



Date: June 14, 2024

To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Joint OPP Detachment Board (South) – Appointment Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council **APPOINT** _____ to be the Joint Community Representative (representing the Town of Kingsville, Municipality of Leamington, and Township of Pelee) for the new Joint OPP Detachment Board – South, effective immediately for a term set to expire on December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2024, the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (“CSPA”) came into force and effect replacing the *Police Services Act, 2019* (“PSA”). The CSPA mandates the consolidation of police service boards across the province and as a result, the former Kingsville Police Services Board has been replaced by the new Joint OPP Detachment Board – South (the “Board”). The composition of this Board, prescribed within CSPA regulations, constitutes a mix of Council and community representatives from all four (4) communities in the detachment including the Town of Kingsville, Municipality of Leamington, Township of Pelee and Caldwell First Nation.

DISCUSSION

As of the writing of this Report, the Municipality of Leamington, Township of Pelee and Caldwell First Nation have made the following appointments to the Joint OPP Detachment Board South.

1. Council Members: Four (4) Seats

(One (1) Council member appointee per community in the detachment)

- Town of Kingsville – Mayor Denis Rogers
- Municipality of Leamington – Mayor Hilda McDonald
- Township of Pelee – Councillor Stephanie Briggs-Crawford
- Caldwell First Nation – Councillor Doug Heil

2. Community Representatives: Three (3) Seats

- Town of Kingsville – Douglas Cowper
- Municipality of Leamington – Harpreet Singh
- Joint Community Representative for Kingsville, Leamington, and Pelee – **Vacant**

3. Provincial Appointees: Two (2) Seats

Administration has yet to be advised of the requisite Provincial appointments.

Total Current Appointments: Six (6) of Nine (9) Seats

While member communities have quickly moved to appoint the requisite Community and Council representatives, Council will note that the Joint Community Representative appointment is currently vacant. Based on Administration's meetings with the Municipality of Leamington and Township of Pelee the previous report detailed that the Joint Community Representative will be a rotational appointee to allow for equitable representation from each municipality over time. This appointee will serve on the Board through to the end of 2024 and will be a person from Kingsville, based on the order in which "Kingsville" falls in the alphabet. Since the last Report, Administration met with the Municipality of Leamington to clarify the process for appointing the Joint Community Representative. To keep the process simple, it was agreed that Administration from the Town of Kingsville, Municipality of Leamington, and Township of Pelee should reach a consensus on a person to recommend to Town of Kingsville Council for appointment. It was further agreed that Town of Kingsville Council should have sole appointing authority for the Joint Community Representative and that the same authority will apply to the other municipalities when it is their turn in the Joint Community Representative rotation.

It should be noted that the rotational nature of the Joint Community Representative and the associated method of appointment as set by Administration, are interim measures to aid in the expeditious constitution of the Joint OPP Detachment Board given the tight timeline imposed by the Province. It is entirely possible that the Board, once formed, may wish to this process and any other administrative logistics previously set by Administration.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The rate of remuneration for current Police Services Board members is \$523.00 per quarter. Once the new Board is fully established, the Board will need to determine cost-sharing formulas between the three municipalities and the Caldwell First Nation for expenses and remuneration for the new Joint Detachment Board Members.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

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