



HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS OPP DETACHMENT BOARD CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT DE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

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Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

1:00 PM

County Council Chambers

The Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board convened a meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the County Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Members: Andrew Fletcher, Public Appointee
Andrew Hodgson, Provincial Appointee
Andy Chvedukas, Public Appointee
Councillor Bob Carter, Mayor of Minden Hills
Warden Dave Burton, Mayor of Highlands East
Councillor Walt McKechnie, Deputy Mayor, Dysart et al
Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen, Mayor of Algonquin Highlands

Regrets:

Staff: Sue Tiffin, Director of Community Outreach
Staff Sgt. Deb McClure, HHOPP Detachment Commander
Alicia Payne, Community Safety & Well-Being Coordinator

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

2.1. Sue Tiffin, Director of Community Outreach, provided a land acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3.1. None declared.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion # 01-2026

Moved by: Andrew Hodgson

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Carter

Be it resolved that the agenda for the January 21, 2026 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board be approved.

Carried

5. Adoption of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

5.1. Minutes from the November 26, 2025 Meeting

Motion # 02-2026

Moved by: Councillor Bob Carter

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

Be it resolved that the minutes from the November 26, 2025 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment Board be hereby approved.

Carried

6. Delegations/Presentations

6.1. No delegations/presentations for this meeting.

Board members were asked to bring forward any requests for specific presentations at future meetings.

7. Items of Business

7.1. Detachment Commander Final 2025 Evaluation

Andrew Fletcher provided an overview of the Detachment Commander Final 2025 Evaluation.

Motion # 03-2026

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

That the Detachment Commander Final 2025 Evaluation be approved.

Carried

7.2. 2026 Local Action Plan Goals and Objectives

Andrew Fletcher and Sgt Deb McClure reviewed the 2026 Local Action Plan Goals and Objectives and the key focuses for 2026, providing an overview of the commitments, actions and outcomes for each of the three categories: (1) Crime, (2) Roadways, Waterways, and Trails, and (3) Community Well-Being.

Motion # 04-2026

Moved by: Warden Dave Burton

Seconded by: Andy Chvedukas

That the Central Region 1 - Haliburton Highlands Action Plan 2026 to 2029 be approved.

Carried

7.3. Annual Billing Statements

Andrew Fletcher shared that the annual billing statements were sent to each of the municipalities in the Fall 2025. The total cost has been capped at 11% and the statement includes both actual billing numbers and the billable amount based on the cap. Andrew Fletcher and Sgt Deb McClure have reached out to the Municipal Policing Bureau with questions and for more information on some of the specific costs and will bring updates to the board at a future meeting.

Members discussed the costs and the need to advocate to the provincial government, including the Solicitor General, for changes to policing cost structures to help municipalities manage impacts once the 11% cap is removed.

7.4. Decisions and Findings Reports, Inspector General of Policing [Media Release - December 17, 2025](#)

8. Reports

8.1. Chair Update

Andrew Fletcher shared the following updates:

- The OAPSB and OECP shared communication around the Province-wide police recruitment campaign, referred to as the *Answer the Call*, to help push recruitment and policing. The campaign has exceeded expectations, with a large number of qualified leads, and has been extended to the end of June 2026.
- Mental Health Crisis Response training – as a result of the legislation changes in 2025, the province has mandated mental health crisis response training, with a focus on de-escalation tools, for all police services across the Province of Ontario.
- OAPSB will provide Governance Insights, including a number of short articles highlighting core governance related questions that are being raised around the province, as well as support documents. They also have virtual information meetings for admin staff and sessions for board members.
- OAPSB is partnering with the OACP and associations across the province on a police employment conference taking place on February 24th-25th in Toronto. Presentations include grievance decisions, arbitrations, collective bargaining, and human rights cases. Any board member(s) interested in attending are to let the Chair know.

8.2. Detachment Commander Update

Sgt Deb McClure provided an overview of the Detachment Board Report and highlights of the Media Releases.

Motion # 05-2026

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

That the reports under Section 8 Chair Update and Detachment Commander Update be received for information.

Carried

9. Communication and Correspondence

9.1. Letter from the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General

9.2. Legislative and Regulatory Changes
[OAPSB Announcement, January 2, 2026](#)

9.3. OAPSB Quarterly Newsletter

Motion # 06-2026

Moved by: Councillor Bob Carter

Seconded by: Andy Chvedukas

That the reports under Section 9 Communication and Correspondence be received for information.

Carried

10. Notice of Upcoming Business

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1. Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Motion # 07-2026

Moved by: Councillor Bob Carter

Seconded by: Andrew Hodgson

Be it resolved that the January 21, 2026 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board now adjourn at 2:34 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct

Chair

Recording Secretary