
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Memorandum PSB-M01-2020 Court Security Enhancement Request For Consideration by the Police Services Board on February 26, 2020



To: Police Services Board
From: Craig Manley, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

At the January 22nd Police Services Board meeting, Inspector Carter tabled a request for Court Security Enhancement. The resolution from the Board was to defer the topic to a subsequent meeting in order to provide staff time to review the request.

Subsequent to the meeting, Inspector Carter was provided with a request for further information so Staff could better evaluate the business case associated with the additional funding being sought. Attachment 1 is a copy of the email to Inspector Carter in this regard. As of the writing of this memo, no additional information has been received.

County Staff also had a teleconference with representatives of the Ministry of the Attorney General to better understand how court services are provided, frequency of court dates and the need for the additional court security personnel. Attachment 2 outlines the response provided by the Manager of Court Operations. The information gathered to date does not provide the level of detail necessary to be able to evaluate the resources requested by the OPP and as such it will be incumbent upon the Detachment Commander to provide the business case.

Finally, Staff have sought the advice of the County Solicitor in terms of legal framework and the responsibility of the Police Services Board relative to the request. The Solicitor's report is included in the Closed Session information provided to the Board.

CONCLUSION:

At this time there is insufficient information to be able to evaluate the OPP staffing request for court security. Furthermore, the role of the PSB in this matter is limited.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. January 31, 2020 email to Inspector Carter.
2. February 7, 2020 email from Nicole Burnett, Manager Court Operations, Ministry of Attorney General