

# County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Report

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**To:** Chair and Members of the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board  
**From:** Cindy Stevenson, General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services  
**Date:** December 16, 2024  
**Report #:** RPT-0545-24  
**Subject:** 2025 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Budget  
**Purpose:** For Approval

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## Recommendation

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That RPT-0545-24 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Budget be received as information;

And that the 2025 Draft County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Budget be approved, as may be amended.

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### Background

At the November 26, 2024 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board meeting, the Board approved the following resolution:

*That RPT-0506-24 2025 Budget Structure and Priority Setting be received as information;*

*And that the Board direct staff to bring forward an itemized 2025 Budget to the Board for review and approval;*

*And that Board members forward budget items for consideration to staff.*

### Analysis

During budget discussions, the Board requested that staff include the following items in the 2025 budget draft:

- Re-allocate part of the funds from training and development to traveling expenses and meals, to provide more specific accounting of expenses related to conferences and training.
- Add an additional \$2,500 overall towards training and development, in recognition of an additional Community Representative on the Board and two new Board members.
- Re-allocate part of the funds from Public Relations/Awards to Postage, related to mail out costs for the bi-annual newsletter.

Following the November meeting, staff received a list of initiatives from Board members to include in the Public Relations/Awards account, which is detailed in Attachment 1 – O.P.P. Detachment Board 2025 Proposed Budget. This includes the following items:

- Youth Academy
- Community Sponsorships
- Emergency Services Golf Tournament
- Holiday Appreciation from the Board
- Summer BBQs
- Community Engagement Opportunities
- Newsletters (spring and fall printing)

With the inclusion of these initiatives, the overall spending for Public Relations/Awards initiatives does not change from 2024 to 2025. The funding allocated for Community Engagement Opportunities may be used to continue to enhance the Board's and the O.P.P.'s engagement with the community. This could enhance partnerships with existing and established community groups to assist in reaching the diversity of the community in information and messaging, including youths, seniors, and newcomers.

A one-time fund is currently included in the budget draft for the Board's consideration, to sponsor the 2025 Special Olympics. A sponsorship package is included with this report for more information, as Attachment 2. It has recently come to the attention of local detachment staff that the City of Brantford Police Services Board will be considering a similar sponsorship. The 2025 Brantford-Brant Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games will be hosted by the Brantford Police Service, Six Nations Police Service, and Brant Ontario Provincial Police from July 10 to July 13, 2025. These Games are the pinnacle of competition for Special Olympics athletes in Ontario and a celebration of the incredible abilities of individuals with an intellectual disability.

In consideration of the 2025 budget, staff note that a significant portion of the 2025 increase (51.6%) is related to the new structure and requirements of the new Board, under the Community Safety and Policing Act. More specifically, this is related to the Board's insurance and increase in one additional Community Representative. The proposed sponsorship of the Special Olympics, a one-time item, is 32.6% of the proposed increase. The remaining increase is related to the proposed increase overall to Training and Development (16.3%).

### Summary and Recommendations

It is staff's recommendation that the draft 2025 budget be approved, as may be directed and amended by the Board with consideration of the analyses above.

### **Attachments**

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1. O.P.P. Detachment Board 2025 Proposed Budget
2. 2025 Provincial Summer Games – Draft and Athlete Program
3. Sponsorship Package Brantford Final Edition

### **Reviewed By**

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