



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Update May 2024

Date: May. 6, 2024

Report Number: CLK-2024-05-21

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK24

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2024-05-21 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to place a by-law on the Council agenda to confirm the appointment of the Community Appointees as recommended by the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Advisory Committee.

Background:

The Community Safety and Policing Act 2019 came into force on April 1, 2024. The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine and Municipality of South Bruce form the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board.

The Board is composed of 5 Council seats, 2 Community Representatives and 2 Provincial Appointments for a total of 9 seats. The Council seats are as follows:

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| Municipality of Arran-Elderslie | Moiken Penner |
| Municipality of Brockton | Tim Elphick |
| Township of Huron-Kinloss | Don Murray |
| Municipality of Kincardine | Rory Cavanagh |
| Municipality of South Bruce | Nigel Van Dyk |

The Community Representatives are selected by the board members and appointed unanimously by the respective municipal councils. The Provincial Representatives will be appointed by the Province. Meetings of the Board are open to the public and agendas and minutes will be posted on the Township of Huron-Kinloss website <https://www.huronkinloss.com/town-hall/south-bruce-opp-detachment-board/>.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The first meeting of the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board (the Board) took place on April 26th at the South Bruce OPP Detachment Office in Walkerton. Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and Jennifer Lawrie, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk of the Municipality of Kincardine were Secretaries for the Board.

The first meeting agenda of the Board included the administration of Oaths or Affirmations of Office for members of the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board, Election of a Chair and a review of governing documents. Don Murray was elected to Chair this meeting, with Board Chair selection deferred until community members have been appointed.

The Community Representative position was advertised on websites and in the local papers of the Board communities with a closing date of April 12, 2024.

The South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee reviewed the applications and recommended two candidates to sit on the board based on their skills, experience, and qualifications. These candidates will be jointly appointed by each of the municipal Councils within the Board area. A by-law will be brought forward at the May Council meeting to appoint these members. All board members receive provincially mandated training and are required to submit a police record check to participate on the board.

The minutes from the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board will be brought forward once approved and attached to the Council agendas, as is the practice for external board activities. The next meeting of the board is expected to take place in June following the appointment and training of the Community Representatives.

Financial Impacts:

Financial impacts will be determined once the new Board is formed and considered budgeting requirements. The 2024 budget is based on the existing Police Services Board structure. The Act through O.Reg 135/24 O.P.P. Detachment Boards provides for the responsibilities regarding Board funding.

The OPP Policing contracts remain independent of the Board. They are considered by each municipalities own Council.

Performance Measurement:

The appointment of community representatives will complete the setup of the Board and conclude Council and Staff involvement in the transition of the local board to an OPP detachment board. New board appointments will be required for the next term of Council and to fill any vacancies in the current term.

Strategic Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer