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To the Mayors and Councils of
The Township of Amaranth
The Township of East Garafraxa
The Township of Melancthon
The Town of Mono
The Township of Mulmur
The Town of Orangeville
The Town of Shelburne

July 20, 2021

Re: Request for Consideration - OPP Detachment Board Composition

At their July 13, 2021 meeting, Council for the Town of Grand Valley received an update from the Solicitor General regarding OPP Detachment Boards, in which they request an update on the expected date of submission of outstanding joint proposals. To our knowledge, a single, jointly approved proposal has not been submitted on behalf of all member municipalities of the Dufferin OPP Detachment.

Based on this assumption, Council directed that the Town of Grand Valley take the lead in presenting a proposal to all Dufferin councils for consideration, taking into consideration the resolutions and letters that have been distributed by some of these councils. If this proposal is subsequently approved by all Dufferin councils, Grand Valley would coordinate the submission to the Solicitor General through the prescribed submission portal.

Below, please find the proposal created by the Town of Grand Valley. To create the proposal, Grand Valley considered the resolutions received by our office from Mono, Orangeville, Mulmur and Melancthon. If resolutions or statements from other Dufferin municipalities were created but their input not incorporated into the proposal, the proposal can be amended. Additionally, if further information is available to provide further clarification or justification for the proposal, it can be incorporated prior to submission.

PROPOSAL TO THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

Upon review of the submission portal, the Solicitor General requests the following information. The corresponding responses to each were derived from the correspondence mentioned above:

Proposal Information	Response from Dufferin Detachment Municipalities
# Boards	4
Municipalities in each board	1 – Town of Orangeville 2 – Town of Shelburne 3 – Townships of Melancthon and Mulmur and the Town of Mono 4 – Townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa and the Town of Grand Valley
Composition of each board	6 members on each board: 1 – Three (3) Orangeville Council, Three (3) Municipal Appointees 2 – Three (3) Shelburne Council, Three (3) Municipal Appointees 3 – One (1) Council and One (1) Municipal Appointee each from Melancthon, Mulmur and Mono 4 – One (1) Council and One (1) Municipal Appointee each from Amaranth, East Garafraxa and Grand Valley
Administration Resources Needed	Orangeville and Shelburne to provide their own administration. For the other boards, the respective councils shall determine from among them which municipality shall provide staff for secretary and treasury functions and the cost sharing arrangements for their respective boards.
Populations of each municipality	From 2016 Census: Orangeville – 28,900 Shelburne – 8,126 Amaranth – 4,079 Grand Valley – 2,956 East Garafraxa – 2,579 Melancthon – 3,008 Mono – 8,609 Mulmur – 3,478

Multiple Boards justification	<p>Orangeville is the largest urban municipality in Dufferin County with its own unique challenges. Additionally, the Town has only recently transitioned to the OPP for policing services. Therefore, it is desired that they maintain their own detachment board.</p> <p>Shelburne is the other urban area in Dufferin County, and they also only recently completed the process of transitioning policing to the OPP. Due to the newness of this arrangement, and the urban nature of the Town, it is desired that they maintain their own detachment board.</p> <p>The other two groups of municipalities share common issues of rural communities with small urban areas. Two boards will allow the boards to be of reasonable size while allowing all municipalities to be represented by both elected and public members.</p> <p>It is the position of the Dufferin County municipalities that provincial appointees bring nothing to their role that is not already covered by community members appointed by municipalities. We agree with AMO on this position and therefore have not included provincial appointees in our proposed board compositions.</p>
Is there approval for a coordinated response?	Grand Valley will say yes, pending concurrence to this proposal from all Dufferin municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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