

**Superior East OPP Detachment
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

**40 Broadway Avenue
Board Room/Zoom**

4:00 PM

MINUTES

(1) CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and Acting Chair M. O'Neill welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board approved M. O'Neill to act as Chair during the election.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement – Read by M. O'Neill

We will begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are gathering on land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial.

We would like to recognize that we are in the Robinson-Superior Treaty territory and the land on which we are gathered today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe. Specifically, we acknowledge the neighbouring community of Michipicoten First Nation, for whom we have great respect.

We also recognize the contributions of all Indigenous peoples, including the Métis, in shaping and strengthening the community and Province of Ontario.

Action:

Acting Secretary to ensure the new land acknowledgement is included at the next meeting reflecting treaty territories of the full detachment area.

Present:

Chris Buckell, David Jennings, Councillor Jim Hoffmann, Councillor Julila Hemphill (Zoom), Councillor Paul Bernier (Zoom), Staff Sgt. Kevin Fellingner (Zoom), Maury O'Neill (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Councillor Dwijen Bharad, Councillor Pete Kistemaker

Guests: None.

(2) ELECTIONS

2.1 Election of Chair (resolution)

Election Chair M. O'Neill opened the nominations for the position of Chair.

- P. Bernier nominated himself.
- J. Hoffmann nominated C. Buckell.

M. O'Neill called for nomination a second and third time then closed the nominations.

Mr. Chris Buckell thanked his nominee however declined the nomination.

Mr. Paul Bernier accepted the position of Chair.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. SEOPPB2024-07

Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT Paul Bernier be appointed as Chair of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED.

2.2 Election of Vice-Chair (resolution)

Election Chair M. O'Neill opened the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

- J. Hoffmann nominated C. Buckell.

Chair P. Bernier called for nominations a second and third time then closed the nominations.

C. Buckell accepted the nomination.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. SEOPPB2024-08

Seconded by: P. Bernier

RESOVLED THAT Chris Buckell be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED.

The position of Chair was turned over to Mr. P. Bernier.

(3) ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

None.

(4) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

(5) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5.1 Approval of Agenda (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. SEOPPB2024-09

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the SEOPP Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

(6) ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

(7) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

(8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1 Tuesday, October 8, 2024 (resolution)

Moved by: C. Buckell

R. SEOPPB2024-10

Seconded by: J. Hoffmann

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Action:

Minutes to be signed and shared with partner municipalities.

(9) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

(10) COMMUNICATIONS (Items distributed via e-mail)

- 10.1 (a) 2023-2025 - Strategic Plan**
(b) 2023-2025 - North East Region Action Plan
(c) 2023-2025 - Superior East Action Plan
(d) OPP Detachment Board Remuneration Survey Results
(e) 2024 OAPSB Labour Conference and 2025 OAPSB Spring Conference

The Board agreed that questions may be asked on any communications received. All Plans that were previously shared was for Board members to become familiar with the information.

(11) REPORT OF THE DETACHMENT COMMANDER

11.1 Superior East Detachment Commander Report - August - October 2024 (resolution)

Data in the report may not include month over month information so totals may change.

Detachment Commander (DC) Fellingner spoke on his report. He provided the current OPP Strategic Plan as well as the Northeast Region and Superior East Action Plan for Board members awareness.

DC Fellingner provided an update on staffing and is concerned regarding recruitment as efforts continue to recruit new members.

Awaiting an update from SOLGEN on the 2025-2027 Municipal Grant R.I.D.E. funding program. Due to changes with the new Community Safety Policing Act, Detachments are unsure funding will continue to be received.

Plans are underway for the start of the 2024 Festive R.I.D.E. program over the holiday season and Mandatory Alcohol Screening will be conducted during the program.

More foot patrol will be conducted around communities based on the report to date not showing many hours on foot patrols.

Other initiative included commercial vehicle inspections in Sault Ste Marie which showed many infractions and will do some local inspections and report back at the next meeting.

Situational Table meetings are starting in Chapleau which OPP detachment members participate in.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. SEOPPB2024-11

Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT the Superior East OPP Detachment Commander's Report dated August to October 2024, as contained on pages 1 – 17 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

(12) ENQUIRIES BY MEMBERS

None.

(13) OLD BUSINESS

13.1 Terms of Reference (resolution)

The Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved as presented.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. SEOPPB2024-12

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the Superior East OPP Detachment Board does hereby adopt the Terms of Reference as attached hereto.

CARRIED.

