



Petawawa OPP Detachment Board Minutes

May 21, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Town of Petawawa Municipal Office

Present:

Councillor James Carmody
Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin
Michelle Chapin
Sharon Dainty
Ryan McFadden

Regrets:

Inspector Stephan Neufeld, Upper Ottawa Valley OPP
Acting Detachment Commander Acting Inspector Steve Bosa, Renfrew OPP

Also Present:

Colin Howard, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Staff Sergeant Christopher Miller, Upper Ottawa Valley OPP
Bennett Blackwell, President, Pembroke/Renfrew County Crime Stoppers
Shawn Peever, Community Engagement Officer, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda (additions/deletions)

Moved by Michelle Chapin and seconded by Ryan McFadden that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

(a) April 23, 2025

Moved by Theresa Sabourin and seconded by Ryan McFadden, that the minutes previously circulated be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

5. Presentations

- (a) Crime Stoppers 101 – Bennett Blackwell, President, Pembroke/Renfrew County

James Carmody welcomed and introduced Bennett Blackwell and Constable Shawn Peever.

Mr. Blackwell and Cst. Peever thanked the Board for allowing them to present on the recent initiatives and history involving Crime Stoppers. Both Mr. Blackwell and Cst. Peever proceeded to present a very informative presentation, outlining the history of Crime Stoppers and how it started back in 1989 and the role of the organization in supporting residents, community organizations and businesses to be active participants in keeping their neighborhoods safe through crime prevention, reporting and resolution.

James Carmody on behalf of the Board thanked Mr. Blackwell and Cst. Peever for presenting and stated that the Board would consider hosting a future event where residents, organizations and business could attend and find out more about Crime Stoppers.

6. Correspondence

- (a) Various items of correspondence circulated electronically to members prior to meeting

Received for information.

- (b) OAPSB Zone 2 Meeting Minutes

Received for information.

- (c) OAPSB Zone 2 Update

Received for information

- (d) Safe Boating Awareness Week Media Release

Received for information. Board directed staff to add for further discussion at the next meeting.

7. Financial Report

- (a) Detailed Budget Trial Balance to May 15, 2025 – provided by Town Treasurer

Moved by Theresa Sabourin and seconded by Michelle Chapin, that the detailed trial balance to May 15, 2025, which was provided by the Town Treasurer, be approved. Motion carried.

8. Old Business

(a) PDB Calendar of Annual Events

J. Carmody presented the calendar of annual events. Received for information.

9. New Business

(a) MADD Message Yearbook Advertising

James Carmody commented on the Boards participation in years past due to the cost of travel.

Moved by Ryan McFadden and seconded by Michelle Chapin that the Board approves the MADD advertising of an eighth page advertisement expenditure in the amount of \$419.00 plus HST. Motion carried.

(b) Concern over Dirt Bikes accessing Hydro Line

The Board provided directions to staff to reply to the residents and inform them that the OPP have been made aware of the concern and that any further reports of dirt bikes accessing the hydro line are to be reported through the emergency line of the Detachment.

(c) Black Cat Speed Awareness Monitoring

James Carmody reviewed the black cat speed monitoring data with the Board for Laurentian Drive and two locations on Biesenthal Road.

The Board provided directions on street locations for future placement of Black Cat devices, which included Albert Street, Murphy Road, East Street, Easy Street, Carla and Steffen Street.

10. Detachment Commander's Report

(a) January to March 2025 – First Quarter Report

Staff Sergeant C. Miller reported that Motor Vehicle Collisions have increased for this quarter from 29 to 13 for this quarter and Criminal Code charges have also increased from 53 to 25 for this quarter compared to 2024, warnings are also increased from 45 to 27 compared to the last quarter.

S. Sgt. Miller also reported that Violent Crime charges have significantly increased compared to the same period in 2023, up from 6 to 18 in the month

of March alone. S. Sgt. Miller commented on increases in referrals to Victim Service Agencies over the past year from 121 to 76.

(b) Updates/report of policing activities in Petawawa

Staff Sergeant C. Miller provided an update on the 211 calls for service that were responded to over the month. S.Sgt. Miller noted that there were 4 false alarm calls, one being at Town Hall, 3 fraud related calls in relation to online scams and 1 banking fraud call. S. Sgt. Miller reported that there were 21 calls regarding Intimate Partner Violence occurrences so far this year, 16 traffic tickets were issued locally, and 9 seatbelt charges were laid during the Canada Roads Safety Week.

(c) Upcoming Detachment/Provincial initiatives and/or events

Staff Sergeant Miller commented on two new recruits starting next week with the Detachment. S. Sgt. Miller reported that the Detachment participated in McHappy Day in Petawawa, the Red Dress Day Walk and the Moose Hide Campaign Walk as well as their upcoming participation in the 3rd Annual Petawawa Pride event scheduled for June 13, 2025. S.Sgt. Miller also reported on the support OPP provided for marine safety for Garrison Petawawa during recent exercises. S.Sgt. Miller concluded his report by informing the Board that ATV Safety Week starts May 30, 2025, and OPP will be patrolling the trails during the week.

11. Board Member Input/Report

Theresa Sabourin – Traffic Lights at Laurentian and Boulevard. Concern over vehicles turning off Boulevard and failing to stop at intersection.

Sharon Dainty – Reported she is awaiting an update on her Provincial Appointment

Ryan McFadden – Nothing to report.

Michelle Chapin – Nothing to report.

James Carmody – Nothing to report.

12. Date of Next Meeting

- (a) June 18, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Michelle Chapin and seconded by Ryan McFadden that the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded and respectfully completed for presentation by C. Howard.

Signature of the Chair 

Date Minutes Approved June 18, 2025