

Report to Council

Report Title:	Police Services Board Composition Update		
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Department:	Clerk's		
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Attachments:	Email from Huron Kinloss – Letter from Ministry of the Solicitor General on South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Update Email from Huron Kinloss – Update from Ministry of the Solicitor General on Brockton/South Bruce OPP Detachment Boards		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-17 - Police Services Board Composition Update, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

In April and June 2021, staff provided Reports to Council (CLK2021-12 and CLK2021-19) regarding changes to the Police Services Act as a result of the proposed Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), including the creation of a compulsory joint Police Services Board for the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment area.

In April 2021, Council had passed a resolution approving sending a letter to the Ministry of the Solicitor General requesting an exemption under the CSPA to allow Brockton to maintain its own PSB.

In June 2021, Council passed a resolution approving submitting a joint proposal under the CSPA with the South Bruce O.P.P. Police Services Boards. The Township of Huron-Kinloss submitted the proposal on behalf of Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, and South Bruce.

Both staff and the Brockton Police Services Board have been waiting to receive confirmation on the status of the CSPA and composition of the police services board for several months. The last correspondence received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General was from October 2022 noting that the proposal had met the Ministry's requirements and no further action was required, and that the CSPA was hoping to be brought into force in the Fall of 2023 or Winter of 2024.

Staff submitted a request for a delegation meeting with the Ministry of the Solicitor General at the August 20-23, 2023 AMO Conference, but have not currently received approval for this meeting. Now, after receiving the attached letter from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the delegation request is a moot point.

Analysis:

On July 19, 2023 the Ministry of the Solicitor General sent confirmation that a South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board has been approved by the Solicitor General to the next step in finalizing the board compositions – posting the composition on the Ontario Regulatory Registry.

The Ministry has advised that the regulation is expected to be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for public comment in the summer or fall. Posting the regulation is one of the last steps prior to finalizing the regulation and bringing the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* into force – which is predicted to be early 2024.

The following composition has been approved for the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board:

Board	Communities Served	Council Seats	Community Representative Seats	Provincial Appointment Seats	Total Seats
1	Arran-Elderslie Brockton Huron-Kinloss Kincardine South Bruce	5	2	2	9

The Ministry has noted that additional guidance will be provided on next steps, and how the implementation process will occur prior to the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* being sworn into force.

We will need to wait to hear more information from the Province before determining Brockton's representative seats on this South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board. However, there is a possibility that Brockton could have more than one (1) seat on the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board once we learn the appointment process for community representatives, and Provincial Appointees.

However, on August 4, 2023 the Municipality received an update from the Ministry that they wished to collect confirmation from the South Bruce communities on whether they would consent to having two (2) South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Boards – noting that Brockton had requested to establish a separate Detachment Board. It was stated that if a second O.P.P. Detachment Board (Brockton O.P.P. Detachment Board) was created, the composition of that Board would need to be approved by the communities within the detachment, and once approval is obtained, the Ministry will refer the proposed board structure to the Minister for final approval. This email correspondence has been attached for reference.

The South Bruce Detachment municipalities (Arran-Elderslie, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, and South Bruce) have been asked to provide their feedback on having two (2) South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Boards/approve Brockton having its own Detachment Board. We have confirmed that Brockton would still like to maintain its own Board, if possible.

Now we will have to wait to determine whether the South Bruce Detachment communities would approve two Boards being created, therefore granting the opportunity for Brockton to have its own separate O.P.P. Detachment Board. Then the final decision would be up to the Ministry of the Solicitor General as to the composition of both Boards.

Once more information becomes available, staff will provide another update to Council and the Brockton Police Services Board. Both the letter and email correspondence have been distributed to the Brockton Police Services Board, who are holding their next meeting on September 7, 2023. At this time, the Brockton Police Services Board will continue to hold meetings as usual until more information is provided by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?		
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment		N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development		N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance		Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Currently, budget implications are unknown for the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board(s); though, this change would impact the 2024 budget more than the current year’s budget.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer