

MINUTES

Huron County OPP Detachment Board Meeting

4:00 PM – Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Zoom

PRESENT: **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Chair South Huron Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich, Deputy-Chair Central Huron Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson, Goderich Mayor Trevor Bazinet, Bluewater Councillor Greg Lamport, Provincial Appointee Dave Frayne, Municipal Appointees Jasmine Clark and Jennette Walker.

STAFF: Administrator Central Huron CAO Steve Doherty and Central Huron Executive Assistant Irelyn St. Onge

REGRETS: North Huron Councillor Anita van Hittersum and Huron East Councillor John Steffler Councillor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Chair Dietrich called the meeting to order at 4:03pm
Provincial and Municipal Appointees performed their Oath or Affirmation of Office.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

2.1. **Moved by Member Bazinet, seconded by Member Frayne**

That the agenda as prepared for the October 2, 2024 Huron OPP Detachment Board be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NONE**

4. **REPORTS**

4.1. Formal Report – Huron OPP Detachment Board Insurance
Administrator Doherty noted that in the formal report it explains how there were some changes made through the Act which made it so that the Police Services Board was no longer recognized as a Municipal Board so it is not covered under Municipal insurance. Therefore, it is required to secure third party insurance. Administrator Doherty added that as mentioned in the report, staff have not necessarily analyzed these coverage options. The assumption is that because it was done through the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) they were able to give good framework for reference as to the risk and exposure that representatives will face in this role and that the insurance will be adequate. Administrator Doherty expressed that he thinks the insurance options are all fairly comparable. From a cost standpoint and whether or not this Boards goal is to remain a paying member of the OAPSB, then OAPSB is the cheapest option. If members of this Board

who have experience with the OAPSB membership express that they think there is value in the membership, then Administrator Doherty suggested that this is the best option. However, if it is determined that it is not necessary to be a member then the next best option for insurance would be the Linx/Aon insurance with comparable coverage. The last two options (Intact and Marsh) would be considered out of the mix from a cost standpoint.

Member Anderson recommended that the Board choose OAPSB because as being a member of OAPSB, she indicated that members are always kept up-to-date on upcoming changes, very good at sharing information and have training available that members can partake in as well. She expressed that she thinks it would be valuable to continue as members.

Member Frayne expressed that he agrees with choosing OAPSB as he is a past representative and noted that OAPSB is a valuable contact and source of information to keep the Board up-to-date.

Chair Dietrich expressed from an experience standpoint that if the Board is not part of the OAPSB the Board would lose access to valuable information.

Member Bazinet concurred with everything that was said and thinks that communication is a key aspect and OAPSB embodies this strength.

Member Frayne further expressed that if the Board chose to not to pursue OAPSB, the Board most likely would not be invited to zone functions either which would limit the Board from receiving further information and making connections with others in the same industry.

Appointee Clark agreed with what was being said but noted that looking at the actual coverage, she wondered about the exclusion of crisis management in particular and was wondering if there was some way to verify that that is not something that the Board would need and acknowledged that the Board is trusting that OAPSB is an appropriate type of coverage but if there is something that the Board should do to verify that or not.

Administrator Doherty noted that part of the requirement for allowing the Medallion coverage to come into play was that the OAPSB would have at least 40 boards sign-up and they have met this goal. It is assumed that risk assessment was already assessed and that is why crisis management may not have been included.

Member Lamport agreed with everything that had been said and agreed that if OAPSB has a larger number/group of boards that are involved, then the coverage is most likely going to cover this Boards needs.

THAT the Huron County OPP Detachment Board receive the report from, Administrator Steve Doherty entitled “Huron OPP Detachment Board Insurance” AND

THAT the Huron OPP Detachment Board direct Administrator Doherty to acquire insurance for the Board from option 1 (OAPSB Group Insurance Policy through Medallion Insurance) as outlined in the report

Carried Unanimously

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1. **Moved by Member Lamport, seconded by Member Anderson**

That this meeting adjourn at 4:18 PM.

Carried