



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Terri Towstiuc, Clerk
Date: 2024-03-28
Subject: Community Safety and Policing Act Update

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: *Community Safety and Policing Act Update* dated March 27, 2024, for information; And

That Council approve the current community representative, Ida MacCallum, until the end of the current council term; And

That before the end of the current council term Southwold, West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich will work together to develop a new application/appointment process for the community representative position; And

That remuneration remain the same; \$1,500 per year for board members and \$2,000 per year for the chair; And

That Council approve that all operation costs be allocated equally between participating municipalities

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on changes to the Community Safety and Policing Act, affirm the appointment term of the community appointee, provide direction on remuneration of the board, and the sharing of costs.

Background:

On April 1, 2024, the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, (CSPA), comes into force and effect along with its regulations. In January 2024, affected communities were notified that the Ministry of the Solicitor General released the description of the regulation that will set out Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment Board compositions and other related matters.

Under Section 67(1), the CSPA requires the creation of one or more than one O.P.P. detachment board for an O.P.P. detachment, in accordance with regulations. In Spring 2021, the Ministry asked all OPP-policed municipalities to work together to submit a proposal indicating the composition of a board that meets the needs of the communities being served by the OPP.

Locally identified detachment leads played a key role in actively engaging with municipalities and First Nations to develop and submit the detachment board proposals, including allocation of seats and overall composition, which were then received and reviewed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

The proposed composition of the Elgin OPP Detachment is attached hereto and is an excerpt of the thirty-page appendix posted by the Ministry, identifying the proposed composition for all OPP Detachment Boards in Ontario.

The proposed Elgin OPP Detachment Board is as follows:

5 Board member seats, including:

2 Provincial appointees

2 Council appointees

- 1 from Bayham/Malahide

- 1 from Central Elgin

1 Community appointee from Southwold/Dutton-Dunwich/West Elgin

Council's role in this matter is two-fold: 1) to appoint a member from Southwold/Dutton-Dunwich/West Elgin, combined, to the new OPP Detachment Board under the CSPA; and, 2) to approve the remuneration for Board members.

Currently, Mayor Ida MacCallum (Dutton Dunwich resident with property in all three municipalities) is appointed to the Elgin Area Police Services Board. She is the Southwold/Dutton Dunwich/West Elgin representative until the end of the electoral term, or until the new CSPA comes into force and effect.

Participating municipalities are required to pay all ministerial appointees serving on the Board. The minister will determine the amount if the participating municipalities cannot agree on remuneration. Current remuneration is \$1,500 per year for board members and \$2,000 per year for the chair.

Financial Implications:

Current Remuneration

Policies/Legislation:

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,
Terri Towstiuć, Clerk