

**GRENVILLE OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
MINUTES**

**November 7, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Nancy Peckford, North Grenville
Mayor Michael Cameron, Merrickville-Wolford
Jacques Pelletier
Christopher Scott
Tim Wasylko
Gregory Brown
Jim Goodman

STAFF PRESENT Chloe Preston, Clerk North Grenville
Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk North Grenville
Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk North Grenville
Darlene Plumley, CAO Merrickville Wolford
Karen Dunlop, CAO North Grenville
Lisa Nicholas, OPP Detachment Commander

OTHERS PRESENT Spencer Putnam, Lawyer, Cunningham Swan LLP
Tony Fleming, Lawyer, Cunningham Swan LLP
Deb Wilson

A. OPEN MEETING

Chair Nancy Peckford called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. A round of introductions was made to introduce all members and guests.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land acknowledgement was read by Nancy Peckford.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Michael Cameron

Seconded by Jacques Pelletier

Be it Resolved:

THAT the agenda of the Grenville OPP Detachment Board for November 7, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

E. CLOSED SESSION

Entered closed session at 3:31PM. Open discussion about insurance policy, legal requirements, confirmation of coverage and responsibilities of new Members of the Board with Tony Fleming and Spencer Putnam of Cunningham Swan LLP.

Moved by Michael Cameron

Seconded by Tim Wasylo

Be it Resolved:

THAT the Grenville OPP Detachment Board move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 44(2)(f) of the Community Safety and Policing Act which states the meeting or part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is advice that would be inadmissible in a court by reason of any privilege under the law of evidence, including communications necessary for the purpose;

AND THAT the municipal staff representing each municipality remain in the room.

CARRIED

1. Liability Coverage - Insurance & Legal Opinion

F. OPEN SESSION

Moved by Jim Goodman

Seconded by Michael Cameron

Be it Resolved:

THAT the Grenville OPP Detachment Board revert back to Open Session at 3:59PM.

CARRIED

G. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

H. DELEGATIONS

I. REPORTS

1. OPP Report

Inspector Lisa Nicholas, Commander of the Greenville OPP presented the detachment report for Greenville County covering March to September 2024, highlighting several key points:

Crime Trends:

- Motor vehicle collisions increased, including one fatality.
- Violent crime rose compared to last year.
- Property crime decreased.
- Drug-related offenses increased.
- Other crime occurrences decreased.
- Clearance rates (cases resolved with charges) were discussed.
- Unfounded occurrences (reported incidents later deemed unfounded) increased.
- Public complaints against officers were down.
- Victim services had a high acceptance rate, particularly for domestic violence cases.

Recent Successes:

- On Sept 10th, a warrant led to property recovery from proceeds of crime.
- Two stolen trailers were recovered within 24 hours, with arrests made.

School Incident:

- Successful investigation and support following recent bomb threats at South Mountain Catholic High School (SMCHS).

Community Support:

- Following the loss of three young men in North Greenville, NP emphasized ongoing support from local organizations, including UCLG, SMCHS, and mental health services. She highlighted a Teen Resilience Forum to assist local youth.

Concerns Raised:

- Jacques expressed concerns about underreported crime numbers in Merrickville-Wolford, noting a lack of specific municipal data. Darlene confirmed that the information is public and can be shared with him.
- Chloe Preston mentioned that billing reports are quarterly and could be added to future agendas.

Call for Service & Budget:

- NP noted the OPP's focus on reducing call volumes and confirmed that a formula for call service fees, including base calls and costs like overtime, prisoner transport, and accommodation, is shared with the board.

Crime Trends and Patrols:

- Jim Goodman noted a rise in thefts and assaults, including firearms. Lisa explained that a special team now focuses on the Grenville area, and many assaults are domestic violence-related.
- Regarding patrol hours, Lisa confirmed that high call volumes sometimes reduce patrol time but reassured the board that recruitment efforts are underway, and additional officers will be joining soon.
- Jacques raised concerns about overnight car thefts in his neighborhood; Lisa mentioned the "Lock it or Lose it" campaign and committed to increasing patrols in the area.

Public Complaints:

- Greg Brown asked for clarification on the nature of public complaints, whether they are serious or repeat issues. Lisa agreed to gather more details and provide a clearer breakdown before the next meeting.

Regional Crime Data:

- Chris requested a more region-specific breakdown of crime statistics. Lisa noted that officers from neighboring areas may assist in call responses, making it hard to track exact patrol areas. She confirmed that North Grenville will receive additional officers in the coming months based on population growth and demand.

OPP Needs from the Board:

- Lisa mentioned that the OPP may request board support for specific initiatives in the future.

Action:

- **Chloe Preston** will provide quarterly billing reports for future board agendas.

2. Chairperson Report
Moved to next meeting.
3. Members' Report
Moved to next meeting.
4. Treasurer Report
Moved to next meeting.

J. GENERAL BUSINESS/DECISION ITEMS

1. Next Meeting - Date Change

Christopher Scott reported that the hockey game between EMS and OPP on October 25th was a great success and well-received by the community.

Deb Wilson shared that the Kreepy Kemptville event on October 26th was also a success, with OPP assistance for traffic control.

Mayor Michael Cameron expressed appreciation for the OPP's ongoing support during the annual Christmas parade.

There was a consensus to move the January 2, 2025 meeting to January 9, 2025 at 1:30 PM.

Chloe Preston reminded the board that she will bring the draft budget to the meeting in the new year for review, noting that it will need to be approved by Council.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Municipal Centre.

Moved by Jacques Pelletier

Seconded by Jim Goodman

Be it resolved that:

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

CARRIED