13.2 Approval of 2025 Budget Estimates (resolution)

Moved by: C. Buckell

R. SEOPPB2024-13

Seconded by: D. Jennings

WHEREAS pursuant to the CSPA, 2019, Section 71 (1) provides that an O.P.P. detachment board shall prepare estimates, in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister, of the total amount that will be required to pay the expenses of the board's operation, other than the remuneration of board members. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 71 (1); 2023, c. 12, Sched. 1, s. 31 (1) and;

WHEREAS pursuant to CSPA, 2019, Section 71 (2) provides that the O.P.P. detachment board shall submit the estimates to every municipality that receives policing from the detachment along with a statement of the municipality's share of the costs, which are to be determined in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 71 (2); [2023, c. 12](#), Sched. 1, s. 31 (2) and;

WHEREAS pursuant to CSPA, 2019, Section 71 (3) Subject to subsection (4), the municipalities shall contribute their share of the costs to the O.P.P. detachment board's budget in accordance with the estimates. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 71 (3) and;

WHEREAS it is deemed to be expedient to adopt the budget detailing the Superior East OPP Detachment Board's 2025 annual estimates in accordance with legislation; and

WHEREAS the Superior East OPP Detachment Board has prepared estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board for the year 2025 and;

WHEREAS budget estimates were shared at the October 8, 2024 Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2025 Budget Estimates for the Superior East OPP Detachment Board be hereby adopted, as attached hereto as Schedule "A".

CARRIED.

Action:

Final Budget to be shared with all member communities.

(14) **NEW BUSINESS**

14.1 Board Signing Authority (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hemphill

R. SEOPPB2024-14

Seconded by: J. Hoffmann

WHEREAS, the Superior East OPP Detachment Board is required to grant signing and authority to certain person(s) described hereunder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior East OPP Detachment Board is hereby authorized and approved to authorize and empower the following individual to make, execute, endorse and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board, but shall not be limited to, any and all written instruments, agreements, documents, execution of deeds, powers of

attorney, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations, certificates and other instruments of whatever nature entered into by this Board effective November 12, 2024 to November 14, 2026;

AND FURTHERMORE, two (2) of the three (3) signatures are required to execute such documents referred too above.

- a. Chair – Paul Bernier
- b. Vice-Chair – Chris Buckell
- c. Treasurer, Municipality of Wawa – Manuela Batovanja

CARRIED.

Action:

The Bookkeeper to arrange to open the Board bank account.

14.2 Naming of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hemphill **R.** SEOPPB2024-15

Seconded by: J. Hoffmann

RESOLVED THAT as outlined in Ontario Regulation 135/24, this Board is an OPP Detachment Board in the geographical area serviced by the Superior East OPP Detachment area, and this Board confirms that it will be named and operating as the Superior East OPP Detachment Board.

CARRIED.

Action:

Copy of the resolution to be shared with the OAPSB.

14.3 2025 Meeting Schedule (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hoffmann **R.** SEOPPB2024-16

Seconded by: D. Jennings

RESOLVED THAT the Superior East OPP Detachment Board does hereby adopt the 2025 Meeting Schedule as presented, attached hereto.

CARRIED.

Action:

Meeting Schedule to be posted on the Municipality of Wawa website.

14.4 Set Board Per Diem (resolution)

Moved by: D. Jennings **R.** SEOPPB2024-17

Seconded by: J. Hoffmann

RESOLVED THAT per diem for the Superior East OPP Detachment Board members be set as follow:

- Chair/Meeting Chair - \$200 per meeting attended
- All other voting Board Members - \$150 each per meeting attended

CARRIED.

Action:

Copy of the resolution be shared with the Board Treasurer.

(15) CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

15.1 First, Second and Third Reading (resolution)

Moved by: C. Buckell **R.** SEOPPB2024-18

Seconded by: J. Hoffmann

RESOLVED THAT the following by-laws be introduced and read a first, second and third time and finally passed and that the Chair and Secretary do sign and seal the same, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding:

By-Law No. 2024-01 - to adopt Superior East OPP Detachment Board Policy No. SEOPPB-01: Code of Conduct.

By-Law No. 2024-02 - to adopt the Superior East OPP Detachment Board Policy No. SEOPPB-02: Abuse, Harassment and Violence.

CARRIED.

Action:

Minor changes in the Abuse, Harassment and Violence policy will be made to substitute wording to reflect Board Member versus employee. Policies and by-law to be posted on the website.

15.2 By-Law No. 2024-01 - to adopt Superior East OPP Detachment Board Policy No. SEOPPB-01: Code of Conduct.

15.3 By-Law No. 2024-02 - to adopt the Superior East OPP Detachment Board Policy No. SEOPPB-02: Abuse, Harassment and Violence.

(16) NEXT MEETING DATE

16.1 Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., 40 Broadway Avenue/Zoom

(17) CLOSE OF MEETING

17.1 Close of Meeting

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. SEOPPB2024-19

RESOLVED THAT the meeting close at 5:17 p.m.

CARRIED.

Maury O'Neill,
Acting Recording
Secretary

Paul Bernier, Chair