



LANARK COUNTY OPP DETACHMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

8:30 AM

Lanark County Council Chambers, 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth

Present:

Ed McPherson, Chair, Council Representative,
Town of Perth
Dena Comley, Council Representative, Town
of Carleton Place
Steve Fournier, Council Representative,
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley
Denzil Ferguson, Council Representative,
Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Greg Hallam, Council Representative, Tay
Valley Township
Ron Closs, Council Representative, Township
of Lanark Highlands
Karen Jennings, Council Representative,
Township of Montague
Rodney Bowes, Community Representative
Michel Vermette, Community Representative

Others:

Lanark County Clerk Jasmin Ralph
Inspector Kerlous Tawdrous, Lanark County
OPP

Absent:

Richard Kidd, Council Representative,
Beckwith Township

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.
A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Ferguson asked some information related to a recent CAOs meeting and information that was presented to the group. Staff clarified that the meeting went well and was focused on the transition of the position, along with the clarification of roles related to Community Safety and Well-Being and the Situation Table.

MOTION #CS-2025-11

MOVED BY: S. Fournier **SECONDED BY:** D. Ferguson

***THAT,** the agenda be adopted as circulated and read.*

ADOPTED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #CS-2025-12

MOVED BY: K. Jennings **SECONDED BY:** S. Fournier

***THAT** the minutes of the Lanark County OPP Detachment Board held on June 18, 2025 be approved as circulated and read.*

ADOPTED

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- i) Mobile Crisis Response Team - Insp. Kerlous Tawdrous and PC Kory Beaton

The Board received the presentation and asked questions to clarify the MCRT activities. The Board discussed lobbying efforts to encourage the program to be continually funded rather than funded through conditional grant programs. It was noted that

efforts can be made to discuss with the provincial government continuous funding of the programs at the next ROMA Conference.

They discussed the relationship with the hospitals, medical transitions and interactions with hospital staff related to this program.

The Board discussed the impact of the program on repeat offenders and the statistics of the program. It was noted that the most amount of calls that the program receives is suicides and threats of self harm.

MOTION #CS-2025-13

MOVED BY: D. Comley **SECONDED BY:** R. Bowes

***THAT,** the presentation from the Mobile Crisis Response Team be received as information.*

ADOPTED

ii) Q2 Statistical Report - Insp. D. McLenaghan

The Board received information related to a new position at the Detachment Board of the Detachment Operation Clerk that supports the officers in their informational, administrative and statistical reporting. Insp. McLenaghan noted that this frees up officers to do more proactive enforcement. This is the reason for the uptick in the statistics related to Criminal Code Non-Traffic and Highway Traffic Act charges in the 2025 year.

D. McLenaghan detailed a few recent incidents related to violence and threats towards OPP officers. He noted an overall decrease of property crime across the East Region. Additionally, he noted the overall increase of patrol hours across the County.

The Board discussed the patrolling of local lakes, and the roles of other agencies in enforcement on lakes. They discussed the Marine Traffic Enforcement activities in waterways across Lanark.

The Board discussed speed management and traffic enforcement within each municipality, and how the OPP can assist in terms of visibility on internal roads. The OPP noted that they do enforce speed through cameras on the cruiser.

The Board discussed the community service hours when they are present at events and community celebrations. It was noted that those hours should be represented in the statistical report.

R. Closs noted the Lanark County Traffic Advisory Working Group and the process that the County undertakes to manage speed complaints.

MOTION #CS-2025-14

MOVED BY: S. Fournier **SECONDED BY:** D. Comley

***THAT,** the second quarter policing statistics from Lanark County OPP be received as information.*

ADOPTED

- iii) Legislative Amendments to Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry) - Insp. D. McLenaghan

MOTION #CS-2025-15

MOVED BY: M. Vermette **SECONDED BY:** S. Fournier

***THAT,** the Legislative Amendments to Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 as part of the Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025 and related Regulatory Amendments be received as information.*

ADOPTED

- iv) Communication to Municipalities During Major Events - Insp. D. McLenaghan

D. McLenaghan noted that if there are incidents or items going on in the municipality that the OPP would be in contact with the municipality to discuss information that is available to be made

to the public.

In the event of emergency management situation, the Detachment Commander would use the contacts available that include the CAO and Mayors/Reeves of each municipality.

MOTION #CS-2025-16

MOVED BY: S. Fournier **SECONDED BY:** D. Ferguson

***THAT,** the report on Communication to Municipalities During Major Events be received as information.*

ADOPTED

6. REPORTS

- i) Coordinator Activity Report
Stephanie Gray, Coordinator

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

- ii) Hosting Zone 2 Meeting, June 26, 2026 (Verbal)
Stephanie Gray, Coordinator and Ed McPherson, Chair

The Chair discussed potential conflict with the Kilt Run dates.

MOTION #CS-2025-17

***THAT** the Lanark County OPP Detachment Board proceed with plans to host the June 26, 2026 Zone 2 meeting in the Town of Perth.*

ADOPTED

- iii) Administrative Amendments to Procedural By-law 01-2025 and Terms of Reference
Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

The Board directed moving the meeting start time to 9am, and requested that the Secretary Treasurer be made aware.

MOTION #CS-2025-18

MOVED BY: M. Vermette **SECONDED BY:** S. Fournier

***THAT,** staff be directed to place the amended by-law on the October 2025 agenda for consideration,*

***AND THAT,** the administrative amendments to the Terms of Reference be approved by the Board and circulated to the local municipal councils for approval.*

ADOPTED

- iv) Draft 2026 Budget (To Be Presented)
Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

The Board discussed keeping the 2026 budget the same and moving any surplus funds to a contingency reserve. Staff noted that information would be brought forward related to reserve policies and the ability of the Board to maintain reserves. The Board directed that Year-to-Date information be presented at the upcoming meeting.

- v) Status of Provincial Appointments to Lanark County OPP Detachment Board (verbal)
Stephanie Gray, Coordinator

MOTION #CS-2025-19

MOVED BY: K. Jennings **SECONDED BY:** S. Fournier

***THAT,** the Lanark County OPP Detachment Board direct staff to contact the MPP John Jordan's office to determine next steps on provincial appointments.*

ADOPTED

- vi) Local Municipal Stats
Ed McPherson, Chair

The Board discussed the statistical reporting being provided on an individual municipal basis through the Board on a quarterly basis. They discussed the ability of the OPP to connect directly to municipality. It was noted that the OPP could attend local Council meetings on an annual basis.

MOTION #CS-2025-20

MOVED BY: K. Jennings **SECONDED BY:** M. Vermette

***THAT,** the OPP provide quarterly statistical report per municipality.*

ADOPTED

7. EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES

8. MOTIONS

9. BY-LAWS

10. INFORMATION LISTING

- i) OAPSB Report for Zone 2 Members - June 2025
- ii) OAPSB Zone 2 Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2025
- iii) Inspector General of Policing Annual Report for 2024
- iv) OAPSB Zone 2 Meeting - Information Shared by Graham Wight, June 20, 2025
- v) OAPSB Insurance Renewal
- vi) OAPSB Zone 2 Meeting - Hawkesbury - Sept. 19, 2025

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- i) D. Ferguson noted information being circulated related to

mandatory training for the OPP Detachment Board. Chair E. McPherson noted that he would ask at the Zone meeting.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. RISE AND REPORT

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #CS-2025-21

MOVED BY: K. Jennings **SECONDED BY:** S. Fournier

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

ADOPTED