

Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board Agenda

February 24, 2026

04:00 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting is being held using a hybrid in-person format where members of the Board and staff are attending virtually or in-person at the Township of Clearview Council Chambers located at 217 Gideon Street, Stayner, ON.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. that are provided at a public or open meeting are considered a public record.

Reference Documents

- [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2025-2029](#)
- [Huronia West OPP Local Action Plan](#)
- [Community Safety and Policing Act](#)

1. Closed Session

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with s. 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act:

2(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board;

2(d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Topic for Discussion: Detachment Commander Updates

1.1 Approval of Agenda

1.2 Declarations of Interest

1.3 Approval of Closed Session Minutes

1.4 Detachment Commander Update

1.5 Identification of Items to Arise into Open Session

1.6 Resolution to Reconvene into Open Session

2. Call to Order

3. Declaration of Interest

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

No items.

5. Deputations/Presentations

No Items.

6. Detachment Commander Report

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Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board hereby receives the Detachment Command Report for information.

7. Correspondence

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7.6 OAPSB - Supporting Local Conversation during Heightened Public Attention

8. Reports and Items for Consideration

8.1 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference Update

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Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board receive the report 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference Update, dated February 24, 2026; and,

That the following members and/or staff be permitted to attend the conference on

behalf of the Detachment Board:

- _____
- _____
- _____

8.2 Other Items for Consideration

9. By-laws

No items.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board Meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

Huronian West OPP Detachment Board

Huronian West OPP Detachment

Serving the Town of Wasaga Beach and Springwater and Clearview Townships



Huronia West 2026

- 1- Communications
 - Occurrence Highlights
- 2- Traffic Safety
 - Traffic Initiatives
 - Impaired Offences & R.I.D.E.
- 3- Community Safety
 - Mental Health Calls
 - Calls for Service
 - Community Engagement
4. Staff Updates and Training

Occurrence Highlights

Project SALUS, the warrant apprehension program grant that was implemented in Ontario was incredibly successful in Huronia West. Between December 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026, 40 persons were arrested and 67 warrants were executed or rescinded. The officers at Huronia West were vigilant in their pursuit of these subjects and displayed excellent team work in their efforts.



Huronia West Detachment has experienced two **impactful winter weather events** to date during the 2025/2026 season. These weather events caused widespread road closures and significantly impacted travel on roadways. One of these events required OPP Central Region coordination to support public safety through the deployment of additional staffing and specialized resources including motorized snow vehicle. Collaboration with municipalities, other first responder agencies and provincial entities contributed to our ability to ensure public safety.

