



COUNTY OF BRANT OPP DETACHMENT BOARD CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT DU COMTÉ DE BRANT DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

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County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes

Date: June 24, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Peirce, Members Brown, Budreau, Haley, and Stryker

Staff: Acting Inspector McTaggart - Brant OPP, Acting S/Sgt Coudenys – Brant OPP, Stevenson, and Pluck

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Member Haley in the Chair.

1. **Attendance**

Attendance was taken and introductions were made to Acting S/Sgt Coudenys.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Haley noted an item under Other Business.

Councillor Peirce noted an item to be added under In Camera.

Moved by Member Brown

Seconded by Councillor Peirce

That the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board agenda and addendum of June 24, 2025 be approved, as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes of May 27, 2025

Moved by Member Stryker

Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board minutes of May 27, 2025, be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

In response to questions, Acting S/Sgt Coudenys advised that no calls for service with regards to the missing plaques in Burford were received.

7. Statistics

7.1 Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report

Acting Inspector McTaggart presented the Detachment Commander's Report of June 24, 2025. Discussion was held on the following:

- Acting Inspector McTaggart advised of staffing updates at the detachment.
- Chair Haley provided an update from the OAPSB Conference with regards to the Detachment Commander's Report template, noting that work is being done to make the report the same across all detachments within Ontario. She further advised that a new database is being built to capture additional statistics which will be captured within the statistical report change.
- Discussion was held with regards to property crime, break and enters, and educating members of the public on locking doors.
- Discussion was held with regards to the trends in referrals to Victim Services, with the Board suggesting inviting a representative from Victim Services to attend the July or September Detachment Board meeting to answer further questions.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Stryker

That the Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report of June 24, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.1 RPT-0272-25 False Alarm Statistics - January to May, 2025

Cindy Stevenson, General Manager of Emergency & Protective Services appeared before the Board and presented an overview of the report. She advised that the public campaign to mitigate false alarms has launched, with a media release issued on June 4th and further messaging shared on social media. C. Stevenson further advised that the campaign was picked up by local newspapers and that the messaging is included in the spring O.P.P. and County of Brant summer newsletters, with monthly posts scheduled to follow on social media. C. Stevenson concluded with advising that warning letters to individual property owners are being finalized and that they will begin to be issued this summer, with site visits following the issuance of the letters.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Brown

That Staff Report RPT-0272-25 "False Alarm Statistics – January to May, 2025" be received as information.

Carried

8.2 RPT-0273-25 2024 Budget Variance

C. Stevenson appeared before the Board and advised that a year-to-date variance report will be brought forward to the July County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board meeting.

In response to questions, C. Stevenson provided an overview of items captured under the Public Relations and Awards account.

The Board further held discussion surrounding the online publication of the Brant O.P.P. Spring Dispatch newsletter and reviewing the amount of views the newsletter received online.

In response to further questions, C. Stevenson advised that any unspent funds from the Board's budget are moved to the County of Brant's general surplus account.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Budreau

That Staff Report RPT-0273-25 "2024 Budget Variance" be received as information.

Carried

10. Other Business

Chair Haley advised that the Board had previously approved the purchase of a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) reader as part of the 2024 budget, but the equipment was not acquired within the budget year. As a result, the Board will need to reapprove the purchase for inclusion within the 2025 budget.

Acting Inspector McTaggart highlighted the value and effectiveness of VIN readers in supporting investigations, particularly in addressing theft over \$5,000.00.

In response to questions, Acting Inspector McTaggart advised that the cost of the equipment would be under \$500.00.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Brown

That the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board approves the purchase of VIN reader scanning equipment.

Carried

11. Updates

11.1 Council Communication

Chair Haley requested that the Council Communication include ongoing initiatives that County of Brant Council are undertaking to help in the community.

11.2 OAPSB Zone 4

Chair Haley advised that the September 10th OAPSB Zone 4 meeting is taking place in person in Woodstock, hosted by the Woodstock Police Services. She further noted that the November OAPSB Zone 4 meeting will be taking place virtually.

11.3 Chair Update

Chair Haley informed the board that hard copies of the Spring Dispatch newsletter are available at County of Brant offices, community centers, arenas, and libraries, and that the newsletter is also accessible online. She further provided an update on the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) conference, noting that the organization will be rebranding as the Ontario Police Governance. Chair Haley further advised that, in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, an annual report must be submitted to Council and preparation of this report is underway. She concluded with noting that the Special Olympics Ontario will take place from July 10 to July 13.

12. In Camera

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Stryker

That the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board convene In Camera to discuss S.44(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board (Resident Complaint)

Carried

The Board convened In Camera at 10:13 a.m. to discuss S.44(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board. This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of June 24, 2025. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:33 a.m. on a motion of Councillor Peirce and Mayor Bailey.

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 10:34 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary