

Orangeville Police Services Regular (Public Session) Board Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday April 20, 2021
Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Orangeville, Ontario**

Members Present: Chair T. Taylor
Vice-Chair I. McSweeney
Member K. Krakar
Member A. MacIntosh
Member M. Rose
Secretary H. Asling

Staff Present: D. Benotto, Software Operations Supervisor
M. Pourmanouchehri, IT Technician

Invited Guests: OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander T. Ward

1. Call to Order

The Public Session was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Chair Taylor welcomed Deputy Mayor, Andy MacIntosh to the Board.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Preliminary Matters

None

4. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation:

Motion: that the Board discuss and approve the Agenda for the April 20, 2021 Orangeville Police Services Board Regular (Public Session) Meeting.

Moved by Member Rose

Seconded by Member Krakar

All in favour.

Carried.

5. In-Camera Session

Recommendation: That the Orangeville Police Services Board convene into the In-Camera Session of the meeting.

Motion: that at 5:17 p.m. the Board convene into the In-Camera Session of this meeting under Part III, Section 35(4) of the Police Services Act.

Moved by: Member Rose

Seconded by Member Krakar

All in favour

Carried

6. Public Session

Recommendation: That the Orangeville Police Services Board convene into the Public Session of this meeting.

Motion: that at 5:04 p.m. the Board reconvene into the Public Session of this meeting.

Moved by: Member Rose

Seconded by Member Krakar

All in favour

Carried

7. Quarterly Report – 2021 Q1 – Report from OPP Detachment Commander Terry Ward

Inspector Detachment Commander Ward provided a quarterly report and advised that the reporting structure is standardized by the OPP for all reporting throughout the province.

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward apprised the Board of initiatives at the detachment both in Orangeville and within Dufferin County.

a. The Board was advised that:

- i. The Town of Orangeville recently implemented new 40/km hour zones along most Town streets. In the last quarter, OPP officers spent 25 hours enforcing the new reduced speed limit, resulting in 27 charges being laid. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that enforcement and education of these new speed limits are an integral part of reducing speeding with the Town of Orangeville;

- ii. The Board was advised that, following its March 23, 2021 meeting, four charges were laid to drivers whom disobeyed the stop sign at the intersection of Dawson Road and Lawrence Avenue in response to traffic complaints;
- iii. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward provided an update on the violent crime incidents throughout the Town
- iv. Of note, an increase in property crimes, theft under and fraud investigations were reported;
- v. Chair Taylor requested an explanation of the terminology “clearance rate” and OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that there are multiple ways in which charges can be cleared;
- vi. Comparative statistics from the same time in the previous year from the OPS are not available to the OPP
- vii. Chair Taylor inquired about the number of crimes in the community as compared to other communities
- viii. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that there were few assault occurrences and there were no robberies, no abductions, no attempted murders and no murders which leads Police to believe that Orangeville is a very safe community.
- ix. Vice-Chair McSweeney inquired about where the perpetrators were from, whether they were local residents or those coming from out of town;
- x. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that some are local residents and some perpetrators are from areas outside of the Town boundaries; there are visitors that come to Town and perpetrate crimes;
- xi. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that the traffic enforcement component is quite low and finds these statistics impressive, comparatively there are a lot of impaired drivers being caught;
- xii. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that he is pleased with the work of the Officers in the Town and their enforcement;
- xiii. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward noted there have been a considerable number of Criminal Code offenses that are being charged per capita, conversely this means there is a positive rate of criminal enforcement;
- xiv. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward provided a few good news stories in the community;
- xv. Chair Taylor requested that Board Members be added to the OPP news bulletin email;
- xvi. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward noted that the April blitz on seatbelts resulted in 26 seatbelt charges on the Easter long weekend with a variety of other charges being laid;

- xvii. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward noted that the community street crimes unit is working hard to combat local issues within the Town of Orangeville;
- xviii. Vice Chair McSweeney requested further information as to what type of drugs are being found and where these drugs are being sourced from; and,
- xix. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward noted that the majority of drugs are coming from the GTA and being trafficked locally, oxycodone, cocaine and crack are being found locally; he noted that the officers have not seen opioids and opioid related deaths like other communities.

Status Update on Mental Health Officer:

Member Rose inquired about the hiring status of the mental health officer. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that an officer has been appointed and the OPP is working on a formal MOU for this officer to be secured for this work on a full-time basis.

Status Update on Newly Recruited Police Officers:

Member Rose inquired about the arrival of new officer recruits for the Orangeville OPP detachment.

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that the OPP is speeding up the training and new officers will be arriving in June. Eight new recruit Officers will be assigned to the Orangeville detachment and 1 will be assigned to the Primrose detachment, for a total of 9 new recruits to Dufferin county.

Speed Enforcement within the Town of Orangeville

The Board and OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward discussed speeding within the Town of Orangeville.

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that there are devices to scan speeding and determine the best time(s) to conduct speed enforcement based on analytics. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward indicated that he expected to come to the Board in the future to request Board support to budget the purchase of two devices. He noted that each device costs around \$5,000 CAD and that he will be going before Town of Orangeville Council to request financial support for their purchase.

Update on OPP Media Officer

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that an OPP media Officer is now active in their role doing social media updates. These updates are available under

the OPP Central Region account on social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter.

Stay at Home Order Protests within the Town of Orangeville

Chair Taylor as a Councillor received questions from the public on police presence during the protests that occurred in Orangeville as they relate to the Provincial Stay at Home Order.

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that the provincial media team members did contact the protest organizer in advance. He noted that officers were on site in uniform and in plain clothes during the protests. He advised the Board that after the event, a charge was laid on the organizer.