Traffic Initiatives

Wasaga Beach: 191 PON's, 26 Part III

Summons, 52 Warnings

Springwater: 196 PON's, 46 Part III

Summons, 58 Warnings

Clearview: 159 PON's, 9 Part III

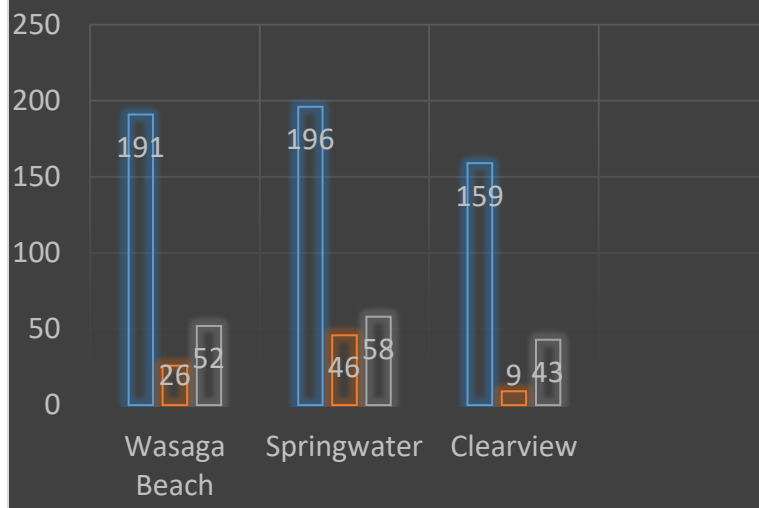
Summons, 43 Warnings



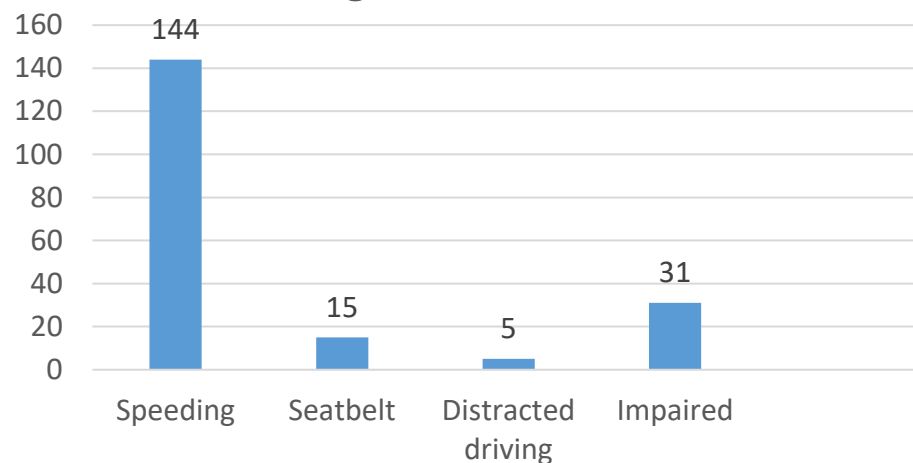
YTD Overview

- 144 Speeding offences
- 15 Seatbelt offences
- 5 Distracted Driving offences
- 31 Impaired offences

Provincial Offence Notices



Big 4 2026 YTD



Impaired Offences & R.I.D.E. YTD 2026

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.)

- 93 R.I.D.E.'s conducted (32 Wasaga Beach, 34 Springwater Township, 27 Clearview Township)
- Over 50 hours of R.I.D.E. were performed on MSV's patrolling local trails



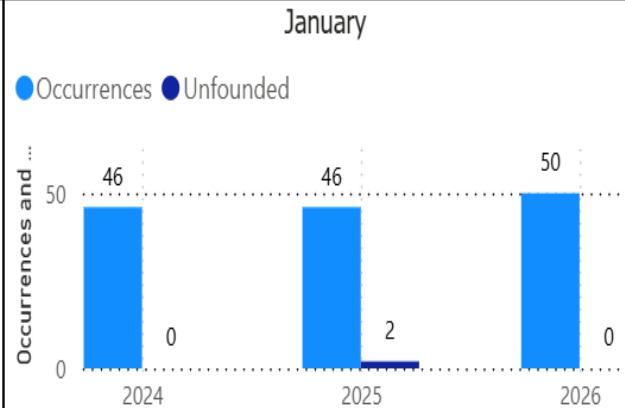
YTD 2026, Huronia West OPP have laid 31 impaired charges. 28 alcohol related and 3 drug related.



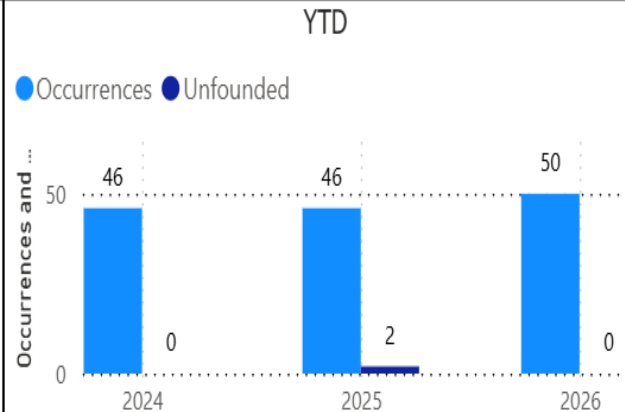
Mental Health Calls

Mental Health Act Occurrences

January		
Year	Occurrences	Unfounded
2024	46	0
2025	46	2
2026	50	0



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From January 1, 2026 to February 15, 2026 MCRT were involved in 41 of the 50 Mental Health CFS. This represents an 82% engagement rate.

Motorized Snow Vehicle (MSV) Initiatives



Huronia West currently has 2 MSVs, 9 certified uniform MSV operators and 2 trained Auxiliary members. We collaborate in joint patrols with neighbouring detachments and the regional Snowmobile ATV Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) team.

