



**EDWARDSBURGH
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**SOUTH GRENVILLE OPP DETACHMENT
MINUTES**

Town of Prescott

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Present	Mayor Jeff Shaver, Township of Augusta, Mayor Tory Deschamps, Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Mayor Gauri Shankar, Town of Prescott, Marina Laker, and Rob Samojillo
Staff	Shannon Geraghty, CAO Township of Augusta, Sean Nickolson, CAO Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer Town of Prescott, Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk Town of Prescott
Guests	Lisa Nicholas, Grenville OPP Detachment Commander and Cory Briscoe, Grenville OPP Staff Sergeant
Regrets	Brian Purcell, Township of Augusta

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Shaver welcomed members, staff, and OPP representatives to the meeting.

2. Oath of Office

Mayor Shaver spoke to the required Oaths of Office to be made by each member of the Board.

3. Call to Order

Mayor Shaver called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Shaver acknowledged that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples.

In particular, we acknowledge the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and the Oneida and Haudenosaunee Peoples.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Brief introductions were issued from each member of the board, staff, and OPP representatives.

There were no items of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof to disclose.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: G. Shankar

Seconded by: T. Deschamps

That the agenda for the South Grenville OPP Detachment Police Services Board be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Opening Statements from Mayor Deschamps, Mayor Shankar, and Mayor Shaver

Mayor Deschamps, Mayor Shankar, and Mayor Shaver each provided opening statements.

Mayor Shankar spoke to a potential recess for a photo opportunity with local youth, Eric Henry, for his second-place award from the Royal Canadian Legion in the Remembrance Day Literary Contest.

8. Items of Business

Prior to proceeding with the items of business Mayor Deschamps, Mayor Shaver, Rob Samojllo, Marina Laker, and Mayor Shankar read their Oaths of Office.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of provincial appointees.

a. Appointments for Chair & Vice-Chair

Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Mayor Deschamps nominated Mayor Jeff Shaver; Marina Laker seconded the nomination.

Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Mayor Shankar nominated Mayor Tory Deschamps; Mayor Shaver seconded the nomination.

b. Terms of Reference – OPP Detachment

Shannon Geraghty, CAO of the Township of Augusta, spoke to the draft Terms of Reference, the interest in meeting frequency, and remuneration.

Discussion was held regarding the Code of Conduct, having copies distributed and bringing the draft version to the Board for discussion.

Further discussion was held regarding the listed term of membership not exceeding the term of Council versus a two-year appointment, the expectation for members to attend every meeting, and clarity surrounding the review of the composition of the OPP Detachment Board.

The Board discussed the process for reviewing the Board's composition by each municipality, the responsibility of each municipality to name members for each municipality and stipulating the timing for the review at the end of the term of the members.

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer of the Town of Prescott, spoke to potential inconsistencies in composition and handling requests for members to resign.

Further discussion was held regarding adding clarity around the responsibility of who reviews the Boards composition, receiving guidance from the Minister of the Solicitor General, and the responsibility for each individual municipality to appoint their own Board members.

The Board discussed changing the language of the section under filing vacancies to remove the requirements to fill a vacancy within three months so long as quorum is met.

Shannon Geraghty spoke to the requirement to review remuneration.

The Board discussed bringing back the terms of reference to the next meeting for further consideration, appointing Shannon Geraghty as the Secretary-Treasurer, and bringing back terms of reference for the Secretary-Treasurer for review and consideration.

c. 2025 Budget – Allocation of Funds

Mayor Shaver provided background on the remuneration of the Police Services Board with the Township of Augusta and past donations of funds.

Mayor Shankar spoke to the remuneration of citizen Police Services Board members only and not members of Council.

The Board discussed opening a new joint bank account for the Grenville OPP Detachment Board, contributions from each municipality to the joint account.

Moved by: G. Shankar

Seconded by: T. Deschamps

That each municipality contribute \$10,000 to a joint account for the Grenville OPP Detachment Board for 2025 to be reviewed in the third quarter.

Carried

Discussion was held regarding remuneration amounts for Board members, ensuring the remuneration rate is equal for all, and bringing back the provincial rate to the next meeting for discussion.

Moved by: R. Samojllo

Seconded by: G. Shankar

That all Board members be paid equally to the public appointee remuneration amount about as outlined in the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Carried

Shannon Geraghty, spoke to the requirement for insurance coverage for the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of using current insurance, the impact the insurance could have on the Board's budget, and discussions with OAPSB regarding current negotiations with insurance policies.

Mayor Shaver provided an overview of the OAPSB and the benefits of its membership.

Lisa Nicholas, Grenville OPP Detachment Commander, spoke to past discussions at the North Grenville/Merrickville Grenville OPP Detachment Board regarding insurance options and their remuneration per meeting.

Moved by: T. Deschamps

Seconded by: G. Shankar

That the Grenville OPP Detachment Board direct Staff to pay the 2025 Membership to the OAPSB Zone 2.

Carried

d. Meeting Scheduling for 2025

Discussion was held regarding the requirement to meet four times per year.

Further discussion was held regarding holding the meeting in Prescott as a central location and scheduling the next meeting date for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

e. Training & Membership

Discussion was held regarding the required training.

9. Delegations & Presentations

a. Lisa Nicholas, Detachment Commander & Staff Sergeant Cory Briscoe

Lisa Nicholas, Grenville OPP Detachment Commander, spoke to the change in reporting requirements that now provide an overview of the statistics for the whole county rather than each individual municipality and the purpose behind the change.

Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk, left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Lindsey Veltkamp, Clerk, returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Detachment Commander Nicholas provided an overview of the statistic report for 2024. She referenced the statistics from collision reports, violent crimes, theft, and highlights of the work of the Community Street Crime Unit.

She spoke to the trafficking charges issued, the ability to collect clearance rates, public complaints received and referrals to victim services.

Discussion was held regarding the requirement to record Board meetings, future distribution of the report for upcoming meetings, and appropriate subject matter when moving into closed session.

Further discussion was held regarding the positive work of the Detachment in the three municipalities, the 2023-2025 Action Plan and the process for approval for the Action Plan.

10. New Business

The Board expressed their gratitude for the work of the OPP and offered assistance in communicating with residents, issuing PSA's and highlighting positive stories.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: G. Shankar

Seconded by: T. Deschamps

That the meeting be adjourned. (Time: 7:52 p.m.)