



Council Report

Report Number: CAO2021-007
Meeting Date: May 18, 2021
Title: **OPP Detachment Board Composition**
Description: Preferred composition of the Kawartha Lakes OPP Detachment Board to replace the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)
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Recommendation(s):

That Report CAO2021-007, **OPP Detachment Board Composition**, be received; and

That the Ministry of the Solicitor General be advised that one OPP Detachment Board is recommended to serve all of the geographic area of the City of Kawartha Lakes; and

That the preferred composition of the future Kawartha Lakes Detachment Board consist of:

- Three (3) members of City Council;
- One (1) Provincial appointee; and
- One (1) Community representative.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Province passed the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* (Bill 68) and established the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) which, once in force, will repeal the *Police Services Act, 1990* (PSA).

Section 67 of the CSPA requires that there be an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is inviting recommendations from municipalities and First Nation communities to inform the composition of future local OPP detachment boards. The Ministry has provided a framework to guide submissions, with a deadline of June 7, 2021. Submissions will inform the future Ministry regulation establishing the composition of each OPP detachment board.

It is anticipated that detachment boards will be established formally early in 2022.

The Ministry hosted virtual information sessions in April. A copy of the session presentation is attached as Appendix A to this report.

Rationale:

Currently, Kawartha Lakes receives OPP policing service without a formal agreement/contract. Kawartha Lakes is considered a "Section 5.1 municipality", and therefore maintains a Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC).

The CPAC discussed this issue at their April 26, 2021 meeting, and recommend that the future local detachment board for the years 2022-23 consist of 3 members of city council, one provincial appointee and one municipal appointee. Correspondence from the CPAC is included as Appendix B to the report.

The recommended term would allow for continuity and maintenance of current council appointees from CPAC to the future detachment board, the ability to recruit additional members quickly, and for the next council to appoint council members and the community representative for that subsequent 4-year term. The next council could also review and consider detachment board composition changes if necessary.

Other Alternatives Considered:

If Council chooses to take no position on this matter, then the Ministry will determine the composition of the future Kawartha Lakes detachment board independently.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendations contained in this report align with council's strategic priorities of "an exceptional quality of life" and "good government".

Detachment Boards are intended to be representative of the community and to consider local perspectives in policing. Detachment Boards are also intended to focus on local policing performance, and service accountability.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial implications resulting from these recommendations.

Consultations:

Community Policing Advisory Committee

Kawartha Lakes Detachment Commander, OPP

Ministry of the Solicitor General

Attachments:

Appendix A – Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019: OPP Detachment Board Framework and Proposal Submission Process – Virtual Information Session – April 20, 2021



Virtual Information
Session - April 20 20

Appendix B – OPP Detachment Board Composition, CPAC Recommendation



Appendix B - OPP
Detachment Board C

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