

**GRENVILLE OPP DETACHMENT BOARD  
MINUTES**

**July 3, 2025, 1:30 p.m.  
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

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

STAFF PRESENT Lisa Nicholas, OPP Detachment Commander  
Karen Dunlop, CAO North Grenville  
Darlene Plumley, CAO Merrickville Wolford  
Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk North Grenville  
Julia McCaugherty-Jansmen, Clerk Merrickville-Wolford  
Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk North Grenville/Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT Councillor Deb Wilson  
Julianne De Groot, OPP Administration Sergeant

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**A. OPEN MEETING**

Co-Chair Nancy Peckford called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The land acknowledgement was read by Nancy Peckford.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Jim Goodman  
Seconded by Gregory Brown

*Be it resolved:*

*THAT the agenda for the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board on July 3, 2025 be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**D. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

Greg Brown shared that he will be joining the Ottawa Police Service to conduct background checks. He also mentioned that he will be moving out of North Grenville and is unsure whether this requires him to resign from the committee. Rick plans to relocate in September but confirmed he will be available to attend a few more meetings before then.

**E. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. Board Minutes - May 1, 2025

Moved by Jacques Pelletier

Seconded by Tim Wasylko

*Be it resolved:*

*THAT the minutes of the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment board meeting on May 1, 2025 be adopted as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**F. DELEGATIONS**

**G. REPORTS**

1. OPP Report

OPP Update – April to May

Collisions were down 8% over the reporting period.

One arrest was made last week in Merrickville-Wolford related to property crimes. The OPP has increased patrols and is actively investigating.

Fuel Thefts and Property Crime

Mayor Cameron reported a rise in fuel thefts, particularly from boats, trailers, and large vehicles. Fuel appears to be siphoned directly from tanks.

Commander Nicholas confirmed the Street Crime Unit is investigating and is in the early stages. Updates will be provided at the next meeting.

Some community groups have been conducting night patrols in response.

Tips can be submitted through the non-urgent OPP line.

#### Speeding Concerns

Mayor Cameron raised concerns about speeding enforcement, especially in Merrickville.

Commander Nicholas responded that Sgt. McKenna has been assigned to that area and is actively issuing directives to constables.

The OPP's visible presence has been positively received by residents.

#### Crime Statistics Clarification

Greg Brown noted a perceived increase in property crime, but it was clarified this was a year-to-date comparison with the same period last year, and the change is not significant.

#### Annual Action Plan & Reporting

Commander Nicholas mentioned the annual action plan has been officially approved and includes updates on:

Transfer of care protocols between police, EMS, and hospitals

Fraud reduction strategies

Intimate partner violence reporting

This report will be shared and added to the September agenda.

The plan follows a three-year cycle, with nine key commitments reported back to Orillia. One year remains in the current cycle.

#### Reporting and Staffing

Jacques requested simplified summaries indicating whether crime is up or down.

Commander Nicholas explained that crime rates naturally fluctuate and the reports help allocate officer resources more efficiently.

Chris Scott inquired about efficiency across detachments.

Nancy Peckford asked about full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing and coverage during absences. Commander Nicholas stated they are not currently at 100% staffing but recruitment is ongoing.

Nancy asked if vacant positions can be backfilled—Commander Nicholas confirmed it is possible, depending on the circumstances.

#### Recruitment Challenges

Greg Brown noted that staffing shortages are common across police services, with many forces actively recruiting and trying to place new recruits in specific geographic regions.

### 2. Chairperson Report

Mayor Cameron noted that he had no updates to report at this time. Nancy Peckford also indicated she had no major updates, aside from observing an increased local police presence. She mentioned that the recent installation of a new four-way stop, which was highlighted on social media, has drawn public attention and become a community focus.

She also shared that at the most recent Council meeting, a resolution was passed to implement Automated Speed Enforcement in a specific area of the community. This initiative has been contracted out and will begin on Concession Road. A formal request will be made for county-level support.

Additionally, Council has approved the use of Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) ticketing, and the new speed enforcement zone is expected to be operational by Fall 2025.