Huronia West patrols the area of 3 snowmobile clubs including Sno Voyageurs (Springwater), Barrie Snowmobile Club (Clearview) and Wasaga Snowmobile Club (Wasaga/Clearview). Huronia West patrols approximately 240 km of trails between the 3 clubs.

From February 9-16, 2026, Huronia West conducted 98 hours of patrol on local trails as a part of the provincial Motorized Snowmobile Safety Week.

Welcome Detachment Commander Alicia McCracken!



- 2009-2010: OPP Auxiliary member at Nottawasaga Detachment.
- 2010-2018: Hired as a uniform member and posted to Caledon Detachment. Fulfilled various roles:
 - Frontline at Caledon and Barrie Detachments
 - Completed two northern deployments to Pikangikum
 - Coach Officer
 - Member of the Community Response Unit which focused on community engagement and warrant apprehension
 - Detective Constable in the Community Street Crime Unit
- 2018-2019: Emergency Management Planner with the Emergency Management Unit in Field Support Bureau.
- 2019-2022: Promoted to Sergeant and Instructor in the Provincial Police Academy. Instructed recruit training and senior officer courses.
- 2022-2025: Promoted to Staff Sergeant and Manager of the Emergency Management Unit.
- April to November 2025: Operations Manager at Southern Georgian Bay Detachment.
- November-December 2025: Acting Inspector and Commander of Aviation Services.

Community Engagement



- Our Community Engagement Officer, PC McGinnis has begun 2026 by making herself a visible presence in local schools performing lockdown drills, and planning and scheduling presentations for youth and their parents. She also visits the youth centre in Wasaga Beach on a bi-weekly basis to engage the youth in our community.

- PC McGinnis attended the North Simcoe Cup on January 7, 2026, a high school hockey tournament held in Wasaga Beach hosting 5 different local schools.

- PC McGinnis also attended “Wild Winter Weeknight” on January 30, 2026, a Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre fundraiser held at Snow Valley Resort.

- Huronia West Detachment has applied to host a summer student for the Youth in Policing program. We are waiting on Ministry approval.



Thank you!

Legislative and Regulatory Changes Effective January 1, 2026

January 02, 2026

Legislative and regulatory change is a constant feature of the environment in which police governance boards operate. While not every update requires action, understanding what has changed and how it may affect governance responsibilities is essential to effective oversight.

This notice is intended to support awareness and informed decision-making. It is not intended to be a legal interpretation, nor does it replace professional advice. Rather, it provides a practical overview of key changes that came into effect on January 1, 2026, with a focus on what boards may wish to understand, monitor, or discuss as part of their governance role.

Boards are not expected to be subject-matter experts in every area outlined below. The goal is to support thoughtful oversight, informed questions, and constructive dialogue with police leadership and partners.

1. Employment, Recruitment, and Labour-Related Changes

Several legislative updates now in effect clarify employer responsibilities related to recruitment, transparency, and workforce practices.

1.1 Recruitment and Job Posting Requirements

What has changed

Recent updates to employment legislation introduce clearer expectations regarding recruitment practices, including:

- Increased transparency in job postings, including the inclusion of compensation or salary ranges.
- Clearer requirements for maintaining records related to recruitment and hiring activities.
- Greater emphasis on consistency and fairness throughout the hiring process.

These changes are intended to promote transparency, reduce bias, and support equitable access to employment opportunities.

Why this matters for police boards

Police service boards may:

- Directly recruit for board, administrative, or governance support roles.
- Provide oversight of recruitment practices used by the police service.
- Be asked to demonstrate that appropriate governance and risk management practices are in place.

Even where recruitment is operationally delegated, Municipal and First Nations’ boards retain accountability for governance frameworks and oversight expectations.

What boards may wish to do

- Confirm that job posting templates include required information, including compensation ranges where applicable for board hires and service hires.

- Ensure recruitment records are being maintained in line with current requirements.
- Ask how recruitment policies and practices have been updated.
- Confirm alignment when using external recruiters or third-party support.

