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2025 Annual Activity Report**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Perth County OPP Detachment Police Services Board (the Board) continued its work in 2025 as the civilian governance body responsible for oversight of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) services delivered to the municipalities of West Perth, Perth East, and North Perth under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA).

Building on the work completed in its inaugural year, 2025 saw the Board increasing its focus on community safety initiatives such as road safety, and advocacy for key services such as the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT).

This Annual Activity Report is submitted in accordance with Section 68(1)(f) of the CSPA, which requires detachment boards to provide participating municipalities with an annual overview of both policing services provided and the activities of the Board itself.

2. BOARD COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENTS

The Perth County OPP Detachment Police Services Board is comprised of eight seats, with representation structured to ensure balanced input from all three member municipalities as well as the Province of Ontario. The current composition as of 2025 is as follows:

One (1) West Perth Councillor – Steve Herold

One (1) North Perth Councillor – Todd Kasenberg

One (1) Perth East Councillor – Jerry Smith

One (1) West Perth Community Representative – Becky Belfour

One (1) North Perth Community Representative – Juanita Kerr

One (1) Perth East Community Representative – Matthew Livingstone

Two (2) Provincial Appointees – To be appointed by the Province of Ontario

The provincial appointments had not been finalized by the Province of Ontario during the reporting year.

There were no changes to the composition of the board in 2025. All Board members satisfied legislative requirements under the CSPA, including police record checks and oath or affirmation of office. Terms of appointment align with municipal council terms and do not exceed four years.

3. POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

Throughout 2025, the Perth County OPP Detachment Police Services Board continued to establish its governance framework, building on the work done in 2024 when the board was formed for the first time.

The Board's leadership structure remained stable during the reporting year, with Mayor Todd Kasenberg of the Municipality of North Perth acting as Chair and Councillor Jerry Smith of the Township of Perth East as Vice-Chair.

The role of recording secretary transitioned during the year due to a change in the role of Clerk with the Municipality of West Perth, who continues to provide administrative support to the Detachment Board. Daniel Hobson supported the Board early in 2025 and in April of 2025 the Board appointed James Hutson as recording secretary.

In February 2025, the Board adopted a Conflict Disclosure Form, which also established a standardized process for members to disclose conflicts of interest.

The Board also continued its work on the development of a land acknowledgement. Following a review of drafts and Board discussions, the revised land acknowledgement was formally approved in August 2025 and is now regularly incorporated into Board proceedings.

4. TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE

The members of the Board completed the mandatory training required under the CSPA in 2024 and no new mandatory training was required in 2025 for members to maintain compliance with the legislation.

The Board maintained insurance coverage through the OAPSB Group Insurance Program, ensuring continuity of indemnity and liability coverage.

The Board did receive a number of educational and information based presentations throughout the year. In February 2025 OPP staff were joined by the Optimism Place for a presentation on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) which provided insight into local IPV trends, victim supports, and early intervention strategies. Following the presentation, the Board recommended that members complete the Neighbours, Friends, and Families training program.

In April 2025, Janet Jackson and Christine Riehl of Huron Perth Public Health presented on Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction, which focused on community impacts and opportunities for coordination between police and health agencies.

In October 2025, Jessica McMillan and Jennifer Nixon of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance as well Constable Evan Polini delivered a presentation on the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) model. In December 2025, Officer Greg Blackwell of the OPP Highway Safety Division provided an overview presentation on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)

The Board also participated in educational detachment facility tours conducted in November and December 2025, allowing members to gain firsthand knowledge of detachment operations.

5. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

The Board's 2025 operating budget, in the amount of \$40,537.86, was approved in October 2024. Upon completion of year-end financial calculations in January 2026, total expenditures were approximately \$6,000.00 under budget. The budget variance was due to the lack of provincial appointees (2x) as per diem expenses must be allocated for their anticipated appointments, as well as lower than anticipated office supply, advertising and printing expenses.

In October 2025, the Board approved the 2026 Board Operating Budget in the amount of \$44,048.83, with costs to be shared equally among the municipalities of West Perth, North Perth, and Perth East. The approved budget provides funding for insurance premiums, administrative expenses, Board and member training and development, public engagement and communication activities, and member remuneration where applicable. The Board also approved a budget adjustment to allow for additional per diems of \$150.00 per meeting for up to four Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) meetings, for a maximum of two members.

