



Meeting Date: October 4, 2023

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Report No: CAO-30-2023

Subject: Composition of Middlesex OPP Detachment Board

Recommendation:

THAT Report CAO-30-2023, re: Composition of Middlesex OPP Detachment Board be received for information.

Purpose:

To provide a status update to Council following correspondence from the Ministry of Solicitor General with respect to a newly structured Middlesex OPP Detachment Board servicing lower-tier municipalities that have OPP services.

Background:

CAO Reports 1-2023, 8-2021 and 12-2020 were provided to Council that provided an overview of the consultation that was spearheaded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the [Community Safety and Policing Act](#) with a focus on OPP policing. The intent of the review is to focus on the governance structure touching on a variety of matters:

- OPP Detachment Boards;
- OPP Governance Advisory Council; and,
- Transitioning from the section 10 framework under the Police Services Act to the new OPP detachment framework under the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Currently, there are 63 OPP detachments providing policing services and supports to 326 municipalities and 45 First Nation communities. On March 26, 2019, Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68) and established the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA). Once in-force, the CSPA, 2019 will replace the Police Services Act (PSA). There are approximately 50-70 matters for regulation that will be developed to bring the CSPA, 2019 into force. The Ministry is targeting bringing the CSPA into force in 2021.

Analysis:

Middlesex Centre receives police services from the OPP under section 5 of the Police Services Act, which means that there is no contractual agreement, and therefore no Police Services Board. Currently, the only Middlesex County municipality with a Police Services Board is Thames Centre, as the municipality has an agreement under section 10 of the Police Services Act. Strathroy-Caradoc has its own police force.

Going forward

On April 22, 2021, the area CAOs convened with Ministry officials to discuss the new board governance model. It was agreed that a composition consisting of a shared representative approach would be most efficient for Middlesex County.

The diagram outlines the potential makeup of the Board that would satisfy the initial needs of the Ministry.

Adelaide Metcalfe, Newbury & Southwest Middlesex	1 member
Lucan Biddulph & North Middlesex	1 member
Middlesex Centre	1 member
Thames Centre	1 member
Chippewa of the Thames	1 member
Munsee-Delaware Nation	1 member
Oneida of the Thames	1 member

Correspondence was received by the Ministry of Solicitor General now confirming the new composition of the Middlesex County Police Services Board. As per the attached correspondence, there are 4 council seats assigned for all of the communities with a total composition of seven.

Once more information comes available regarding the board composition, the Clerk and CAO will make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the board as needed.

Financial Implications:

To be determined – no funds have been set aside for the creation of this new Board however as more details are available, a budget will be created if required.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government

Ensuring the protection and wellbeing of the Municipality through a new governance model that is representative of our Municipality and County is critical to a safe community.

Attachments:

Appendix – Ministry of the Solicitor General, dated September 13, 2023