

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

1:00 PM

County Council Chambers

The Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board convened a meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 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
Alicia Payne, Community Safety & Well-Being Coordinator
Emily Tittel, Administrative Clerk

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

2.1. Sue Tiffin, Director of Community Outreach provided the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion # 16-2026

Moved by: Andrew Hodgson

Seconded by: Councillor Walt McKechnie

That the agenda for the May 27, 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 March 25, 2026 Meeting

Motion # 17-2026

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

That the minutes from the March 25, 2026 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Police Detachment Board meeting be hereby approved.

Carried

6. Delegations/Presentations

- 6.1. Substance Use and Addictions Program - Emergency Treatment Fund
Chief Michael Slatter, Haliburton County Paramedic Service

Chief Mike Slatter provided an overview of the Substance Use and Addictions Program Emergency Treatment Fund. The board members discussed the prevention piece and education piece, including work being done with public health. Chief Slatter was invited to return to present at a future board meeting and provide details regarding the long term plan of the program.

Motion # 18-2026

Moved by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen
Seconded by: Andrew Hodgson

That the presentation from Chief Michael Slatter, Haliburton County Paramedic Service be received for information.

Carried

7. Items of Business

- 7.1. HHOPP Employee Recognition Initiative

Andrew Fletcher shared Deb McClure's proposal of a service challenge coin program as part of an employee recognition initiative. The proposal includes design and purchasing of the service challenge coins, and the creation of the policy regarding the program. Board members supported this proposal of an HHOPP Employee Recognition initiative and purchase of the coins.

Motion # 19-2026

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas
Seconded by: Andrew Fletcher

To authorize the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment Commander on behalf of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment Board, to distribute challenge coins to members for outstanding actions;

And that the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment Board support the coin initiative through funding from the 2026 HHOPPDB budget.

Carried

7.2. HHOPPDB Annual Report to Council

Andrew Fletcher provided an overview of the annual report that was presented to Council on the morning of May 27, 2026. This is required by the Community Safety and Policing Act and will be done on an annual basis (by June of each year). The report was presented to Council on behalf of the HHOPPD Board including an overview of last year's presentation, the commitments that were made and the areas the board has been working on (Oversight of the Detachment Commander, creation of local policies, the creation of our local action plan and working on the budget and finding sustainable policing in the county), and reviewed the action plan to provide an update regarding the work that has been undertaken as a board to date. No questions or comments.

7.3. Ministry of the Solicitor General: Provincial Representative Reappointment

Motion # 20-2026

Moved by: Councillor Walt McKechnie

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Carter

That items under 7.2 HHOPPDB Annual Report to Council and 7.3 Ministry of the Solicitor General: Provincial Representative Reappointment be received for information.

Carried

8. Reports

8.1. Chair Update

Andrew Fletcher attended an all-board chairs meeting at OPP headquarters on May 12, 2026, organized by the regional commanders. The meeting included updates on the OPP billing model, ongoing discussions with the Ministry, possible continuation of a funding cap into 2027, staffing and hiring pressures, the OPP strategic plan, and an update on the service delivery model. The service delivery discussion focused on an evidence-based approach to staffing that considers patrol areas, calls for service, response times, officer availability, and supervision ratios. Andrew noted that he raised Haliburton County's large geographic area, seasonal demand, and service delivery needs, and requested that the area be considered for a future service delivery review. He also advised that the OPP has created a grant support unit to assist detachments with grant applications.

Andrew Fletcher also provided an update on recent Police Governance Ontario discussion group sessions, noting that sessions have focused on Inspectorate of Policing decisions, their potential implications for local boards, and the importance of meeting minutes capturing board discussions and decision-making more fully. Discussion also included the board's governance role in setting direction through the local action plan, supporting the Detachment Commander, and monitoring progress through reporting and appraisal processes. Andrew noted clarification regarding board member terms and reappointments and advised that the Board is progressing well in

relation to the annual plan, with continued focus recommended on the local action plan and review of relevant PGO policy documents.

No questions or comments.

8.2. Detachment Commander Update

Sgt Gauthier provided an overview of the detachment board report and media releases Haliburton Highlands OPP. No questions or comments.

8.3. Local Action Plan Progress Report

Motion # 21-2026

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

That the items 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

9.2. Police Governance Ontario

Motion # 22-2026

Moved by: Andrew Hodgson

Seconded by: Councillor Walt McKechnie

That the items under Section 9 Inspectorate of Policing and Police Governance Ontario be received for information.

Carried

10. Closed Session

11. Notice of Upcoming Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

12.1. Wednesday, July 22, 2026

13. Adjournment

Motion # 23-2026

Moved by: Andy Chvedukas

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen

That the May 27, 2026 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board now adjourn.

Carried

Certified Correct

Chair

Recording Secretary