

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Legal and Legislative Services

Corporate Leader - General Counsel



To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Susan Hirota, Corporate Leader – General Counsel

Date: September 12, 2024

Subject: Essex County OPP Detachment Board 1 – appointment of an at-large community representative

Recommendation

Appoint Ed Hooker to the Essex County OPP Detachment Board 1 as the Municipality of Lakeshore's at-large community representative for the 2025 calendar year, as presented at the October 8, 2024 Council meeting; and

Direct the Corporate Leader – General Counsel to forward Council's appointee for the at-large community representative as the Municipality of Lakeshore's recommendation to the Town of Essex and the Town of Tecumseh for their consideration.

Strategic Objectives

This report does not relate to a Strategic Objective of Council but is necessary to fulfill the appointment requirements of the Essex County OPP Detachment Board 1 under the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and Ontario Regulation 135/24 (OPP Detachment Boards).

Background

On March 5, 2024, Council passed the following resolution:

97-03-2024

1. Direct Administration to proceed with Option 1 for the appointment of an at-large community representative with Option 1 selected for this term of office and Option 2 for the terms of office following the 2026 municipal election; and
2. Direct Administration to forward the selection of Option 1 for the at-large community representative to the Town of Essex and the Town of Tecumseh for their consideration, as presented at the March 5, 2024 Council meeting.

Comments

Council endorsed Option 1, which is to appoint an eligible member from the former Lakeshore Police Services Board as Lakeshore's at-large community representative for the calendar year 2025. Ed Hooker is the only remaining eligible member as Julie Johnston resigned from the Essex County OPP Detachment Board 1 and John Quennell was appointed in her place.

The Town of Tecumseh appointed Chris Hales as its at-large community representative for the remainder of 2024. The Town of Essex will appoint its at-large community representative in 2026.

Others Consulted

Town of Essex
Town of Tecumseh

Financial Impacts

The remuneration of members of the Essex County OPP Detachment Board 1 was approved by all three municipalities and was set at \$2,947 in 2024. The three municipalities contribute equally to the Board's budget.

On July 9, 2024, Council approved the proposed budget for the Essex County OPP Detachment Board 1 for the remainder of 2024. The Council report noted that each of the three member municipalities should expect their portion of the 2025 budget to be approximately \$34,000 but the actual amount will be determined during the budget cycle and presented to each Council for approval during budget deliberations.

The Board has not been able to meet to discuss the 2025 budget due to an outstanding insurance issue, but it is anticipated that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future once there is clarity concerning insurance coverage. In the meantime, Finance has allocated \$34,000 for the Board's 2025 budget which can be revised after the Board meets to discuss its 2025 budget.

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

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Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team