1.2 Labour Mobility and Workforce Access

What has changed

Recent federal and provincial initiatives have strengthened labour mobility across jurisdictions. These changes are intended to reduce unnecessary barriers and improve access to skilled workers, particularly in regulated or specialized roles.

Why this matters for police boards

While sworn policing roles remain subject to specific legislative and regulatory requirements, labour mobility changes may affect:

- Civilian and professional staff recruitment for the board and for the service
- Competition for specialized skill sets
- Workforce planning and retention strategies

What boards may wish to do

- Understand whether labour mobility changes affect civilian or technical roles within the board or the service.
 - Consider how these changes may influence recruitment strategies and workforce planning.
 - Ensure hiring practices remain fair, transparent, and compliant.
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2. Occupational Health and Safety Updates

2.1 Workplace Cleaning and Record-Keeping Requirements

What has changed

Employers are now required to maintain records confirming that workplace washrooms are cleaned at prescribed intervals. These records must be available upon inspection.

Why this matters for police boards

Boards may oversee or occupy administrative spaces and may share responsibility for ensuring compliance. Even where facilities management is delegated, governance oversight remains important.

What boards may wish to do

- Confirm that appropriate cleaning records are being maintained by asking your Police Leadership for an update to ensure they are compliant.
 - Understand who is responsible for monitoring compliance.
 - Ensure clarity between board and service responsibilities and any external contractors.
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2.2 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on Construction Projects

What has changed

Certain construction projects are now required to have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site, depending on project duration and workforce size.

Why this matters for police boards

This may affect new builds, renovations, or other capital projects overseen or approved by the board.

What boards may wish to do

- Confirm whether current or planned projects meet the criteria requiring an AED.
 - Ensure safety requirements are incorporated into project planning and oversight with contractors.
 - Include this consideration in capital project reporting and risk discussions.
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3. Public Safety and Enforcement Updates

Impaired Driving Enforcement

What has changed

Updates to provincial impaired driving legislation affect how roadside enforcement and related procedures are carried out.

Why this matters for police boards

While boards do not direct operational policing, these changes may influence:

- Enforcement activity and public interactions
- Community expectations and public messaging
- The nature of questions or concerns raised with the board

What boards may wish to do

- Request a briefing from the Chief or Detachment Commander on how changes are being implemented locally.
- Understand any anticipated impacts on service delivery.
- Ensure public communications are clear and consistent.

4. Broader Regulatory and Policy Environment

Additional federal and provincial regulatory changes also came into effect on January 1, 2026. These include updates related to labour regulation, benefits administration, and sector-specific compliance requirements.

While these changes may not require immediate board action, they form part of the broader operating environment in which police services operate.

What boards may wish to do

- Maintain general awareness of emerging regulatory trends.
- Discuss with your Police Leadership
- Consider implications for workforce planning and inter-agency collaboration.
- Monitor for future guidance or sector-specific impacts.

Moving Forward

OAPSB will continue to monitor legislative and regulatory developments and will share updates as appropriate. These changes will also inform future tools, resources, and learning opportunities designed to support effective police governance.

To support shared understanding, OAPSB will be hosting ongoing discussion groups between January and March. These sessions will provide space for conversation, questions, and peer learning related to the updates outlined above as well as any general inquires around Governance and your roles and responsibilities.

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DISCUSSION FORMAT



Updates

Any previous open follow-up items and answers
Updates from Ministry & IoP



Best Practice Sharing

Share and learn from your peers
Ask questions that are top of mind for your board

Discussion Groups

The Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) invites you to participate in our enriching discussion groups. By engaging in meaningful conversations with fellow community members, experts, and stakeholders, you can exchange valuable ideas and knowledge, share your insights, and learn from others' experiences.

Staying informed is another significant benefit of joining our discussion groups. You'll be up-to-date with the latest developments, trends, and challenges in policing, gaining access to exclusive information and resources that can help you make informed decisions.

Not a member of the OAPSB? Contact us for more information.

