

Recommendation:

That the Clerk's Office-2023-29 report, dated December 19, 2023 regarding the Police Services Board Transition be received and that Mayor Heather Watson be the Council Appointee representing the Township of Douro-Dummer when the new Peterborough County Detachment Board comes into effect.

Overview:

The new Police Services Board composition is anticipated to take place in Spring, 2024. This new Peterborough OPP Detachment Board will be comprised of nine (9) council seats (Asphodel-Norwood Township, Township of Douro-Dummer, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township, North Kawartha Township, Otonabee-South Monaghan Township, Selwyn Township, Municipality of Trent Lakes, Hiawatha First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation), three (3) community representative members and three (3) Provincial Appointee members. This composition was put forward jointly by all municipalities and was approved by the Ministry of the Solicitor General in October 2022 in anticipation of the new legislation.

The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, Sched. 1 (not yet in effect) currently does not address a fifteen (15) member Board but the current legislation directs that on a Board for communities of less than 25,000 people, the Head of Council will be appointed to the Board. If they are not available to sit on the Board, the Council may appointment another member of Council to serve in the role.

Conclusion:

As it has not been announced when the new legislation will take effect and the new Board composition will become active, it is recommended that Mayor Watson continue to represent the Township and be appointed to the new Board so that the Township is able to participate in all training and early Board discussion opportunities.

Financial Impact:

None at this time. Additional moneys have been placed in the budget to address any costs arising from the creation of the new Board and the implementation of the new legislation.

Strategic Plan Applicability: To ensure and enable an effective and efficient municipal administration.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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