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that no disturbances occurred, there were no violent episodes and Police spoke with the organizer during both protests. He noted that Police were there to keep the peace and not engage with protestors, especially when such protests are non-violent and non-confrontational.

Chair Taylor advised there is a meeting of the Police Services Boards in Dufferin County later this week to discuss the Province's desire to consolidate regional police service boards, and asked for OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward's input on what a reasonable composition of Boards would be. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward noted that Shelburne and Orangeville are different municipalities, are growing with an influx of residents; and noted that the Solicitor General's office is pushing for an amalgamation of Boards within Dufferin County to two Boards.

Chair Taylor noted there are both rural and urban communities in Dufferin County that need to be considered and respected.

Chair Taylor thanked OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward for his comprehensive report to the Board.

OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that more up-to-date statistics can be provided more regularly for the Board if requested.

Chair Taylor requested that the Board schedule Member "ride-alongs" with Orangeville OPP Officers as well to further understand the matters before the OPP

Recommendation:

Motion: That the Board receive the update from OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward.

Moved by: Member Rose

Seconded by: K. Krakar

All in favour.

Carried.

8. Website Updates – Updates by PSB Secretary

The Board discussed the need for a graphics designer to complete a Board logo.

Recommendation:

Motion to Secretary to follow up with the Andrea McKinney, General Manager of Corporate Services to seek assistance from the Town's graphic designer to design a logo for the Board's website.

Moved by: Vice-Chair McSweeney

Seconded by: Member Rose

All in favour.

Carried.

9. Billings for PSB – Updates by PSB Secretary

The Board Secretary advised that outstanding invoices discussed at previous meetings have been paid in full to the appropriate recipients and that the cheques have been posted.

The Chair will send the Secretary the OAPSB membership invoice for placement in Board records.

Recommendation:

Motion that the Board receive the update on outstanding invoices from the Secretary to the Board.

Moved by Member Rose

Seconded by Member Krakar

All in favour.

Carried.

10. CSP Grant Local and / or provincial steam – RIDE grants

Chair Taylor advised that the grant has been completed and that we are awaiting a response from the Province.

Recommendation:

Motion that the Board receive the update from Chair Taylor.

Moved by: Vice Chair McSweeney
Seconded by A. MacIntosh

All in favour.

Carried.

11. Shared Drive for Orangeville Police Services

Chair Taylor spoke to the request made by the Secretary for a shared drive for Board administration.

Dan Benotto advised that all Board members would need to have access to the Town email and a cloud platform. This may require some further Board training.

Vice-Chair McSweeney requested clarification of how the shared drive will function in SharePoint and track changes.

Recommendation:

Motion that the Board move forward with a shared drive for the Board.

Moved by K. Krakar
Seconded by A. MacIntosh

All in favour.

Carried.

12. Task Force on Police Presence in Upper Grand District School Board Schools

Chair Taylor advised that the he has not received an update from the Trustees. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that the UGDSB will be releasing their decision on April 27, 2021.

Recommendation:

Motion that the Board receive the update and bring the matter forward for the next meeting.

Moved by. Member Rose
Seconded by Member MacIntosh

All in favour.

Carried.

13. Adoption of Minutes

13.1 Minutes from the Orangeville Police Services Board Regular (Public Session) Meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021)

13.2 Minutes from the Orangeville Police Services Board Regular (Public Session) Meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 - Revised)

Recommendation:

Motion that the Minutes from the Orangeville Police Services Board Regular (Public Session) Meetings held on Tuesday, March 23 and Tuesday, February 23, 2021 (revised) be approved.

13.1 Moved by Member Rose
Seconded by Vice-Chair McSweeney

Chair Taylor and Member Rose in Favour. Members Krakar and MacIntosh abstained due to their absences at the March 23, 2021 Meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Member Rose
Seconded by Member Krakar

Chair Taylor, Vice Chair McSweeney and Member Krakar in favour. Member MacIntosh abstained from voting since he was not on the Board at the time of the meeting.

Carried.

14. Board Member Claims for Special Remuneration

Vice-Chair McSweeney reminded the Board that cumulative claim statistics are to be kept about special remuneration expense reports and quarterly reports presented as required under the Board's 2020 Special Meeting and Assigned Work Remuneration/Expense Reimbursement Policy and attached claims and quarterly report forms

Recommendation:

Motion: That the Vice-Chair advise the Secretary of remuneration records keeping.

Moved by: Member Rose
Seconded by: Member Krakar
All in favour.

Carried.

15. Question Period

No members of the public were present.

16. Presentations

None.

16. Delegations

None.

17. Correspondence

None.

18. Reports

None.

19. New Business

1. Members Rose and Krakar have been instructed by the Ministry to do a Ministry AODA training within the coming weeks
2. Members Rose and Krakar sent draft by-law for the Board's consideration between now and the next board meeting
 - a. Member Krakar recommended that everyone on the Board attend the AODA training. OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward advised that this is essential training for all public appointees.
3. Joint Police Services Board meeting on April 23, 2021 will include a verbal update from OPP Inspector – Detachment Commander Ward. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will attend.

Recommendation:

Motion for the Chair and Vice Chair to report back to the Board on the discussion held at the meeting on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Moved by: Member Rose

Seconded by: Member MacIntosh

All in favour.

Carried.

20. Adjournment

Recommendation:


That the meeting be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Moved by: A. MacIntosh

Second by: K. Krakar

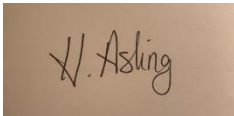
All in favour.

Carried.



Todd Taylor
Chair Orangeville Police Services Board

Chair, Todd Taylor



H. Asling

Secretary, Heather Asling