The Board also directed correspondence be prepared and sent to advocate for timely OPP budget information to better support municipal financial planning and budget timelines.

6. BOARD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board held ten (10) regular meetings in 2025. Meetings were publicly advertised and conducted in accordance with the Board's governance and procedural requirements.

Meeting Date	Key Activities & Decisions
January 14, 2025	Received November–December 2024 Detachment Report; directed staff to arrange an Intimate Partner Violence presentation; authorized advocacy related to MCRT grant timelines and funding; reviewed draft Conflict Disclosure Form and Land Acknowledgement; approved COYO Conference attendance; amended November 2025 meeting date.
February 11, 2025	Received presentation on Intimate Partner Violence and MARAC; directed completion of Neighbours, Friends, and Families training; directed correspondence encouraging municipalities to declare IPV an epidemic; adopted Conflict Disclosure Form; received January 2025 Detachment Report; held closed session on response times.
April 8, 2025	Appointed James Hutson as Recording Secretary; received Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction presentation; received Community Street Crime Unit update; reviewed February–March Detachment Reports; approved Auxiliary Member of the Year funding; received Board Remuneration and Year-End Financial Reports.
May 13, 2025	Received April 2025 Detachment Report; discussed OAPSB Zone 5 activities; approved Youth Citizens Police Academy funding; directed correspondence and initiation of multi-agency discussions regarding automated winter road closure signage.
July 8, 2025	Received May–June Detachment Report; approved funding for OPP Police Academy Summer Camp; approved Detachment Commander Annual Report and directed circulation to lower-tier municipalities; deferred Land Acknowledgement Policy for further revision.
August 12, 2025	Approved July 2025 Detachment Report; approved the 2024 Annual Activity Report; adopted the revised Land Acknowledgement Policy; reviewed current board financials in

	preparation for the 2026 budget; introduced new Detachment Commander.
September 9, 2025	Approved August 2025 Detachment Report; reviewed 2025 insurance renewal; reviewed Detachment Commander Feedback Form; directed correspondence to the OPP Commissioner regarding timely provision of budget information; discussed future detachment tours and ride-alongs.
October 14, 2025	Received Mobile Crisis Response Team presentation and approved joint ROMA advocacy request; approved September 2025 Detachment Report; approved the 2026 Board Operating Budget; reviewed 2026 Work Plan priorities; approved 2026 meeting schedule.
November 12, 2025	Conducted closed educational detachment facility tour; approved October 2025 Detachment Report; approved training and conference funding; endorsed 2026–2029 Detachment Action Plan Priorities; received Victim Support Grant update; directed correspondence recognizing the Perth County Auxiliary Unit.
December 9, 2025	Approved November 2025 Detachment Report; received presentation on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems; approved funding for Car Seat Clinics; received update on ROMA Mobile Crisis Response Team delegation; conducted a closed educational detachment facility tour.

7. OPP DETACHMENT OVERSIGHT AND REPORTS

As part of its oversight responsibilities, the Board received and discussed monthly Detachment Reports, which provided detailed information on crime trends, calls for service, response times, traffic enforcement activities, community outreach efforts, grant-funded initiatives, and resource deployment challenges.

In addition to routine monthly reporting, the Board reviewed the OPP Detachment Commander Annual Report, providing an opportunity to assess broader annual performance, emerging pressures, and alignment with provincial and local priorities.

8. PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATIONS

In alignment with the CSPA, the Board has committed to transparency by:

- Publishing local policies on municipal websites;
- Posting agendas and minutes in advance of meetings;
- Encouraging input and participation from community partners during meetings;
- Preparing and submitting this Annual Activity Report to member municipalities.

9. CONCLUSION

The Perth County OPP Detachment Police Services Board successfully established governance structures, policies, training compliance, and financial oversight in its inaugural year of operation. Moving forward, the Board remains committed to effective civilian oversight of OPP policing services, transparency, and community engagement.

The Board thanks all member municipalities, staff, and OPP personnel for their support and looks forward to building on this successful first year.

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