



**NORTHUMBERLAND OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT DE NORTHUMBERLAND
DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE**

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Minutes

Northumberland OPP Detachment Board

Friday March 20, 2026

9:00am

Centreton Community Centre

2363 Northumberland County Road 23

Grafton (Centreton), On K0K 2G0

9:00am

The following individuals were present for this meeting:

- Chairperson John Davison
- Vice Chairperson Lou Rinaldi
- Board Member Sandra Arthur
- Board Member John Logel
- Board Member Erik Kowal
- Board Member Rob Pope
- Board Member Robert McComb
- Executive Administrator Debbie McBride
- Northumberland OPP Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh
- Northumberland OPP Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald
- Northumberland OPP Sergeant Brandon Malcolm
- Northumberland OPP Sergeant Steve Patton
- Northumberland OPP Police Constable Morgan Murphy
- Northumberland OPP Police Constable Aaron Fluxgold

Absent by notification Board Member Brian Ostrander and Board Member Peter Gillespie

Call to Order

Chairperson John Davison called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

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.”

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

Additions to the Agenda

- 1. Board Member Sandra Arthur would like to add Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Statistics under New Business

Confirmation of the Agenda

Moved by: Sandra Arthur

Seconded by: Erik Kowal

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board hereby accepts the agenda for the March 20, 2026, meeting as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes for the OPP Detachment Board Meeting January 16, 2026

Moved by: Erik Kowal

Seconded by: Sandra Arthur

To approve the minutes if the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board meeting of Friday January 16, 2026, as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

Ontario Provincial Police Report for the Months of January & February 2026

OPP Detachment Commander Michael Cavanaugh reviewed the matters of interest with the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members for the months of January and February 2026. He also provided a summary for each individual Municipality.

Detachment Commander Michael Cavanaugh advised Board Members that his team has been collecting data to support issues on the 401. On May 20, 2026, this data will be presented at a meeting with MPP David Piccini. Ideas to be discussed include better signage for the Emergency Detour Route (EDR) and Google maps layering their maps with the EDR.

Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald advised Board Members that there was a 6900% increase in distracted driver charges. Northumberland OPP ranked 1st in the province, issuing 54 tickets all on the 401 the first week of March.

Board Members congratulated Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh and his staff on a job well done.

Board Member Erik Kowal suggested the Board send a letter of recognition for the Detachment's hard work.

Moved by: Sandra Arthur

Seconded by: Erik Kowal

That a letter of recognition for hard work be sent to the Northumberland OPP Detachment on behalf of the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board.

CARRIED

Northumberland OPP ranked 3rd in the province for initiating RIDE programs for January and February.

29 tickets were issued for not wearing seat belts for the months of January and February.

Northumberland OPP will have 3 new recruits starting in April and a 4th recruit will start in July.

A second mental health nurse was hired in the beginning of March.

Moved by: Erik Kowal

Seconded by: Sandra Arthur

To approve the Northumberland OPP Provincial Police Report for the months of January and February 2026 as circulated and approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

1. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications dated January 2, 2026. Re: New Year Update: Legislative Changes and Discussions Group Now Open Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information January 2, 2026. Receive and file.
2. Email correspondence from John Braybrook Director/Chair OAPSB Zone 3 dated January 9, 2026. Re: OAPSB Director Election for OPP Detachment Board Zone 2/3 Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information January 10, 2026. Receive and file.
3. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications dated January 12, 2026. Re: Please be Advised that Voting Now Open – OAPSB Detachment Board Board Positions Zone 2 and 3 Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information January 12, 2026. Receive and file.
4. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated January 13, 2026. Re: Province-Wide Police Recruitment Campaign – Final Results and Next Steps for Board Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information January 13, 2026. Receive and file.
5. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated January 15, 2026. Re: Event Update and Early Bird Pricing Deadline Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information January 15, 2026. Receive and file.
6. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated January 22, 2026. Re: Register Now for the 2026 Spring Conference Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information January 22, 2026. Receive and file.
7. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated January 30, 2026. Re: Friday Update: new board resources + Zone 2 election results.

Emailed to each NOPP Board Member for information February 10, 2026. Receive and file.

8. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated February 9, 2026. Re: Sector Developments and Independent Oversight Review
Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information February 10, 2026. Receive and file.
9. Email correspondence from OAPSB Training and Communications Team dated February 10, 2026. Re: Supporting Boards in Local Media Conversations
Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information February 10, 2026. Receive and file.
10. Email correspondence from Holly Doty, OAPSB dated February 13, 2026. Re: Register Now for the OAPSB 2026 Spring Conference
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New Business

1. OAPSB Spring Conference, June 1-2

Board Members, Erik Kowal, Rob Pope, Lou Rinaldi and John Logel will be attending the OAPSB Spring Conference

2. Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Statistics

Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh advised Board Members that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) provide OPP and Municipal Police Officers from across the province a 5-week course to allow officers to become certified in the inspection of commercial motor vehicles.

Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald provided an update on CMV statistics for Northumberland County.

Northumberland OPP Detachment Members have been reminded of the March 1 – April 30 load restrictions and to enforce them accordingly.

Since September 2025, Northumberland and Peterborough units, supported by local MTO Officers, have been deploying the weigh scales twice per month to ensure regulatory compliance.

Although primary responsibility for CMV enforcement rests with the Ministry of Transportation, OPP officers are authorized and do enforce these regulations.

CMV Stats Stops per year 2023-2026 – County Wide (Analysts did not breakdown per Township)

2023: 232

2024: 208

2025: 338

2026: 46

Old Business

1. Board Policies
This topic will be deferred to next meeting
2. Detachment Commander Review Policy

Moved by: Rob Pope

Seconded by: Erik Kowal

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board adopts Board Policy Detachment Commander Selection, Performance and Review Report as written.

CARRIED

Closed Session

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday May 15, 2026, 9:00am at the Township of Hamilton Municipal Office, 8235 Majestic Hills Road, Cobourg, On, K9A 4J7

Adjournment

Moved by: John Logel

Seconded by: Bob McComb

That there being no further business before the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board; the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:23 am.

CARRIED