



Superior East OPP Detachment Board

**November 18, 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 4:04 p.m. and the Chair welcomed everyone.

Present:

Paul Bernier, Chris Buckell, Jim Hoffmann, Dave Jennings, Julila Hemphill, Maury O'Neill, Heather Rainville (board treasurer), 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. SEOPP2025-06

Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

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

None.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, Minutes (resolution)

Moved by: C. Buckell

R. SEOPP2025-07

Seconded by: J. Hoffmann

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, be approved as presented

CARRIED.

(5) **PRESENTATION AND DELEGATION**

None.

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

None

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

7.1 Financial Budget

Heather Rainville, Board Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$29,633.18 and October expenditures totaling \$5,366.82. The Chair was reminded that he must attend the Northern Credit Union to sign the required financial documents.

7.2 Approval of 2025 Budget Estimates (resolution)

M. O'Neill presented the 2026 Budget Estimate, noting an anticipated surplus going into the new fiscal year. A recommendation was brought forward to reduce the standard Municipal Board membership contributions from \$7,500 to \$2,500 for 2026. It was clarified that, in a typical year, municipal contributions should be approximately \$4,000.

A suggestion was made that Municipalities be invoiced the full contribution amount for 2026, with a corresponding credit applied from the surplus. The Board agreed with this approach.

The 2026 Budget also includes funding for the purchase of a new computer to allow the Board's financial records to be managed independently from municipal systems.

Moved by: D. Jennings R. SEOPPB2025-08

Seconded by: J. Hoffman

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 2026 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 2026 and;

WHEREAS budget estimates were shared at the November 18, 2025 Superior East OPP Detachment Board meeting;

NOWHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2026 Budget Estimates for the Superior East OPP Detachment Board be hereby adopted, as attached hereto as Schedule "A".

CARRIED.

7.3 Approval of OAPSB membership fees (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hoffmann R. SEOPP2025-09
Seconded by: C. Buckell

RESOLVED THAT that the Superior East OPP Board does hereby approve the, Ontario Association of Police Services Board, 2026 Zone and Membership fees totalling One-Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourteen dollars and Five cents. (\$1214.05)
CARRIED.

7.4 Annual Board Insurance (resolution)

Moved by: J. Hemphill R. SEOPP2025-10
Seconded by: D. Jennings

RESOLVED THAT the Superior East OPP Regional Detachment Board does hereby approve the Insurance Quote from Intact Public Entities Inc. as presented in the total amount of Four-Thousand, Twenty-Four dollars and Eight cents. \$4,024.08.
CARRIED.

7.5 Quarterly Report – Detachment Commander Fellingner

Detachment Commander Fellingner presented his quarterly report, highlighting a 13.4% increase in Highway Traffic Act charges and emphasizing the continued importance of proper training for new recruits to improve traffic engagement.

He shared that the 2025–2026 Festive RIDE programs would begin on November 20th across the various communities, with a strategic focus on areas with higher likelihoods of impaired driving.

A staffing update was provided, noting that the detachment is now fully staffed with both recruits and experienced officers. A new Community Engagement Officer has also been appointed: Constable Robert Sanchioni, of the Chapleau detachment, has taken on this role as has already begun engaging with local schools.

The timeline for a new detachment building has been pushed back to 2089, causing concern among local officials, including Mayor Pilon, who is seeking answers. Mayor Bignucolo, of Chapleau, is also pursuing a new Detachment in Chapleau.

D.C. Fellingner recently attended and awards ceremony where 3 local Wawa members were awarded for their quick response and role in the 2024 Credit Union incident

RESOLVED THAT Detachment Commander Fellingner’s Quarterly Report dated November 18, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Moved by: J. Hoffmann
Seconded by: C. Buckell
CARRIED.

7.6 OAPSB Training

Y. Bédard has been in contact with Lisa Darling, Executive Director, of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards. Training opportunities are being considered for early 2026.

7.7 Superior East Detachment Action Plan 2026-2029 – Draft for Comment

Detachment Commander K. Fellingner shared the draft 2026-2029 Action Plan. He advised that a community survey was distributed to community partners and stakeholders (local schools and school boards, Situation Table members, Hospital executive leaders, Municipality employees, Mayors and council), and the feedback gathered from the 14 responses was incorporated into the plan.

Drug-related offenses were raised as the primary community issue, with property crimes and intimate partner violence tied for second. The survey results also emphasized the importance of mental health and addiction support services as effective crime prevention strategies. Additionally, there was a call for more police presence in community events and schools to foster engagement.

The board was instructed to provide feedback on the Action Plan by December 10th. The finalized Action Plan should be ready by January 13th with a potential meeting to finalize comments scheduled for that date.

(8) NEXT MEETING DATE

8.1 Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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

R. SEOPPB2025-10

Seconded by: J. Hemphill

RESOLVED THAT the meeting close at 5:18 p.m.

CARRIED.