

Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Report to Council

Report Title: Police Services Board Composition August 29, 2023 Update

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Department: Clerk's

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Report Number: CLK2023-18 **File Number:** C11CL, P16PO

Attachments: Email from Ministry of the Solicitor General Update on South Bruce OPP Detachment

Board

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-18 - Police Services Board Composition August 29, 2023 Update, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

On August 8, 2023 staff brought forward Report Number CLK2023-17 – Police Services Board Composition Update providing Council with information on correspondence received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General on two matters:

- 1) The approval of the composition of a South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board
- 2) A further update on feedback being solicited from all South Bruce communities on the preference of having two (2) South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Boards (allowing Brockton to maintain a separate Board)

The South Bruce Detachment municipalities (Arran-Elderslie, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, and South Bruce) were asked to provide their feedback on having two (2) South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Boards/approve Brockton having its own Detachment Board.

Analysis:

On August 21, 2023 the Municipality received further correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General indicating that a unanimous consensus was not obtained, recognizing that some communities had reservations about creating a second Detachment Board for Brockton.

Therefore, the Ministry are proceeding with the initial proposed structure for a South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board:

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

Therefore, a separate Detachment Board is not being approved for the Municipality of Brockton.

This proposed structure for the combined South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board will be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Repository for public comment this summer/fall. As noted previously, posting the regulation is one of the last steps prior to finalizing the regulation and bringing the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) into force – which is predicted to be early 2024.

The Ministry advised that a process will be outlined to allow for changes to the structure of O.P.P. Detachment Boards in the future, once the CSPA comes into force.

At this time, the Brockton Police Services Board have a meeting scheduled for September 7, 2023, and will continue to hold meetings as usual until more information is provided by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

The Ministry had advised that they will provide additional information on the approved composition of the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board, including the process involved in appointing members to the joint Detachment Board at a later date. We also await the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 being sworn into force – which is expected to occur in early 2024.

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 	
•	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; though, this change would impact the 2024 budget.

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