

## Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North

### Minutes

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025  
Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers  
917 Lesperance Road  
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

#### Present:

Chair Paul Sweet  
Vice Chair Dave Kigar  
Member Gary McNamara  
Member Sherry Bondy  
Member Tracey Bailey  
Member John Quennell  
Member Karen M. Robertson  
Member Ed Hooker  
Member Marc Gomes  
Municipal Liaison Margaret Misek-Evans, Tecumseh C.A.O  
Municipal Liaison Susan Hirota, Lakeshore Corporate Leader- General Counsel  
Municipal Liaison Kate Giurissevich, Essex C.A.O  
OPP Superintendent Mark Loucas  
OPP Inspector Jamie Smith, Essex County  
OPP Acting Staff Sergeant Christian Cortese, Tecumseh  
OPP Acting Staff Sergeant Shawn Hand, Lakeshore

#### Also Present:

Administrative Support, Karen Murteira  
Deputy Clerk - Clerks Services & Policy Advisor, Christina Hebert

#### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Paul Sweet called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

#### **B. Roll Call**

#### **C. Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat Peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

**D. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There was no pecuniary interest declared by a member of the Board.

**E. Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Sweet requested that agenda item: H. New Business be moved ahead of agenda item: G. Reports.

**Motion: ECODB-N 46/25**

Moved by Member Karen M. Robertson  
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** the Agenda for the Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North meeting dated Monday, November 3, 2025, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, as amended, **be accepted**.

Carried

**F. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

**1. Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North September 15, 2025 Meeting**

**Motion: ECODB-N 47/25**

Moved by Member Tracey Bailey  
Seconded by Member Ed Hooker

**That** the Regular Minutes of the September 15, 2025 Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be adopted**.

Carried

**G. New Business**

**1. OPP Detachment Action Plan 2026-2029 - Superintendent Mark Loucas**

Re: Crime Overview Analysis and Consultation on Local Priorities

Superintendent Mark Loucas provided an analytical report developed from a review of crime trends in the detachment area. The information presented supports the development of the 2026-2029 Detachment Action Plan, which process includes community consultations in order to identify and create local priorities for the next four year cycle.

An identified area of concern is an increasing trend in Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Other areas of concern include: break and enters; theft over \$5,000 including motor vehicles; theft under \$5,000; stolen vehicles;

frauds including the grandparent scam; drugs; fentanyl and opioid overdoses; and mischief. Cyberbullying has been identified as an emerging and increasing trend.

In response to Member Bondy, Superintendent Loucas noted an increase in IPV including more vulnerable sectors such as the LGBTQ+ community. The increase in reporting could be due to a higher comfort level and trust in police and regular follow up by the Domestic Abuse Issues Investigations unit. The OPP also provides education in prevention of IPV.

In response to Member Quennell, Superintendent Loucas advised that OPP have established a working group on response to homelessness and encampments with a focus on community partnerships, studies, and development of standard operating procedures which will be provided when available.

Superintendent Loucas requested feedback on the analytical data from the board members along with a list of 4 or 5 priorities for the draft Detachment Action Plan by November 15, 2025. Once the Action Plan is completed, it will be brought to the detachment board for final consideration.

OPP leave the meeting at 10:24am.

**Motion: ECODB-N 48/25**

Moved by Vice Chair Dave Kigar

Seconded by Member Gary McNamara

**That** the report detailed as Item 1, New Business, **be received** for the Detachment Board's consideration in providing local priorities for the new Essex County OPP Detachment Action Plan;

**And that** the Detachment Board's direction regarding local priorities for the new Essex County OPP Detachment Action Plan **be compiled and provided** to the OPP before November 15, 2025.

Carried

**Motion: ECODB-N 49/25**

Moved by Member Sherry Bondy

Seconded by Member Gary McNamara

That the Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North (Lakeshore, Essex, Tecumseh) **send** a letter to the provincial government sharing its concerns regarding the local rise in occurrences of intimate partner violence and request that the matter be declared an epidemic.

Carried

## H. Reports

### 1. 2026 Detachment Board Budget

Margaret Misek-Evans provided a report and overview of the 2025 August variance and the 2026 draft detachment board budget.

The report sets out the obligations of the detachment board and municipalities pursuant to the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. The 2025 August variance includes data to the end of August 2025 and a forecast to the end of this year. There is a projected surplus of approximately \$4,500 for 2025 which will be credited proportionately to each municipality.

The 2026 draft budget in the amount of \$118,370 represents a 3.05% increase over the approved 2025 budget. The amounts allocated to each municipality are: \$39,276.65 for each of Essex and Lakeshore; and \$39,817.69 for Tecumseh.

Once approved, the budget will be forwarded to the municipalities for presentation to councils by the Chair and/or Vice Chair, with the municipal liaisons in attendance, as follows:

Lakeshore: November 18, 2025; Essex: November 24, 2025; and Tecumseh: January 13, 2026.

#### **Motion: ECODB-N 50/25**

Moved by Member Karen M. Robertson  
Seconded by Member Gary McNamara

**That** Report No. ECODB-2025-06 Detachment Board Budget 2026 **be received;**

**And that** the 2026 Draft Budget for the Essex County OPP Detachment Board – North (Lakeshore, Essex, Tecumseh) **be approved;**

**And further that** the Detachment Board's recommendation to approve the 2026 Draft Detachment Board Budget **be forwarded** to the Municipality of Lakeshore, the Town of Essex, and the Town of Tecumseh for consideration of approval during their respective 2026 municipal budget deliberations;

**And further that** the Board Chair or alternate **be authorized** to present the 2026 Draft Detachment Board Budget to each municipal Council when each municipal budget is tabled.

Carried

## I. Next Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025 at 10am.

**J. Adjournment**

**Motion: ECODB-N 51/25**

Moved by Member John Quennell  
Seconded by Vice Chair Dave Kigar

**That** there being no further business to discuss, the Monday, November 3, 2025 meeting of the Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North **adjourn** at 10:37 am.

Carried

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Paul Sweet, Chair

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Dave Kigar, Vice-Chair