

Municipality of Lakeshore - Report to Council

Legislative & Legal Services

Legal Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Kristen Newman, Director of Legislative & Legal Services

Date: May 5, 2021

Subject: April 26, 2021 Police Services Board Meeting Minutes and Updates regarding Community Safety and Well-being Plan and OPP Detachment Boards

Recommendation

This report is for information only.

Background

The Police Services Board met on April 26th, 2021. The draft minutes from the April 26th meeting are attached for Council's information.

Comments

This report accompanies the draft minutes of the Lakeshore Police Services Board (attached as Appendix "A").

Community Safety and Well-Being Planning

Project Manager Mr. Leonardo Gil updated the Board on the progress of the Regional Community Safety & Well-being Plan. The Plan will not be completed by the statutory deadline of January 1, 2021 due to delays resulting from COVID-19; however, the Plan is proceeding in accordance with the project schedule. The Project Manager and consultants are currently reviewing the public engagement feedback and working with other stakeholder groups with a view to finalizing data for the Plan.

OPP Detachment Boards

The Province is seeking municipal and First Nations input regarding the composition of the OPP Detachment Boards that were introduced by the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* ["COPSA"]. The Province has requested that municipalities work with other local municipalities in the detachment that receive direct or supplemental services from the OPP detachment to submit one proposal per detachment indicating the

composition of the new board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board by June 7th. The new Boards will commence January 1, 2022 with the coming into force of COPSA.

Proposals must meet base requirements set by the Ministry of the Solicitor General which include:

- a minimum number of five members per board,
- 20% of board members must be community representatives, and,
- 20% of board members must be provincial appointees.

The local municipalities are asked to work together with affected First Nations to determine the composition of the Boards as well.

The Board discussed the Province's upcoming deadline for proposals regarding the composition of OPP Detachment Boards and resolved as follows:

The Chair to arrange a meeting for discussion on the OPP detachment restructuring with the Chairs of the five area Police Services Boards and Chiefs of the local Indigenous communities.

Tecumseh's Police Services Board appears to have been thinking in a similar fashion and extended an invite or a meeting relating to this topic. The Mayor, Chair and Director of Legislative & Legal Services will be attending this meeting on May 13th to participate in discussions regarding Board Composition. The Director will prepare a report to Council regarding the outcomes of that meeting prior to the June 7th proposal deadline in order for Council to meet this deadline.

At the meeting, the topic of discussion will be whether the participating municipalities will be supporting the Foresight Report (attached at Appendix "B") and an OPP Detachment Board composition that incorporates the composition required by the Ministry and based on the recommendations from the Foresight Report (Tecumseh PSB prepared analysis attached as Appendix "C").

For information the composition of the Board has been considered a few times prior to the most recent request from the Province:

On January 27, 2020, the Lakeshore Police Services Board passed the following resolution:

That the Board supports a two board system approximately divided between the north and south Municipalities of the County for the region with billing apportioned by municipality.

On January 28, 2020, Council also provided its support for a Board comprised of the northern Essex County local municipalities passing the following resolution:

Support the January 27, 2020 motion of the Lakeshore Police Services Board regarding a proposed two board system approximately divided between the north and south municipalities of the County for the region with billing apportioned by municipality.

On February 11, 2020 Council passed the following resolution:

1. Council endorse the contents of this report entitled “Town of Lakeshore Submission regarding OPP Detachment Boards” as the Town of Lakeshore’s submission to the Province regarding the OPP Detachment Boards; and
2. The Clerk forward this report to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

In March 2020, Tecumseh Council advised that it would be pursuing a Board composition as set out in the Foresight Report (attached as Appendix “D”).

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendation on this report.

Attachment:

Appendix A – April 26th Police Services Board meeting minutes

Appendix B – Foresight Report – OPP Detachment Board

Appendix C – Town of Tecumseh Analysis

Appendix D – Letter from Mayor of Town of Tecumseh

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Police Services Board Meeting Minutes - April 26, 2021.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appendix A - Police Services Board Meeting Minutes April 26 2021.docx- Appendix B - Foresight Report - OPP Detachment Board.pdf- Appendix C - Town of Tecumseh Analysis.pdf- Appendix D - Letter from Mayor of Town of Tecumseh.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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