### 3. Members' Report

#### 1. OAPSB Zone 2 Meeting Update

Greg Brown noted that he was unable to attend the recent Zone 2 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th in Hansbery, and he confirmed that he will be able to attend.

Nancy Peckford asked if any other members were interested in attending future Zone meetings. Tim Wasylco indicated that he is available to attend the upcoming meeting. Greg Brown will inform the Zone coordinators of this update in attendance.

### 4. Treasurer Report

#### 1. Account and Budget Update

Mary Remmig noted that a presentation is planned for a future meeting, with a target timeline of September. She is currently gathering the necessary information and working on setting up a

bank account for the board. Once the account is established, she will proceed with the payment as previously noted.

She reported that the budget was approved at the last meeting, along with the spending allocations. However, some reconciliation still needs to be completed, including confirmation of any carryover funds from the previous board. Mary also mentioned that Deputy Mayor John is involved in the road safety campaign in North Grenville and inquired about the availability of additional funds to support the initiative.

Karen Dunlop added that there will be further updates regarding the social media campaign, particularly as it relates to advertising.

2. Student Bursaries

Presentations were made and bursaries given out to the three schools. Student bursaries went to St. Mikes and North Grenville High School , and other the the French school, North Dame Catholic Academy.

**H. GENERAL BUSINESS/DECISION ITEMS**

1. Traffic Safety

Mayor Cameron raised ongoing concerns about speeding at the intersection of St. Lawrence and Main Street, noting it continues to be a problematic area. He shared that a local family has experienced multiple incidents, including one in which a family member was struck by a vehicle. He asked Commander Nicholas whether any targeted campaigns or interventions are planned for this area. While traffic management assessments have been completed, he stated that a three-way stop currently appears to be the most suitable solution for managing traffic and pedestrian safety in the area.

Jacques Pelletier agreed that the area is unsafe and suggested exploring additional pedestrian crossing options. He also identified a second problematic intersection just past the bridge where speeding is an issue and proposed installing a stop sign. Mayor Cameron confirmed that the intersection had previously been reviewed but is open to reassessing it. Commander Nicholas offered to assist by gathering traffic data at that location.

Commander Nicholas explained that the OPP can use a hot spot map to track issues such as speeding, and noted that traffic calming measures—such as larger stop signs, speed bumps, and bollards—could be considered. Mayor Cameron emphasized the need for further dialogue with both the County and Parks Canada, as they have jurisdiction over the bridge in the area. Although speed limits are

posted, enforcement and infrastructure may be insufficient to deter speeding or distracted driving.

Commander Nicholas offered to attend any relevant future meetings and provide data and insights on the identified intersections.

Nancy Peckford added that the CEO of Parks Canada is a former North Grenville resident and offered to help coordinate with them to facilitate a meeting.

2. Break and Enter Trends

Previously discussed with the OPP Commander Report.

3. Remember Adam Campaign

Mary Remmig reported that the signs have been installed throughout the community. She shared that Sergeant Belanger suggested launching the 2025–2026 school year campaign in partnership with local schools.

Nancy Peckford proposed holding a photo event on September 4th to support the launch.

Sergeant Belanger will coordinate with the President of Remember Adam (Name) and members of the Grenville OPP Detachment Board to confirm event dates and details.

4. OPP Detachment Board - Draft Terms of Reference

Mary Remmig noted that the Terms of Reference (ToR) must be presented to each participating Council for formal adoption. She explained that the draft is consistent with the South Grenville Detachment Board structure, and applies under the broader Grenville Detachment. Julia provided initial comments and invited feedback from board members.

Mayor Cameron inquired whether there is a designated liaison and asked if a separate Terms of Reference is needed for that role. He explained that his municipality has appointed an OPP Sergeant who currently liaises with the CAO regarding operational issues.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

**J. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Jim Goodman

Seconded by Gregory Brown

*Be it resolved that:*

*The meeting adjourned at 3:13p.m.*

**CARRIED**