



Oxford O.P.P. Detachment Board 2

Chair K. Stewart • Vice-Chair M. Peterson

March 19th, 2025

Dear Members of Municipal Councils:

On behalf of the Oxford O.P.P. Detachment Board 2, I am pleased to provide an introduction and update on the Board's activities since its inception in mid-2024. As outlined in the *Community Safety and Policing Act S.O., 2019*, the Board is required to provide, in cooperation with the O.P.P. and their Detachment Commander, an annual report for 2024 by June, 2025. This report will be forthcoming for your consideration.

As noted in the legislation, the Oxford O.P.P. Detachment Board 2 is made up of the following members:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Members Appointed by Municipalities
- Community Appointee
- Provincial Appointee

This Civilian Oversight Board serves the 5 rural municipalities of Oxford County with a mandate to act as the intermediary between the O.P.P. and to the communities we serve. Formally, the Board's purpose is to:

- a. comply with the prescribed standards, if any, with respect to the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under the Act;
 - b. make decisions on matters within their jurisdiction and provide advice and information to Municipal Councils on specialized matters as outlined in the Act;
 - c. facilitate public input on programs and ideas when appropriate and approved by the O.P.P. Detachment Board to ensure the work of the Board is representative of the communities it serves;
 - d. make decisions on enhancing the quality of life and ensuring the safety and security of all persons and property in the community, in keeping with the Minister's Strategic Plan and the O.P.P. Detachment Board strategic plan or the annual objectives and principles as established by the O.P.P. Detachment Board;
- and

- e. conduct itself in keeping with the prescribed code of conduct under the CSPA (Section 35(6)) and in keeping with the O.P.P. Detachment Boards Procedural By-law.

Although the communities served by the Board cover a large geographical area, each of the five rural municipalities share many similarities that impact policing. This Board will consider recommendations and reports from the O.P.P., as well as feedback from local Councils and the public, with the goal of enhancing the safety of all of our communities.

A brief overview of our activities to date is as follows:

- June, 2024 – Municipal Councils appointed members to the board
- July-Sep 2024 – Board members completed mandatory training, Township staff assisted with drafting Procedural By-law and Terms of Reference.
- October, 2024 – Selection of Community Appointee
- November, 2024 – Inaugural Meeting
 - Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Review Procedural By-law and Terms of Reference
 - Approval of 2025 Budget
 - Set 2025 Meeting Schedule
- January 2025
 - Approval of Procedural By-law and Terms of Reference
 - Review OPP Reports for Oct & Nov, 2024.

We wish to thank the staff at all five rural Oxford municipalities for their assistance to-date in setting up the board, as well as their ongoing support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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