that the 2024 Administrator sent out the original proposed budget to the CAO's in Q4 2024.

Administrator Jeffery indicated that the CAO's will be circulated the Board's budget, once approved.

There were no other discussions related to the revised budget.

Motion: 05-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: JSteffler

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the 2025 budget, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

Motion: 06-2025

Moved: JPetteplace

Seconded: JClark

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves an amendment to the Remuneration Policy to authorize member pay for board meetings, conferences, seminars, and association meetings.

Disposition: Carried

7.2 Administration Transition

No comments were received by Members related to the Administration Memo.

Motion: 07-2025

Moved: GLamport

Seconded: MAnderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Administration Memo dated January 27, 2025, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

8. Reports

It was the consensus of the Board that Financial Report to be discussed prior to Inspector's Report.

8.1 Financial Report

No comments or questions were received by Members related to the Financial Report for 2024.

Motion: 08-2025

Moved: TBazinet

Seconded: JPetteplace

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Financial Report dated January 27, 2025, as presented; and

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board authorize 2024 Board Administrator Doherty to bill the 2024 Board expenses to the lower tiers using the OPP property count billing method, as outlined in the report.

Disposition: Carried

Central Huron CAO Doherty left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

8.2 Inspector's Report

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead discussed the vacancy of the Detachment Commander and noted the positive impact Inspector Younan had on Huron County and communities within.

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead provided a brief overview of the OPP Strategic Plan, Detachment Action Plan and Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan.

Traffic Statistics

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented the traffic statistics for 2024 and indicated that a focus for the year was on the big four offenses - seatbelts, speeding, impaired operation and distracted driving. It was noted that in 2024 that distracted driving and seat belt offenses increased and that collisions remained near status quo, with slight increase overall in collision.

Crime Statistics

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented the 2024 crime statistics, and the following were noted: reduction in some violent and property crimes and increase in fraud crimes. It was indicated that an increase in visibility and efforts of street crimes unit assist in the reduction.

Clearance Rates

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented the clearance rate data for 2024. It was noted that the data shows a 200% increase of Federal Statutes, which represents 7 offenses. Mental Health related occurrences are decreasing. Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead indicated that mental health related occurrences and youth charges are decreasing.

Community Safety Initiatives

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented community safety initiative data for 2024 and indicated that the number of community services hours have significantly increased from previous years. It was noted that Huron OPP will be focusing on communities they haven't completed a community walk in for 2025.

Communication between Huron OPP and Detachment Board

It was discussed that Members notify the Chair of any issue arising, and the Chair will advise the Huron OPP for a coordinated approach. In the case of high priority issues, the Huron OPP typically reaches out to the CAO of the impacted municipality, to ensure timely distribution of information.

Motion: 09-2025

Moved: TBazinet

Seconded: AvanHittersum

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Inspector's Report dated January 27, 2025, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

9. New Business

9.1 Annual Detachment Board Report

Chair Dietrich discussed the Annual Report required by June 30, 2025. No questions related to the annual report were asked by Members.

9.2 2025 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

Motion: 10-2025

Moved: GLamport

Seconded: JClark

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the following dates for the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule:

- **March 24, 2025;**
- **June 23, 2025;**
- **September 29, 2025; and**
- **December 15, 2025.**

Disposition: Carried

10. Correspondence

11. Closed Session

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

Motion: 11-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: MAnderson

That Huron OPP Detachment Board hereby adjourns at 10:13 a.m., to meet again on March 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Jim Dietrich, Chair

Stacey Jeffery,
Administrator/Recording Secretary