



Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday January 14th, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Township of Perry Municipal Office
(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by the OPP Board at a Regular Meeting.

In Attendance:

Council Chambers:

Robert Sutherland, Chair & Community Representative, Board Members Kevin Noaik, Dan Robertson, Joe Lumley and Neil Scarlett, S/SGT Doug Vincer, Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Commander, Beth Morton, Acting Secretary

Regrets:

Krista Miller, Vice Chair & Community Representative

Members of the Public: n/a

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Item 3 – Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-01

Moved by: Dan Robertson

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated Wednesday, November 12th, 2025.

Carried

Item 4 Delegations

N/A

Item 5 – Almaguin Highlands OPP S/Sgt Detachment Commander Updates and/or Reports

The Q4 OPP Detachment Board Report was presented to the Board.

Resolution No. 2026-02**Moved by: Kevin Noaik****Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives the 2025 Q4 OPP Detachment Board Report.

Carried**Item 6 – Board Business**

Item 6.1. Prescription Diversion Project – The Board discussed the correspondence received from the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP. The Detachment Commander provided thoughtful and relevant input on the matter which fostered a meaningful discussion among the board members. The following resolution was then considered.

Resolution No. 2026-03**Moved by: Kevin Noaik****Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

Whereas the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP has circulated correspondence to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board pertaining to the Prescription Diversion Project and has requested that the Board provide a letter of support.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby direct the Secretary to send a letter of support to The Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and to The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Carried

Item 6.2 Provincial Bail Notification Program - The Board reviewed the correspondence received from the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP regarding the Provincial Bail Notification Program. The Detachment Commander offered valuable insight and perspective, which contributed to a constructive exchange and thorough discussion among Board members. The following resolution was then considered.

Resolution No. 2026-04**Moved by: Neil Scarlett****Seconded by: Dan Robertson**

Whereas the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP has circulated correspondence to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board pertaining to the Provincial Bail Notification Program and has requested that the Board provide a letter of support.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby direct the Secretary to send a letter of support to The Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General, Ministry of the Solicitor General, The Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform, Ministry of the Solicitor General, and to The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Carried

Item 6.3 – Opposition of the planned closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre - The Board discussed the correspondence received from the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP regarding opposition to the planned closure of the Cecil Facer Youth Centre. Members considered the potential impacts on youth justice, community safety, and local service capacity. The Detachment Commander provided operational insight, which assisted the Board in understanding the broader implications of the proposed closure and supported a balanced and informed discussion prior to consideration of the resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-05

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Whereas the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP has circulated correspondence to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board in opposition of the planned closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre and has requested that the Board provide a letter of support.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby direct the Secretary to send a letter of support to The Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General, Ministry of the Solicitor General and to The Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

Carried

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 2026 Board Budget, identifying several items for further consideration and potential update. These included anticipated costs associated with member attendance at the 2026 Spring Conference in Niagara Falls and future Zone 1A OAPSB meetings, which are expected to be held in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. The Secretary advised that confirmation of the 2026 OAPSB membership fee is pending further information from OAPSB. The Detachment Commander also requested that the Board consider allocating funds for OPP Detachment staff appreciation and recognition initiatives, which may include the presentation of awards and a dinner, or the purchase of hockey jerseys for Detachment members participating in joint games with local high school students as part of a community outreach initiative. A suggested allocation of \$2,000 was discussed. The Board engaged in a productive discussion and agreed to seek input from the municipalities to be presented by each member with a final budget presented at the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2026-06

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby directs that the Secretary bring forward the 2026 Board Budget for approval at the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Carried

Item 7 – Correspondence and General Information

Resolution No. 2026-07

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives Items 7.1 to 7.3 Correspondence and General Information as outlined on the Agenda of Wednesday, January 14th, 2026.

Carried

10. Other Business

The Detachment Commander outlined that through TPON funding, a joint partnership between the Township of Armour and the Almaguin Highlands OPP has enabled the operation of the Festive Drive Ride Program, which has been a great success. This collaborative initiative enhanced road safety and demonstrated the positive impact of targeted funding on community well-being. In addition, TPON funding continues to support the CMHA/OPP program in partnership with the Village of Sundridge, allowing this valuable mental health and community outreach initiative to remain in place.

Additional information was provided regarding school engagement initiatives, with the Detachment Commander highlighting the ongoing annual hockey games as an effective way to build positive relationships, help students feel safe and comfortable with police presence in schools and fundraises for local organizations and the Food Bank. He also noted that a lockdown exercise was conducted in November to support emergency preparedness, emphasizing that these efforts contribute to students feeling safer in their school environments and with the OPP. Finally, discussion took place regarding the upcoming spring conference, and the Detachment Commander advised that it would be beneficial for one to two Board members to attend in order to support continued learning and effective governance.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2026.

Original signed by Robert Sutherland
Robert Sutherland, Chair

Original signed by Beth Morton
Beth Morton, Acting Secretary