

**Minutes**  
**Northumberland OPP Detachment Board**

Friday January 16, 2026

9:00am

The Municipality of Brighton

35 Alice Street

Brighton, On

K0K 1H0

**The following individuals were present for this meeting:**

- Chairperson John Davison
- Vice Chairperson Lou Rinaldi
- Board Member Sandra Arthur
- Board Member Peter Gillespie
- Board Member John Logel
- Board Member Brian Ostrander
- Board Member Erik Kowal
- Executive Administrator Debbie McBride
- Northumberland OPP Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh
- Northumberland OPP Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald
- Northumberland OPP Staff Sergeant Mike Davidson
- Northumberland OPP Sergeant Keith Ferguson

Absent: Board Member Jason Marsden, Board Member Rob Pope, Board Member Robert McComb

**Call to Order**

Chairperson John Davison called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

**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 of these lands and waters in perpetuity, and that they continue this responsibility to ensure the health and integrity for generations to come.”

## **Chairperson 2025 Year End Report**

NOPP Board Chairperson thanked Board Members for a great year in 2025. Northumberland OPP Detachment Board is one of the top 3 Boards in the Province of Ontario. While many Municipal and First Nations Boards are struggling to amalgamate, NOPP Detachment Board has a very good working relationship between Members and the OPP Detachment.

## **Election of Officers – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Northumberland OPP Detachment Board for 2026**

Executive Administrator Debbie McBride conducted the election for Chairperson for the 2026 term for the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board.

Board Member Erik Kowal nominated Board Member John Davison for Chairperson. Board Member Sandra Arthur seconded the nomination.

Executive Administrator Debbie McBride called a second and third time for nominations, hearing none; nominations were closed.

Board Member John Davison accepted the nomination of Chairperson.

**Moved by:** Erik Kowal

**Seconded by:** Lou Rinaldi

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board appoints Board Member John Davison to Chairperson for the year 2026.

**CARRIED**

Executive Administrator Debbie McBride conducted the election for Vice Chairperson for the 2026 term for the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board.

Board Member Brian Ostrander nominated Board Member Lou Rinaldi for Vice Chairperson.

Board Member Erik Kowal seconded the nomination.

Executive Administrator Debbie McBride called a second and third time for nominations, hearing none; nominations were closed.

Board Member Lou Rinaldi accepted the nomination for Vice Chairperson.

**Moved by:** John Logel

**Seconded by:** Sandra Arthur

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board appoints Board Member Lou Rinaldi as Vice Chairperson for the year 2026.

**CARRIED**

### **Additions to the Agenda**

1. Board Member Erik Kowal would like to add Inspector Review under New Business
2. Board Member Sandra Arthur would like to add 401 Traffic Team to Old Business.  
Board Member Brian Ostrander would like to give an update as well.

### **Confirmation of the Agenda**

**Moved by:** Sandra Arthur

**Seconded by:** Lou Rinaldi

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board hereby accepts the agenda for the January 16, 2026, meeting as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **Ontario Provincial Police Report for the Months of November and December 2025**

OPP Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh reviewed the matters of interest for the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members for the months of November and December 2025. He also provided a summary for each individual Municipality.

Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh advised Board Members that the number of collisions in Northumberland County has remained stable from 2024 through 2025.

Speeding is still a huge factor. OPP are targeting speeding, distracted driving, seat belts and impaired by alcohol and drugs.

There were 1017 Ride Programs in 2025.

392 were conducted from January to June 2025.

625 were conducted from July to the end of December 2025.

Early December 2025, Northumberland OPP conducted a distracted driving campaign on the 401.

33 charges were laid for distracted driving, 4 charges for not wearing seat belts, and 2 were arrested for driving a stolen vehicle.

Staff Sergeant Mike Davidson advised Board Members that a grant through the Municipality of Trent Hills funded the program for Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension. This grant funded 500 paid duty hours. 25 warrants were executed and 67 bail compliance checks. New OPP recruits were paired with experienced Officers to build skills.

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh discussed with Board Members the serious issues Northumberland OPP are having with illegal drone activity at Warkworth Institution. Illegal drone drops of drugs, tobacco, weapons and cell phones promote violence within the institution.

For more information, please see the link below.

