

Essex County OPP Detachment Board - South
Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2025

1:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Members Present Dennis Rogers, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Douglas Cowper, Community Representative, Town of Kingsville
Harpreet Singh, Community Representative, Municipality of Leamington
Peter Pryce, Joint Community Representative
Deiba Wigle, Provincial Appointee

Members Absent Stephanie Briggs-Crawford, Councillor, Township of Pelee

Also Present Superintendent Mark Loucas, Essex County Detachment Commander
Staff Sergeant Pat Lenehan, O.P.P.
A/Inspector Jamie Smith, O.P.P.
Ron LeClair, Advisor - Zone 6, Inspectorate of Policing
Natalie Sharp, Deputy Clerk, Town of Kingsville
Kristine Horst, Township Administrator & Clerk, Township of Pelee

A. Call to Order

Mayor Rogers called the Meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Rogers read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None disclosed.

D. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Douglas Cowper
Seconded by: Harpreet Singh

That the March 27, 2025, Essex County O.P.P. Detachment Board - South Agenda **be adopted** as presented.

Carried

E. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Peter Pryce
Seconded by: Deiba Wigle

That the Minutes of the Essex County O.P.P. Detachment Board - South Meeting held on January 16, 2025, **be approved** as presented.

Carried

F. Delegations

None.

G. Reports

1. O.P.P. Detachment Board Report - January 2025

Mayor Rogers noted that the January report is for informational purposes and that O.P.P. Staff Sergeant Pat Lenehan will speak to the latest statistics in the February report.

2. O.P.P. Detachment Board Report - February 2025

O.P.P. Staff Sergeant Pat Lenehan provided an overview of the February O.P.P. Detachment Board Report.

H. Correspondence For Information

1. 2025 OAPSB Call for Nominations
2. Inspectorate General of Policing Memorandum dated January 15, 2025
3. Inspector General of Policing Memorandum dated March 20, 2025

Ron LeClair, Zone 6 Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing, appeared before the board and noted that both Inspectorate General of Policing Memoranda do not have an effect on Detachment Boards and were provided for informational purposes only.

I. New Business

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule Amendment

Moved by: Douglas Cowper
Seconded by: Peter Pryce

That that the 2025 O.P.P. Detachment Board Meeting Schedule **be approved** as amended.

Carried

2. OAPSB 2025 Spring Conference and AGM

Moved by: Hilda MacDonald
Seconded by: Peter Pryce

That the Board **approves** member Douglas Cowper to attend the 2025 Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting.

Carried

3. Strategic Priorities for 2025

O.P.P. Superintendent Mark Loucas, provided an overview of the Strategic Priorities for 2025. The Action Plan Commitment Summary revolved around three main pillars: Crime, Roadways/Waterways/Trails, and Community Well-Being. It focuses on reducing violent and property crimes, addressing the opioid crisis, and raising awareness of tech-based crimes. It emphasizes partnerships for road and waterway safety, crisis response, and community support, including collaboration with the Caldwell First Nation.

4. 2026-2029 Essex County Detachment Action Plan Update

Superintendent Marc Loucas stated that the Essex County Detachment is currently in the planning stages for the 2026-2029 Action Plan. The Ontario Provincial Police will be releasing an updated Strategic Plan, which provides the direction and focus of the O.P.P. and will guide the identification of local priorities. As part of the planning stages for the update to the Essex County Detachment Action Plan, the Command Team will be requesting feedback from each community regarding what they consider to be local priorities.

J. Closed Session

Moved by: Peter Pryce

Seconded by: Deiba Wigle

That the Essex County O.P.P. Detachment Board - South **enter** into closed session at 1:43 p.m. pursuant to Section 44(2)(k) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, to discuss the following:

1. Information that section 8 of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* would authorize a refusal to disclose if it were contained in a record, being a matter regarding response times.

Carried

K. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County O.P.P. Detachment Board - South is May 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Unico Community Centre.

L. Adjournment

Moved by: Douglas Cowper

Seconded by: Deiba Wigle

That the Board rise from Closed Session and adjourn its Meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary