



Staff Report

Report Title: Ministry of Solicitor General – OPP Detachment Board

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Department: Clerk's Department

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Attachments: Ministry of the Solicitor General OPP Detachment Board Framework, O.P.P. Detachment Board Proposal, OPP Detachment Board Questions and Answers.

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report No. CLK-2021-04-30 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

Background:

Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68) and established the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) which, once in force will repeal the Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA) which in turn will repeal the current Police Services Board.

Section 67 of the CSPA requires there be an Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board for each detachment that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nations community. The Ministry was required to develop a regulation related to the composition of each OPP Detachment Board. To achieve this the Ministry developed the "OPP Detachment Board Framework". The framework will ensure that each municipality and First Nation receiving OPP services and supports has an opportunity to represent their local perspectives, needs and priorities. The framework will also allow for municipalities and First Nations to collaborate on efforts to improve community safety. Municipalities can determine the preferred composition of their detachment board by submitting a proposal using a digital form provided by the Ministry.

Discussion:

All five municipalities policed by the South Bruce OPP Detachment (Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Huron Kinloss, Kincardine and South Bruce) will be required to work

together and submit one proposal regarding the composition of their OPP Detachment Board. Requirements of the board include:

- Minimum size of 5 members, no maximum size
- 20% Community Representation – the Province will appoint community representatives should municipal council fail to appoint representatives by joint resolution.
- 20% Provincial Appointees

The OPP Detachment Board proposals are due to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by June 7, 2021. The proposal will require the municipalities to identify the number of seats each municipality will allocate on the board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments. Names of the individuals that will be participating on the Detachment Board will not be required at this time. The Ministry will work with the municipalities to provide support during the proposal process.

At this time, the South Bruce OPP Detachment Commander Krista Miller has been provided with the same information.

Next Steps: The Clerk's department has registered for virtual information session provided by the Ministry to determine the next steps in the process.

The Clerk's department will be reaching out to the other municipalities policed by the South Bruce OPP to begin a discussion on the OPP Detachment Board proposal to submit to the Solicitor General.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offer opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent and by having amenities and services nearby.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer