



**NORTHUMBERLAND OPP DETACHMENT BOARD  
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT DE NORTHUMBERLAND  
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**Minutes**

**Northumberland OPP Detachment Board**

Friday June 19, 2026

9:00am

Alderville First Nations Community Centre

8913 County Road 45

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**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 Peter Gillespie
- Board Member Erik Kowal
- Board Member Rob Pope
- Board Member Bob McComb
- Board Member Jason Marsden
- Board Member Brian Ostrander
- Board Member Jason Marsden
- Northumberland OPP Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh
- Northumberland OPP Staff Sergeant Mike Davidson
- Northumberland OPP Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald
- Northumberland Constable Cameron Hayman
- Northumberland County Director of Public Works Denise Marshall
- Executive Administrator Debbie McBride

**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**

Board Member Rob Pope request 401 and EDR be added to Old Business

### **Confirmation of the Agenda**

**Moved by:** Sandra Arthur

**Seconded by:** Brian Ostrander

That the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board hereby accepts the agenda for the June 19, 2026, meeting as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **Discussion with Northumberland County Director of Public Works Denise Marshall**

Board Members have received many complaints regarding dangerous intersections and speed on County Roads in Northumberland County. Each Board Member shared these concerns with Northumberland County Director of Public Works Denise Marshall. Denise Marshall took note of each complaint to take back for discussion with her colleagues.

Denise Marshall advised Board Members that studies have shown that driver behavior is the primary cause of most dangerous intersection collisions driven by bad habits such as speeding, distraction and failing to yield or stop.

Flashing speed signs are effective short term as local drivers get used to the signs over weeks or months returning to previous speeds.

Rumble strips are noisy and need to be placed at least 300 metres from homes. Raised rumble strips are problematic for snowplows because the plow blades catch on the raised bumps.

Roundabouts are very effective but are very expensive to construct as they need to be on a flat grade and take up a lot of property.

She advised Board Members that Municipal Black Cat devices can be placed on County Roads with the permission of Northumberland County. The OPP use the gathered data to deploy officers or radar enforcement during peak problem times.

Board Member Lou Rinaldi commented that the Province needs to reinstate the use of photo radar. It was a great addition to police enforcement.

### Emergency Detour Route

Board Members discussed with Denise Marshall the challenges Municipalities are having with large commercial trucks driving on roads that cannot tolerate the weight and size of these vehicles damaging the roads and infrastructure. Traffic jams and speeding are also a concern when vehicles use side roads instead of the EDR.

OPP Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald advised Board Members that they will be meeting with the Ontario Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Singh Sakaria to discuss the EDR and Safety Concerns for First Responders, June 24, 2026. One solution would be to get the EDR routes to flow to GPS mapping software when there is a closure on the 401.

Denise Marshall advised Board Members that signage for the EDR is provided by the Ministry of Transportation. Northumberland County provides the route for the EDR.

The Province does not fund the EDR and there is a significant challenge with the cost to upgrade roads for the EDR.

Board Member Lou Rinaldi commented that there needs to be more education on the EDR for drivers.

### **Approval of Minutes OPP Detachment Board Meeting May 15, 2026**

**Moved by:** John Logel

**Seconded by:** Brian Ostrander

To approve the minutes of the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board meeting of Friday, May 15, 2026, as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **Ontario Provincial Police Reports for the Month of May 2026**

OPP Detachment Commander Michael Cavanagh reviewed the matters of interest with the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members. He also provided a summary for each individual Municipality.

Detachment Commander Mike Cavanagh advised Board Members that support was brought in from other OPP Detachments following the death of Sgt. Malcolm. Operations are now back to normal.

Board Member Erik Kowal commented that OPP foot patrols in downtown Campbellford have quieted down theft. The Chamber of Commerce is very pleased.

Board Member Brian Ostrander commented that there is confusion led by the Ontario Province regarding consuming alcohol in parks. Staff Sergeant Paul McDonald replied that the rules for drinking alcohol in parks are set by the municipality, and you must abide by their specific bylaws.

Board Member Jason Marsden advised that there are still issues with ATVs and dirt bikes driving dangerously on highway 45 through Alderville First Nations.

**Moved by:** Sandra Arthur

**Seconded by:** Bob McComb

To approve the Northumberland OPP Provincial Police Report for the month of May 2026 as circulated and approved.

**CARRIED**

## **Correspondence**

1. Email correspondence from PGO Communications dated May 28, 2026. Re: Briefing Note on Bill 119: Proposed Amendments to Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act 2026  
Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information May 28, 2026. Receive and file.
2. Email correspondence from PGO Communications dated June 5, 2026. Re: Introducing your 2026 – 2027 PGO Board of Directors

Emailed to each NOPP Detachment Board Member for information June 8, 2026.  
Receive and file.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Police Governance Ontario Conference

Board Members Erik Kowal, Lou Rinaldi, John Logel and Executive Administrator Debbie McBride attended the 2026 PGO conference in Niagara Falls. This year there were separate events and discussions for OPP and Municipal Boards. Attendees felt this was managed much better as in the past the conference was geared for Municipal Boards.

In discussions with other OPP Detachment Boards, many were impressed that Northumberland OPP Detachment Board receives breakdown reports for each Municipality from the Detachment Commander. PGO Director of Communications and Engagement Jeanine Lassaline-Berglund would like Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members to participate in the chat line to advise other Boards that breakdown reports for each Municipality are capable of being done.

It was advised by the PGO that Board Members should be attending Community Safety Board meetings.

PGO Executive Director Lisa Darling advised that Board bylaws do not have to be approved by the Solicitor General before being posted on the Board website.

**Moved by:** Brian Ostrander

**Seconded by:** Sandra Arthur

To accept the report on the PGO conference.

**CARRIED**

### **Old Business**

#### 1. 401 and Emergency Detour Route (EDR)

Chairperson John Davison advised Board Members that he has never received an update or response from MPP David Piccini following the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board meeting Friday October 17, 2025, with First Responders from Northumberland County and David Piccini to discuss Safety Concerns for First

Responders on the 401 and the EDR. John Davison feels this is very disappointing and unacceptable. Chairperson John Davison will write a formal letter to MPP David Piccini asking for an update.

Board Members John Logel and Peter Gillespie left the meeting at 11:00. The quorum was maintained.

### **Closed Session**

**Moved by:** John Davison

**Seconded by:** Erik Kowal

That the Board moves into Closed Session under Section 44(2) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, personal matters involving specific employees of Northumberland OPP Detachment Board at 11:05am.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Rob Pope

**Seconded by:** Erik Kowal

To adjourn the Closed Session at 11:30am.

**CARRIED**

The purpose of the Closed Session was for the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Members to complete the yearly evaluation for the Executive Assistant.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Northumberland OPP Detachment Board Meeting will be held on Friday September 18, 2026, 9:00am, hosted by the Township of Cramahe at the Keeler Centre, 80 Division Street, Colborne, On K0K 1S0.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Erik Kowal

**Seconded by:** Bob McComb

That there being no further business before the Northumberland OPP Detachment Board,  
the meeting is hereby adjourned at 11:30 am.

**CARRIED**

