

**The Corporation of the
Municipality of Wawa**

**Superior East OPP Detachment
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

**40 Broadway Avenue -
Board Room**

4:00 PM

MINUTES

(1) CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement – Read by Chair P. Bernier

The Superior East OPP Detachment Board recognizes that its work, and the work of its partners including the Ontario Provincial Police, take place on traditional Indigenous territories located throughout the Superior East Region. The Board is grateful to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who have cared for the lands we are located on since time immemorial and thank them for sharing their ancestral homelands with us.

Present:

Chris Buckell (Zoom), Councillor Jim Hoffmann, Councillor Julila Hemphill (Zoom), Councillor Paul Bernier (Zoom), Detachment Commander Kevin Fellingner (Zoom), Sue Lord (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Councillor Dwijen Bharad, Councillor Pete Kistemaker, David Jennings

Resource: Maury O'Neill, CAO-Clerk, Municipality of Wawa

(2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. Verbal

Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2024, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

(3) ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

(4) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

(5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Minutes

Moved by: C. Buckell

R. Verbal

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

(6) PRESENTATION AND DELEGATION

None.

(7) COMMUNICATIONS (Items distributed via e-mail)

Correspondence that was shared with the Board.

7.1 Email - Board Discussion Groups (Feb2-25)

7.2 Email - 2025 OAPSB Call for Resolutions (Jan 30-25)

7.3 Email - Peel Police Service Board Human Rights and Police Governance Report (Jan 28-25)

7.4 Email - Notice of the OAPSB AGM (Jan 22-25)

7.5 Email – Important Industry Communications (Jan 16-25)

7.6 Email - The OAPSB Monthly Bulletin: January 2025 News and Updates (Jan 9-25)

7.7 Email - Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024 (Dec 19-24)

7.8 Email - Communication with the Minister - \$77 Million Funding Announcement (Dec 10-24)

The Provincial Government has seen an increase in cost of policing and made a funding announcement. The Municipality of Wawa has received funding.

7.9 Email - Zone 1A Draft Minutes from November 13, 2024 (Nov 12-24)

(8) REPORTS OF THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER

8.1 Superior East Detachment Commander Report - October 2024 - December 2024 (resolution)

Detachment Commander K. Fellingner reviewed the report and answered questions. He covered topics including current and planned staffing and recruitment, data collected during the period, mental health meetings with local hospitals and approval of grant funding for the R.I.D.E. program.

There was a concern shared regarding parents picking up children at a school on Boyer Street and parking in no parking space. It was recommended having officers patrol the area during the end of school days to monitor parking space.

Chair Bernier recommended a motion be drafted requesting quality service for all highways of Hwy 101, Hwy 17 and Hwy 129.

Member Hemphill highlighted the lack of notification when there are closures on Hwy 519. Dubreuilville Council sent a letter requesting a highway sign for highway closures in Dubreuilville.

Action: CAO to draft resolution for the next meeting.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. Verbal

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the Superior East OPP Detachment Commander's Report dated October 2024-December 2024 as contained on pages 1 – 17 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

(9) ENQUIRIES BY MEMBERS

- 9.1** Chair Bernier provided an update that he reached out to two board members and the requirement to complete the mandatory training to attend the next meeting. White River needs to appoint a Council rep.

There was a concern shared regarding unqualified and dangerous drivers on the highways and what could the board do to mitigate this. It was confirmed that there are more inspectors from the Ministry of Transportation in Sault Ste Marie doing more inspections.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. Verbal

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the Superior East OPP Detachment Board draft a motion requesting increased highway maintenance.

CARRIED.

Action:

Resolution to be added to next Board Meeting.

(10) OLD BUSINESS

None.

(11) CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

None.

(12) NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Draft - Travel Reimbursement Policy

The policy was shared and the Chair asked for feedback.

It was recommended changing item 2.2 of the policy in having a daily meal allowance set at \$100/day. All members agreed.

It was recommended changing the mileage rate to include the Canadian Governments mileage rate.

Action:

Changes to be made to the Policy to be adopted at the next meeting.

12.2 Draft - Meeting Procedural Policy

The policy was shared and reviewed by the Board.

Action:

By-Law to adopt the policy be prepared for the next meeting.

12.3 Financial Update

M. O'Neill provided an update on the Board February financials. Funds were received from other communities, and she will follow-up on outstanding payments. A financial report will be provided at the next meeting.

(13) NEXT MEETING DATE

13.1 Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at 40 Broadway Avenue/Zoom.

(14) CLOSE OF MEETING

14.1 Close of Meeting

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. Verbal

Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT the meeting close at 5:09 p.m.

CARRIED.

Maury O'Neill, CAO-Clerk,
Wawa

Paul Bernier, Chair