



Superior East OPP Detachment Board

**September 9, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES**

Wawa – Main Level Boardroom 40 Broadway Ave.

Minutes

(1) CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and the Chair welcomed everyone.

Present:

Paul Bernier, Chris Buckell, Jim Hoffmann, Julila Hemphill, Maury O'Neill, Detachment Commander Kevin Fellingner and Yannick Bédard (recording Secretary)

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The Superior East OPP Detachment Board recognizes that its work, and the work of its partners including the Ontario Provincial Police, take place on traditional Indigenous territories located throughout the Superior East Region. The Board is grateful to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who have cared for the lands we are located on since time immemorial and thank them for sharing their ancestral homelands with us.

(2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Agenda (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hoffmann

R. Verbal

Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

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

None.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Minutes (resolution)

Moved by: C. Buckell

R. Verbal

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

(5) **PRESENTATION AND DELEGATION**

None.

(6) **CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

None

(7) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

7.1 Appointment of Treasurer

RESOLVED THAT that the Superior East OPP Board does hereby appoint Ms. Heather Rainville as Treasurer with Signing Authority for the Superior East Ontario Provincial Police Board effective September 9, 2025.

CARRIED.

Moved by: C. Buckell

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

CARRIED.

7.2 Detachment Commander Annual Performance Feedback

The Board was advised that the Annual Performance Feedback form will be distributed via email in the coming days. Members are asked to select two to three key points from the 2024 Annual Report and include those, along with any additional comments, on the form. Completed forms should be returned to Board Secretary, Y. Bédard, who will forward them to Chair Bernier, who will compile the feedback and report back to the Board.

7.3 OAPSB Training dates

As the Board is newly established, members expressed that further training would be beneficial. The board held discussions on possible training opportunities available to its members.

Action: The board secretary will inquire with OAPSB as to available training opportunities for the members.

**7.4 Quarterly Report – Detachment Commander Fellingner
(resolution)**

- Detachment Commander Fellingner provided a staffing update and indicated that 8 new recruits and 1 experienced officer have recently been hired in the Superior East Detachment region. This brings the Superior East detachments to 90% of the authorized staffing complement, with recruitment efforts ongoing to achieve full strength.

It was noted that sergeant vacancies remain a concern, with three positions presently unfilled and upcoming retirements anticipated to further impact staffing levels. Temporary acting assignment and competition processes are being considered as measures to address the vacancies.

- Questions were raised regarding the high number of assaults and firearm-related offences this quarter. D.C. Fellingner explained that the numbers are higher because of a recently executed warrant in which several firearms were seized.

The Board reviewed the report and thanks Sergeant Fellingner.

RESOLVED THAT the Detachment Commander Fellingner Quarterly Report dated September 9, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Moved by: J. Hoffman
Seconded by: J. Hemphill
CARRIED.

(8) NEXT MEETING DATE

8.1 Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at 40 Broadway Avenue or by ZOOM.

(9) CLOSE OF MEETING

9.1 Close of Meeting

Moved by: J. Hoffmann
Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the meeting close at 5:06 p.m.
CARRIED.