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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Memorandum PSB-M01-2021 OPP Detachment Board

For Consideration by Council in Committee on March 30, 2021

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**To:** Mayor Hewitt and Members of Council

**From:** Tracey Cassidy, BA, Police Services Board Administrator

At the March 24<sup>th</sup> Police Services Board meeting, the Board reviewed the OPP detachment board framework as highlighted in the March 18, 2021 correspondence from the Solicitor General. In the letter, it states that the municipality is required to determine the composition of their board and submit their proposal to the ministry by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Haldimand PSB considered the issue of the composition of an OPP Detachment Board and subsequently, passed the following resolution:

1. THAT the correspondence from The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Re: Update on the New OPP Detachment Boards, dated March 18, 2021, be received;
2. AND THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board recommend that the OPP Detachment Board consist of five members composed of the following:
  - 2 Community appointments
  - 2 Council appointments
  - 1 Provincial appointment
3. AND THAT this resolution be sent to Haldimand County Council for consideration in its response to the Solicitor General.

The recommended Detachment Board structure differs from the current composition by recommending two community appointments and reducing the number of provincial appointees by one. To provide some context for the suggested composition change, the Board has been operating since January, 2019 without the full mandated representation of provincial appointees as per the requirements of the Police Services Act. Currently, both provincial positions are vacant. The Board has sent multiple inquiries to the Ministry of the Solicitor General about the vacancies. With this requested shift in representation, having the ability to fill vacancies independent of the province would assist the Board in ensuring that adequate and effective policing services are provided in a fair and accountable manner to the community.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Correspondence from the Solicitor General dated March 18, 2021.