[WI Drone Project with captions James Clarke - YouTube](#)

The OAPSB is currently updating the policy of Police Presence in Schools. Northumberland County currently has 39 schools. Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh commented that it is a great way to build a relationship with youth.

**Moved by:** John Logel

**Seconded by:** Peter Gillespie

To approve the Northumberland OPP Provincial Police Report for the months of November and December 2025 as circulated and reviewed.

**CARRIED**

### **Correspondence**

1. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications dated November 20, 2025. Re: Updated Board Member Oath Now Posted in the Members Portal Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information on November 20, 2025. Board Member Brian Ostrander voiced his disappointment with the Solicitor General's decision to omit the Oath of Allegiance in the amendment to Ontario Regulation 416/23. This update changes the wording of the oath or affirmation that

all Polices Services and Detachment Boards Members must take before carrying out their duties.

Board Member Brian Ostrander commented that with the recent threat from United States President Donald Trump to annex Canada to become the 51<sup>st</sup> state, the Oath of Allegiance is a reminder that while Canada is a fully independent and sovereign nation, it remains a constitutional monarchy where the Crown is the formal source of authority.

Board Member Brian Ostrander suggested a letter be written on behalf of the NOPP Detachment Board to request the Oath of Allegiance to be returned in the Oath of Office.

**Moved by:** Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by:** Erik Kowal

That a letter requesting the Oath of Allegiance to be returned in the Oath of Office be sent to the Solicitor General.

**CARRIED**

2. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications dated November 24, 2025. Re: A Quick Look at the OPP's 2024 Snapshot and What it Means for Your Detachment Board  
Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information November 24, 2025.  
Receive and file.
3. Email correspondence from OAPB Training and Communications dated December 5, 2025. Re: New Governance Toos Available for Boards and Administrative  
Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information December 5, 2025.  
Receive and file.
4. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications dated December 19, 2025. Re: Year End Reflections, Holiday Wishes and What to Expect in 2026.  
Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information December 30, 2025.  
Receive and file.
5. Email Correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications dated December 23, 2025. Re: Quarterly Newsletter Edition  
Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information December 30, 2025.  
Receive and file.

**Moved by:** Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by:** Erik Kowal

That the NOPP Detachment hereby accepts all of the correspondence.

**CARRIED**

### **New Business**

1. Remuneration

Chairperson John Davison reminded Board Members that under the CSPA they are entitled to remuneration for attending Board meetings. Members may decline remuneration if they choose to do so.

2. Inspector Review

Board Member Erik Kowal advised Board Members that the Board is due to complete the biannual review of the Detachment Commander.

**Moved by:** Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by:** Sandra Arthur

The NOPP Detachment Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will report back to the Board on this subject at a future meeting.

**CARRIED**

### **Old Business**

1. 401 Update

Board member Brian Ostrander advised Board Members that a firetruck was struck while attending the scene of an accident on the 401 near Brighton on January 15, 2026. The firetruck was blocking the shoulder of the highway with emergency lights activated when it was hit by a flatbed truck. The damage was estimated at approximately \$5000.00 for damage and thankfully none of the firefighters inside of the vehicle were injured. This leaves the fire department with one less firetruck while waiting for repairs.

On January 19, 2026, Board Member Brian Ostrander along with Board Member Alnwick/Halldimand Mayor John Logel and Cramahe Mayor Mandy Martin will take

part in a delegation to discuss with the Ontario Province's Transportation Minister, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria the issues with safety on the 401.

Board Member Sandra Arthur commented that the Board must continue to advocate for a dedicated highway patrol for the 401.

Northumberland Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh advised the Board that a meeting took place with the OPP Chief Superintendent to discuss the benefits of having a 401-traffic team. Data representing the 73km stretch through Northumberland County was presented to support the discussion.

### **Closed Session**

None

### **Next Meeting**

The Next Northumberland OPP Detachment Board meeting will be held on Friday March 20, 2026, 9:00 am, at the Centreton Community Centre, 2363 Northumberland County Road 23, Grafton (Centreton), On, K0K 2G0

### **Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Lou Rinaldi

**Seconded by:** Sandra Arthur

That there being no further business before the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board, the meeting hereby be adjourned at 10:48am

**CARRIED**