EVERY 3RD WEEK

Monthly

12:00PM

TUESDAYS

Admin & Municipal Staff

THURSDAYS

Board Members



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January 2, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
 Minister of Transportation
 Province of Ontario

RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

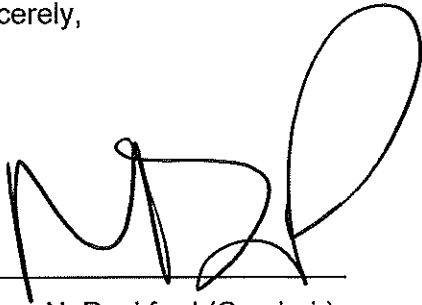
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

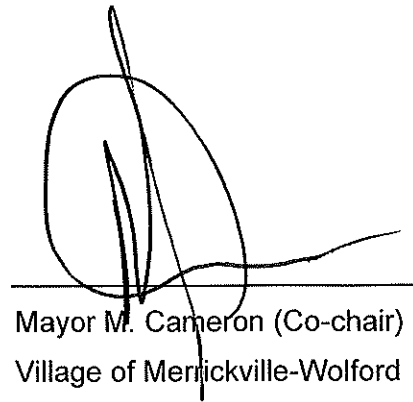
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a large, prominent oval at the end.

Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)
Municipality of North Grenville

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, circular loop and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Enclosed: Co-signing Template

[Municipality Name]
[Municipal Address]

[Date]

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **[Council / Municipality / Township / City] of [Municipality Name]**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

[Municipality Name] supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title – Mayor / Reeve / Warden]

[Municipality Name]

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 3, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

RE: Letter of Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

On behalf of the Council of The Town of Wasaga Beach, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Town of Wasaga Beach supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act.

These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/mps

cc: Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board
Huron West OPP Detachment Board
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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Item 7.5

Inspector General of Policing Memorandum

TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.
Chairs, Police Service Boards

FROM: Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Inspector General Memo #9: Province-Wide Inspection on Police Integrity
and Anti-Corruption Practices

On February 5, York Regional Police announced the results of Project South, a complex criminal investigation into organized crime and corruption. The investigation identified serious allegations and resulted in the arrest of several current and former members of the Toronto Police Service and has prompted broader concerns about the integrity and public confidence in policing.

It is essential that these concerns are addressed directly, examined independently and handled in a manner that strengthens public trust. This is a responsibility the Inspectorate of Policing takes seriously.

After considering a request from the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Police Service Board, I will be initiating a province-wide inspection on police integrity and anti-corruption practices. While the scope of the inspection is still to be finalized, it will focus on five defined areas, with the ability to examine additional areas should they arise:

- Supervision and span of control, including how officers are supervised and how effective that supervision is;
- Screening and vetting of police officers both at recruitment and on an ongoing basis;
- Access to police databases and information systems, including permissions, controls and clearances;
- Evidence and property management practices; and
- Substance abuse and fitness for duty.

Given the scope of this inspection and the importance of it being conducted in a timely manner, I will appoint an individual external to government to serve as lead inspector. Upon completion, the inspector will submit a report outlining their independent findings. I will review the report to determine whether there has been any non-compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, including a failure to provide adequate and effective policing. If there has been non-

compliance, I will determine whether to issue any legally binding Directions to ensure compliance and improve performance across Ontario's policing system.

As the Inspectorate of Policing's work moves forward, I encourage you to evaluate your policies, procedures and practices as they relate to the five issues identified. To the extent you may identify vulnerabilities and approaches to address them in your own organization, please continue to engage the Inspectorate of Policing through your Police Services Advisor for support and guidance as needed. As always, our Police Services Advisors are there to help you navigate emerging issues, provide guidance, and support your compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. Finally, and importantly, as this work unfolds, my team will be careful and thoughtful in both our planning and execution to avoid compromising any ongoing criminal or other proceedings. I will keep the policing sector apprised as planning for this inspection evolves.

I take seriously our shared responsibility to maintain public confidence in the strength and integrity of Ontario's policing system.

Sincerely,



Ryan Teschner
Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

STAFF REPORT**Huronia West OPP Detachment Board****Meeting Date: 2/24/2026**

DATE: 2/24/2026

SUBJECT: 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference Update

CONTACT: Emma Coleman, Deputy Clerk – Clearview Township

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved that the Huronia West OPP Detachment Board receive the report 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference Update, dated February 24, 2026; and,

That the following members and/or staff be permitted to attend the conference on behalf of the Detachment Board:

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- _____

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- In 2025, two members of the Huronia West OPP Detachment Board and one staff member attended the OAPSB Conference in London, Ontario.
- The OAPSB 2026 conference is from May 31 – June 3 at The Brock Niagara Falls in Niagara Falls, Ontario
- The cost per person to attend the conference would be approximately \$1,865.44.
- For 2026, the Board has budgeted \$4,000 for conferences, workshops or conventions and \$3,500 for accommodation, mileage & meals.

