MATTAWA REGIONAL OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT RÉGIONAL DE MATTAWA DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

NORTH BAY OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT DE NORTH BAY DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

MINUTES – JULY 6, 2026

HELD AT THE MATTAWA OPP DETACHMENT OFFICE MEETING ROOM AT 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Commander Andrew Kraemer, Acting Staff Sgt Scott Hardwick, Teresa Taillefer (Chair), Beverly Bell (Vice Chair), Laura Ross *(exited the meeting at 8:15 p.m.)*, Shelley Belanger and Venessa Wilson.

REGRETS: Dean Grant

GUESTS : None

ITEM #1 **CALL TO ORDER**

THAT the meeting be called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Teresa Taillefer

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ITEM #2 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Mattawa Regional Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board respectfully recognizes that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation. We honor the enduring presence, contributions, and resilience of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Canada. We acknowledge the historical impact of policing on Indigenous communities and commit ourselves to ongoing reflection on this history. As we begin each meeting and make every decision, we reaffirm our responsibility to be guided by the principles of reconciliation. In this spirit, we are dedicated to following the recommendations outlined in the final reports of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Our hope is rooted in the words of Sir Richard Hill, Indigenous Innovation Specialist and Member of the Order of Canada, who reminds us:

“The grief of the past is laid to rest, the hearts and minds of the grieving are uplifted, and the people can find their way back to a place of productivity. The power to wipe away our tears—so that we can see how beautiful the world truly is and recognize how much we are cared for—helps us to recover our hearing, to experience the healing offered to us, to hear the voices of children as they move among us, and to breathe once more with ease and comfort.”

— Richard W. Hill

We hope to move forward with humility, compassion, and a renewed commitment to reconciliation and healing.

ITEM #3 **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

A moment of reflection was taken to acknowledge the recent tragic losses of life in the police community. Gestures of appreciation for our detachment officers were discussed. Vice Chair, Beverly Bell will arrange for appreciation platter to be delivered at two separate shift changes for the Mattawa Detachment. Commander Kraemer to advise best suited shift changes to deliver ensuring all officers can participate.

ITEM #4 – RESOLUTION 2026-11 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

THAT the agenda for July 6, 2026 be accepted as presented.

Motioned By: Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

ITEM #5 – RESOLUTION 2026-12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

THAT the minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting be approved as presented.

Motioned By: Laura Ross **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

ITEM #6 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

ITEM #7 **OAPSB ZONE 1A ADVOCACY REQUESTS**

a) **Videoconference with Kathleen Jodouin, Vice-Chair ONVSP** **RESOLUTION 2026-13**

WHEREAS a presentation was delivered by the Executive Director of Victim Services of Nipissing District regarding the Provincial Bail Notification System;

THAT The Mattawa Regional OPP Detachment Board agrees to send a letter of support regarding the Provincial Bail Notification System.

Motioned By: Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

b) **Videoconference with Sarah Blythe, Pharmacist re: Prescription Diversion Project**

A presentation was delivered by former Mattawa community pharmacist Sarah Blythe.

ACTION ITEM: Follow up with Commander A. Kraemer for potential NBPS presentation.

ITEM #8 **REPORTING**

a) **Commander's Report – Year to Date** **RESOLUTION 2026-14**

THAT The Commander's Report be accepted as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT The Mattawa Regional OPP Detachment Board agrees to invite VMUTS (Voyageur Multi-Use Trail System) and Crime Stoppers to the MROPPDB meeting in September to discuss the following:

VMUTS: Use of alcohol, intimidation of campers, and trail monitoring by club and OPP

Crime Stoppers: Current community signage, current community engagement, ideal level of engagement and local crime stoppers representative.

