

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Legal and Legislative Services

Legal Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Susan Hirota, Corporate Leader – General Counsel
Date: May 7, 2024
Subject: Essex County OPP Detachment Board North – community appointee

Recommendation

Council appoint _____ to the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North as the Municipality of Lakeshore’s local community representative for the remainder of this Council’s term of office, as presented at the May 28, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

Strategic Objectives

This report is not related to a Strategic Objective, but Council direction is required to fill a vacancy on the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North.

Background

On March 5, 2024, Council appointed Julie Johnston to the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North as the Municipality of Lakeshore’s community representative for the remainder of this Council’s term of office (Council Resolution 96-03-2024).

On April 22, 2024, Ms. Johnston was sworn in as a member of the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North.

On May 6, 2024, Ms. Johnston submitted her resignation.

Administration presents the following options for Council’s consideration:

1. Appoint Ed Hooker as the Municipality of Lakeshore’s local community representative;
2. Appoint John Quennell as the Municipality of Lakeshore’s local community representative; or

3. Post a call for applications for the Municipality of Lakeshore’s local community representative.

The *Community Safety and Policing Act* requires Council to consider the following when appointing a member to an OPP Detachment Board:

- the need to ensure that the police service board is representative of the area it serves, having regard for the diversity of the population in the area;
- the need for the police service board to have members with the prescribed competencies, if any;
- any applicable diversity plan;
- the results of a potential appointee’s police record check that was prepared within the past 12 months before appointment.

The following persons are not eligible to be members of an OPP Detachment Board:

- a judge or justice of the peace;
- a member of a police service, a special constable or a First Nation Officer;
- any person who practices criminal law as a defence counsel or as a prosecutor;
- a director, officer or employee of a prescribed policing provider;
- any other prescribed persons;
- a former member of a police service unless the police service board does not maintain a police service that the person was a member of and at least one year has passed since the person ceased to be a member of any police service.

Comments

Both Mr. Hooker and Mr. Quennell were Provincial appointees to the former Lakeshore Police Services Board which was discontinued effective April 1, 2024 with the coming into effect of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*. Each has the relevant qualifications and experience to be considered as the Municipality of Lakeshore’s community appointee to the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North.

It is recommended that Council choose either Mr. Hooker or Mr. Quennell given the delay that proceeding with a posting would entail. The next meeting of the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North is June 10, 2024.

Financial Impacts

There are no new financial impacts associated with appointing a replacement community representative to the Essex County OPP Detachment Board North.

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Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team