BACKGROUND:

In 2025, two members of the Huronia West OPP Detachment Board and one staff member attended the OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM in London, Ontario. This report outlines the approximate costs per person, dates and conference agenda, for the OAPSB Spring 2026 Conference and AGM.

DISCUSSION:

The [Ontario Association of Police Service Boards' Spring Conference](#) is being held from Sunday, May 31st – Wednesday, June 3rd in Niagara Falls, Ontario at The Brock Niagara Falls-Fallsvieview Tapestry. The Conference is in-person attendance only with no virtual option. OPP Detachment Boards have programming on Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2. Below is an outline of the OPP Detachment Boards Agenda:

Monday, June 1st

Time	Activity
7:30AM – 9:00AM	Hot Buffet Breakfast
9:00AM – 12:00PM	Main Plenary Sessions & Breakouts
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM – 2:00PM	OAPSB Annual General Meeting
2:00PM – 4:30PM	Joint Plenary Sessions
4:30PM – 6:30PM	OAPSB Board of Directors' Meeting (By Invite Only)
6:30PM	Dinner & Entertainment

Tuesday, June 2nd

Time	Activity
7:00AM – 8:30AM	Hot Buffet Breakfast
8:30AM – 12:00PM	Joint Plenary Session
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM – 5:00PM	Joint Plenary Session & Breakout Sessions
5:00PM – 6:30PM	Free Time
6:30PM	Joint Reception

Wednesday, June 3rd

Time	Activity
Wednesday Agenda Items are for Municipal & First Nations Boards only	

Budget

For a Board member to attend the conference registration fees, hotel fees, mileage and any meal reimbursements need to be considered. Below is a high-level breakdown of the costs per person to attend.

Item	Cost (HST not included)	Comments
Conference Registration	\$899	This is an early bird rate, the cost will go up to \$999 on April 1, 2026.
Hotel accommodation	\$630	The current price per night for a room at The Brock ranges from \$209-\$239. The cost quoted is a 3-night stay (Sunday - Wednesday)
Mileage	\$286.44	Mileage is based on a round trip from Stayner area (434 km). The Board has not set a mileage rate, but the avg. is \$0.66 per km
Meals	\$50.00	Most meals are included in the conference package, except for dinner on Sunday night for early arrival and dinner on Tuesday night.
Total per person	\$1,865.44	

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

For 2026, the Board has budgeted a total of \$4,000 for conferences, workshops or conventions and \$3,500 for accommodation, milage & meals. In reviewing the per person cost to attend the conference, it would be financially feasible to allow three members and/or staff to attend, allowing for some additional funds to be available for any workshops/webinars etc. that might become available throughout the year.

To ensure members have an opportunity to attend a conference, the Board can look at a rotating schedule based on sending two members each year. In 2025, the Chair and Deputy Chair attended the conference. Staff recommended that one Board member and one member of Staff attend the conference, however, budget allocations allow for an additional Board member.

If the Board wants to look at cost savings to potentially send four members, reducing the number of nights stay at the hotel (i.e. two-night hotel stay from Sunday to Tuesday as there are no OPP Detachment Board activities on Wednesday) has savings and carpooling can reduce the mileage amount.

The municipal budgets for the Detachment Board total \$46,500, the Board estimated cost is \$46,500. If the Board wishes to send additional members to the Conference, a motion could be considered to increase the travel budget estimates to accommodate. Staff do not recommend this.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the current budget and established conference attendance allocations, funding is available for three Board members and/or staff to attend the OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM this year. This ensures representation for the Huronia West OPP Detachment Board, while ensuring there are still funds should other workshops/webinars become available throughout the year. Should the Board wish to increase attendance in future years, this should be considered while preparing the 2027 Budget Estimates.

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Attachment: Not applicable.