Motioned By: Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

b) **Municipality Reports:**

I. Calvin – Deferred

II. Mattawan – Concern was expressed about homeless encampment on North side of Hurdman Dam off of Moosehead Road.

III. Mattawa – Deferred

IV. Papineau-Cameron – Anderson Event Park Events were discussed.

ITEM #9 **STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

a) **2025 Detachment Board Annual Report**

Discussed.

b) **OPP Strategic Plan**

Discussed.

c) **2026-2029 North Bay Detachment Local Action Plan**
Discussed.

d) **Performance Metrics**
Discussed.

e) **Mattawa and Area Safety Wellbeing Plan**
Discussed. Board members representing Municipalities to request their municipalities meet to update the Plan.

f) **Communication Strategy – Web Page, Facebook, Instagram & Mattawa Recorder**
Current Communications Policy to be amended.

ITEM #10 **LOCAL OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS**

a) **List of Community Outreach Possibilities 2026-2027**
A list of potential outreach opportunities was presented by Venessa. The Board agreed to attend Smoke 'N' Spurs Festival alongside OPP to promote the Board as well as to partner with Renee Taylor and inform festival attendees about impaired driving and safe operation of ATVS.

b) **Crime Stoppers – Main Street Trick or Treat Event**
Confirmed. Kim Jones at Crime Stoppers has been connected with Town of Mattawa for setup location.

c) **How to Contact OPP Flyers**
Received. Municipalities agreed to mailout a copy to residents next tax/water bill or newsletter mailout.

d) **MROPPDB Draft Flyer**
Criteria was delivered at OGP Conference. Teresa will provide the information to Venessa, and a draft flyer will be brought to the next Board meeting in September.

ITEM #11 **RUNNING OF THE BUSINESS**

a) **Outstanding Proof of Completion Board Training**
Not all Board members have completed their training.

b) **Treasurer's Report**
THAT the 2026-2027 Q1 Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.
Motioned By: Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

c) **Expense Approval for Teresa – 2026 Conference Expenses**
THAT The Mattawa Regional OPP Detachment Board approves Board Chair, Teresa Taillefer's expense reimbursement request for the 2026 PGO (formerly OAPSB) Conference expenditures.
Motioned By: Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

d) **Graduation Bursaries**
OPP Officers attended ceremonies at both schools and deliver the bursary to each recipient.

e) **Outstanding 2026-2027 Levy Payment – Town of Mattawa**
Mattawa's representative had exited the meeting by this point. Levy remains unpaid. Teresa to follow up absent Board member and Town of Mattawa CAO and seek legislation advice from PGO.

f) **Commander Evaluation**

The Mattawa Regional OPP Detachment Board took the lead on Commander Evaluation. Evaluation for Detachment Commander Kraemer was complete for the 2025-2026 year. Moving forward other Boards in the region should be part of the evaluation process.

ITEM #12 **MEETINGS**

a) **2026 PGO Spring Conference Highlights – Teresa Taillefer**
Written report provided by Teresa.

b) **Regional Meeting Highlights – Beverly Bell**
Written report provided by Beverly.

ITEM #13 **POLICIES**

a) **Detachment Commander Evaluation Policy**
Deferred.

b) **Records Retention & Disposition Policy** **RESOLUTION 2026-17**
THAT the Mattawa Regional OPP Detachment Board accepts and approves the Records Retention and Disposition Policy as presented.
Motioned By: Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Laura Ross **Carried**

c) **Protection of Privacy Policy** **RESOLUTION 2026-18**
THAT the Mattawa Regional OPP Detachment Board accepts and approves the Protection of Privacy Policy as presented.
Motioned By: Beverly Bell **Seconded By:** Laura Ross **Carried**

d) **Meeting Evaluation Policy**
Deferred.

e) **Communication Policy Amendment**
Deferred.

f) **Other Policy Requirements**
Hold off on creating more policies. PGO will provide an updated list of required policies and templates. Once received, required policies will be drafted for approval.

ITEM #14 **ELECTIONS**
Deferred.

ITEM #15 **PULSE CHECK**
Deferred.

ITEM #16 **ADJOURN**
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.
RESOLUTION 2026-20 **Motioned By:** Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Beverly Bell **Carried**

Next Meeting: September 24, 2026