

South West Dufferin OPP Detachment Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 4PM
5 Main Street North, Grand Valley

The Police Services Board met at the Town of Grand Valley Municipal Office
on September 18, 2025 commencing at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor James Jonker (Grand Valley)
Deputy Mayor John Stirk (East Garafraxa)
Provincial Appointee Member Amie Zukowski
Councillor Brad Metzger (Amaranth)
Municipal Appointee Member – Amaranth – Andrew Stirk
Municipal Appointee Member – Grand Valley – Tom Stuckey
Inspector-Detachment Commander Michael DiPasquale
Secretary / Staff - Brad Haines

ABSENT:

Municipal Appointee Member – East Garafraxa - Julian Vines

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2025-09-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to confirm the proceedings of the September 18, 2025 meeting of South West Dufferin O.P.P Detachment Board.

Moved by: A. Stirk, Seconded by A. Zukowski

CARRIED

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Adoption of Agenda

A. Stirk makes request for agenda amendment, adding 12.1 under Other Business; O.P.P Service levels.

2025-09-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board adopts the Agenda dated September 18, 2025 as amended,

Moved By: J. Vines, Seconded by A. Zukowski.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

5. Oaths and Affirmation – Brad Metzger, Amaranth Municipal Appointee

Chair Jonker welcomes the newest member Brad Metzger as Amaranth Councillor and changing positions for Andrew Stirk; going from Council member to Municipal Appointee.

B. Metzger to complete Oath at next meeting once background check and training is completed.

6. Adoption of Previous Minutes

4.1 May 15, 2025.

2025-09-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board receives the minutes dated May 15, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: A. Zukowski, Seconded by J. Stirk

CARRIED

7. Closed Session

2025-09-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South West Dufferin O.P.P Detachment Board resolve itself into a meeting that is closed to the Public at 4:05PM pursuant to Section 44.2(a) of the Community Safety Policing Act, S.O. 2019 c.1 for the purpose of considering the following subject matter; O.P.P Response Times.

Moved by: A. Stirk, Seconded by A. Zukowski

CARRIED

2025-09-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board adjourns this closed session at 4:15PM to rise and report into open session.

CARRIED

Moved by: A. Stirk, Seconded by: J. Stirk

2025-09-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board receives the report from the Inspector regarding O.P.P response times for information purposes.

8. Items for Discussion

8.1 Abuse Policy

8.1.1 Abuse, Violence and Harassment Policy – Lanark County O.P.P Detachment Board

8.1.2 Respectful Workplace Policy – Collingwood O.P.P Detachment Board

Chair J. Jonker requests further information regarding the reasoning for having a Respectful Workplace Policy and if it is required as said policies are work ‘workplaces’ and this setting is not a workplace for members of the board, more so a volunteer board. Secretary B. Haines to follow up with the board advisor, Hank Zehr for clarification.

9. Financials

9.1 SWDPSB Expenses as of September 12, 2025

A general question regarding the cost of advertising; where were the costs accumulated?

- B. Haines advises the advertising costs were from posting for the vacant positions of the board in multiple newspapers.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopts the South West Dufferin Expense Report as of September 12, 2025, as presented.

Moved by: T. Stuckey, Seconded by A. Stirk

CARRIED

10. Police Reports

10.1 Grand Valley 2nd Quarter

10.2 Amaranth 2nd Quarter

10.3 East Garafraxa 2nd Quarter

10.4 Dufferin Detachment – 2024 Detachment Board Annual Report

Inspector Di Pasquale goes over the stats relating the 2nd Quarter in Grand Valley, Amaranth and East Garafraxa. Some of the stats highlighted include;

- 23% increase in Amaranth, attributed to small numbers in previous quarter.
- Grand Valley / East Garafraxa numbers virtually the same as previous quarter.
- Service calls doubled; Often advice calls, not necessarily for enforcement or criminal activity.
- 42% Reduction in public complaints toward officers.
- Consistent impaired charges.
- Increase in officer presence up 52% in Grand Valley, Amaranth and East Garafraxa.
- Reduction in mental health calls, attributed to great work of Mobile Crisis nurse.

A. Stirk asks if there is communication between municipalities and The O.P.P regarding specific intersections and problem areas.

Inspector Di Pasquale recommends the developing a 'Road Safety committee, similar to the city of Brantford. This would allow the community to take the responsibility for road safety as often the road safety issues within a municipality are caused by the residents living in said municipality.

A. Zukowski asks how to educate the public to report an incident as often car accidents are not reported, therefore the data may appear less severe than in reality.

J. Jonker reiterates the idea of a Road Safety Committee as the people living in a specific area are more aware of any frequent issues.

2025-09-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board receives the OPP Dufferin Detachment Reports as presented.

Moved by: A. Stirk, Seconded by: J. Stirk

11. Correspondence

11.1 Inspector General of Policing Annual Report

11.2 Public Order Unit Spotlight Report

11.3 Inspector General Memorandum – IGM – Public Order Unit Findings

11.4 Inspector General Memorandum 6 – 2024 Annual Report

11.5 Grey Bruce O.P.P Detachment Board Resolution Re Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System

11.6 Grey Bruce O.P.P Detachment Board Resolution Re Reinstatement of Provincial Funding

2025-05-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board receives the correspondence as presented.

Moved by: A. Stirk, Seconded By: T. Stuckey

CARRIED

12. Other Business

12.1 O.P.P Service Levels

A. Sirk leads a conversation asking if there is a mechanism for more police presence; the safest places seem to be with a larger police presence. Asking if municipalities are having conversations relating to this.

Inspector Di Pasquale advises the board that the O.P.P uses data to make service levels and any enhancements must be paid for by the individual municipality.

J. Stirk reiterates that when the service contract renewal comes through, the O.P.P ultimately decides on the service level, not the municipalities.

Inspector Di Pasquale advises the board that a new role of Administrative Clerk is rolling out at certain detachments, currently being looked at for Orangeville. This position will allow front line officers to spend more time on the road and not in the office completing administrative duties.

13. Next meeting – November 20, 2025

14. Adjournment

15. 2025-05-10

BE IT RESOLVED THT we do now adjourn this meeting at 5:17PM to meet again November 20, 2025 at 4PM or at the call of the Chair.

Moved by: A. Stirk, Seconded By: A. Zukowski

CARRIED

James Jonker, Chair

Brad Haines, Secretary