



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

HALIBURTON COUNTY OPP DETACHMENT

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## Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

1:00 PM Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

The Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board convened a meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM virtually on ZOOM with the following in attendance:

- Members: Andrew Fletcher, Public 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: Andrew Hodgson, Provincial Appointee
- Staff: Gary Dyke, CAO/County Clerk  
Sue Tiffin, Director of Community Outreach  
Alicia Payne, Community Safety & Well-Being Coordinator

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

- 2.1. Director of Community Outreach provided the Land Acknowledgment.

### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

#### **Motion # 08-2026**

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Carter

That the agenda for the March 25, 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 January 21, 2026 Meeting**

#### **Motion # 09-2026**

Moved by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Walt McKechnie

That the minutes from the January 21, 2026 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board be hereby approved.

**Carried**

## **6. Delegations/Presentations**

## **7. Items of Business**

### **7.1. Board Elections**

Gary Dyke, CAO assumed the role of chair for the purpose of leading the board through the next round of elections. The board positions of Chair and Vice Chair are for the 2026 calendar year and opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair & Vice Chair. Andrew Fletcher was nominated for the position of Chair, and Andrew Hodgson was nominated for the position of Vice Chair.

With no further nominations having been received, Andrew Fletcher was acclaimed as Chair, and Andrew Hodgson as Vice Chair for the upcoming term of the Police Services Board going forward.

#### **Motion # 10-2026**

Moved by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

Seconded by: Warden Dave Burton

That the nominations of Andrew Fletcher as Chair and Andrew Hodgson as Vice Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Department Detachment Board as accepted.

**Carried**

### **7.2. 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM**

[2026 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM information](#)

Andrew Fletcher shared that the 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM is being held on June 1 to June 3, in Niagara Falls. The conference is being held in partnership with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and Andrew Fletcher is planning to attend on behalf of the board.

#### **Motion # 11-2026**

Moved by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Carter

That the attendance of Andrew Fletcher at the 2026 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM be approved.

**Carried**

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1. Chair Update**

- Andrew Fletcher provided an update on OPP costing, explaining that he connected with the Ministry of the Solicitor General and CAO Gary Dyke to discuss OPP costs, budget pressures, and the Board's role, including coordinated advocacy through AMO, ROMA, and other municipal partners. The focus is on the anticipated impact to smaller municipalities, and on identifying more sustainable funding solutions. The intention is to request provincial support for broader OPP costs, and to pursue the government route first by preparing correspondence and seeking a meeting with the Ministry. Andrew Fletcher will provide further updates at future meetings.
- Andrew Fletcher was approached by the Highlander to participate in a podcast on behalf of the Police Detachment Board. He asked members to reach out with any information they would like him to share. More updates to follow.
- A letter of support for the Enabling Accessibility Grant was written on behalf of the board, dated March 12. The County applied for this grant to improve and enhance accessibility as part of the county building renovations. The grant will support the installation of visual fire alarms, updating virtual meeting technology to ensure it is most accessible, and improving the elevator and lift access in the building. A copy of the letter will be shared with the board following this meeting.
- The Eric Nystedt Memorial Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 3rd, at the Pinestone Resort. Member McKecknie and Member Hodgson will be participating.
- On May 27, Andrew Fletcher will be presenting the board's annual report to County Council, providing an update and overview of actions items from this year.

### **8.2. Detachment Commander Update**

Deb McClure, Detachment Commander, shared a presentation and provided updates from her report including the media presence in the community, and provided an overview of the 9 categories identified as part of the action plan and provided a brief update.

### **8.3. Local Action Plan Progress Report**

Andrew Fletcher met with the Detachment Commander to discuss actions related to the local action plan. This item will appear as a standing item on board agendas moving forward.

**Motion # 12-2026**

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Warden Dave Burton

That the reports under Section 8 Chair Update, Detachment Commander Update and Local Action Plan Progress Report be received for information.

**Carried**

**9. Communication and Correspondence**

**9.1. Inspectorate of Policing**

Andrew Fletcher referred to the document that was shared as part of the meeting package “Sector Developments and the Independent Oversight Review”, and the joint statement issued by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards. No questions or comments.

**Motion # 13-2026**

Moved by: Councillor Walt McKechnie

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Carter

That the Inspectorate of Policing (report 9.1) under Section 9 Communication and Correspondence be received for information.

**Carried**

**9.2. OAPSB Updates**

Andrew Fletcher reviewed the documents that were shared as part of the meeting package. No questions or comments.

**Motion # 14-2026**

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

That the OAPSB Updates (reports 9.2) under Section 9 Communication and Correspondence be received for information.

**Carried**

**10. Closed Session**

**11. Notice of Upcoming Business**

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

12.1. May 27, 2026

### 13. Adjournment

**Motion # 15-2026**

Moved by: Councillor Bob Carter

Seconded by: Councillor Walt McKechnie

That the March 25, 2026 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board now adjourn at 2:07 PM.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Recording Secretary