

Minutes
Northumberland OPP Detachment Board
Friday July 18, 2025
9:00am
Centreton Community Centre
2363 Northumberland County Road 23
Grafton (Centreton), On
K0K 2G0

The following individuals were present for this meeting:

- Chairperson John Davison
- Vice Chairperson Lou Rinaldi
- Board Member Sandra Arthur
- Board Member Rob Pope
- Board Member Erik Kowal
- Board Member Peter Gillespie
- Board Member Bob McComb
- Northumberland OPP Detachment Commander Mike Cavanaugh
- Northumberland OPP Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald
- Executive Assistant Debbie McBride
- Alnwick/Haldimand Deputy Mayor Joan Stover

Notification of absence by John Logel, Brian Ostrander, Jason Marsden

Call to Order

Chairperson John Davison called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

“We respectfully acknowledge that Northumberland County is located on the Mississauga Anishinaabeg territory and is the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

The Northumberland OPP Detachment Board respectfully acknowledges that the Mississauga Nation are the collective stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue this responsibility to ensure the health and integrity for generations to come.”

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

Additions to the Agenda

None

Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by: Sandra Arthur

Seconded by: Bob McComb

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board hereby accepts the agenda for the July 18, 2025, meeting as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Approval of the NOPP Detachment Board Meeting May 23, 2025

Moved by: Rob Pope

Seconded by: Lou Rinaldi

To approve the minutes of the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board meeting of Friday May 23, 2025, as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Ontario Provincial Police Report for the Months of May and June 2025

Board Member Rob Pope request that the OPP reports be broken down for each Municipality and that the report be emailed at least one week prior to the NOPP Board meeting for Board Members to review.

Board Member Erik Kowal commented that as Board Members we are accountable to residents. Residents from each Municipality have to be informed of what is happening in their community.

Vice Chair Lou Rinaldi informed Board Members during negotiations with the Ministry on the amalgamation of Police Services Boards, the Ministry agreed that each Municipality would continue receiving individual reports for their Municipality.

Board Members agreed that this concern should be addressed to MPP David Piccini.

OPP Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh reviewed the matters of interest for the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members for the months of May and June 2025.

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanaugh advised Board Members that OPP staff is down to 70% in Northumberland County. 5 new members and 3 experienced officers have been hired and will start September 15, 2025.

Chairperson John Davison informed Board Members of emails received regarding complaints from residents.

1. Complaint from residents regarding ATVs in the area McBride Road and Burnham Street.

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh replied that each Municipality has their own bylaws regarding ATVs. OPP will increase patrols in this area

2. Ongoing Noise Complaints in Bewdley

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh advised Board Members that the bylaw officer was sent to the address. OPP are still investigating.

3. EDR Not Being Respected. Motorists Using Roads Not Constructed for EDR When 401 Shut Down or Slow.

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh informed Board Members that the OPP will sit down with Public Works from each Municipality to come up with a plan to deal with this issue

4. Safety Concerns for First Responders On 401

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh suggested that MTO crash trucks could be used to block firetrucks from traffic while responding to incidents on the 401. The response time from the MTO is usually very good.

Moved by: Rob Pope

Seconded by: Lou Rinaldi

To approve the Northumberland Ontario Provincial Report for the months of May and June 2025 as circulated and reviewed.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

1. Email Correspondence from Jeeti Sahota dated May 29, 2025. Re: Changes to Assigned Police Service Advisor
Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information May 29, 2025.
Receive and file.
2. Email Correspondence from Board Member Sandra Arthur dated June 2, 2025. Re: Webinar – OPP Cost Recovery
Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information June 3, 2025.
Receive and file.

Board Member Sandra Arthur expressed her disappointment that the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members were not invited to this webinar.

3. Email Correspondence from Northumberland OPP Acting Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh dated June 13, 2025. Re: CDSA Warrant results in the seizure of Loaded Handgun.

Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information June 13, 2025.

Receive and file.

4. Email Correspondence from the OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated June 30, 2025. Re: Quarterly Newsletter 2nd Edition.

Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information July 3, 2025.

Receive and file.

New Business

1. OAPSB Spring Conference

Board Members Erik Kowal, Rob Pope, Lou Rinaldi, Northumberland OPP Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh and Executive Administrator Debbie McBride attended the OAPSB Spring Conference in London, Ontario June 3-5, 2025.

The Board Members agreed the conference was geared more towards larger Police Boards and not OPP Detachment Boards.

The OAPSB advised attendees that the Ministry will be developing standard policies and bylaws for Boards. Many Boards have decided to continue with their own policies and bylaws.

The OAPSB advised OPP Detachment Boards to develop their own policies and procedures when selecting a new Detachment Commander. Many Boards have not developed their own website and are still using their Municipal website for their Board information. Many Boards are interested in finding a company that would develop all OPP Board websites to help with cost.

2. Speed Limit Reduction Edville – Sandra Arthur

Residents in the area of Edville have requested a reduction in the speed limit. Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh advised that the Black Cat report did not support the request for speed reduction. Board Member Sandra Arthur commented that an incident on the 401 in May, the Black Cat reported 2600 vehicles in the area.

Board Member Sandra Arthur will follow up with an email to the residents on this decision.

3. Ongoing Disturbances in Bewdley

This topic was discussed during OPP report.

Old Business

1. NOPP Board Website

This topic will be deferred to a later date.

Closed Session

1. CSPA Section 68 (1)

Moved by: Sandra Arthur

Seconded by: Rob Pope

That the Board move into Closed Session under the CSPA Section 68 (1)
OPP Detachment Board Role at 11:06am.

CARRIED

Moved by: Rob Pope

Seconded by: Erik Kowal

To adjourn the Closed Session at 11:40am

CARRIED

Moved by: Lou Rinaldi

Seconded by: Rob Pope

Motion to continue developing and implementing the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board's own policies and procedures.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

The next NOPP Board meeting will be held on Friday September 12, 2025 at 9:00 am, hosted by the Township of Hamilton, 8285 Majestic Hills Drive, Cobourg, On K9A 4J7.

Adjournment

Moved by: Sandra Arthur

Seconded by: Bob McComb

That there be no further business before the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board, the meeting hereby be adjourned at 11:56am.

CARRIED

Chairperson
John Davison

Executive Administrator
Debbie McBride