

2020 – 2022 Business Plan

North Kawartha Police Services Board

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About the Police Services Board

The North Kawartha Police Services Board (NK PSB) is a board structured and mandated by the province. It is referred to as a Section 10 Board as Section 10 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 15 states that the Solicitor General may enter into an agreement with the council of a municipality for the provision of police services for the municipality by the Ontario Provincial Police.

The NK PSB works with the OPP on the components of the contract while working closely with the Detachment Commander to ensure that any policing concerns in the Township are being met and establishes the budget for policing. The NK PSB provides information and recommendations to Council on police matters.

As per provincial legislation in the Police Services Act and its regulations, the Township of North Kawartha Police Services Board is mandated to provide adequate and effective policing services for the maintenance of law and order in the Township of North Kawartha in accordance with the policing needs of the Township. The Township enters into a contract with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the provision of police services by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to fulfill this obligation.

A municipality with a population less than 25,000 is required to have a three member Police Services Board. The Board consists of:

- a) the head of the municipal council or, if the head chooses not to be a member of the board, another member of the council appointed by resolution of the council;
- b) one person appointed by resolution of the council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality, generally referred to as the community representative; and
- c) one person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, generally referred to as the provincial appointee.

The current members of the North Kawartha Police Services Board are:

- Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor of North Kawartha – Council representative, Chair
- Shane Paquette – Community Representative, Vice-Chair and
- Bob Burns– Provincial Appointee

The members of the Board act as public ambassadors / liaisons for the policy decisions of the Board.

The Board will share information with Council in the following manner:

1. Publish meeting dates, agendas and unapproved minutes on the website as per the Township of North Kawartha Social Media policy.
2. Submission of meeting minutes of the Board
3. Submission of a Business Plan
4. Submission of an Annual Report
5. Submission of Police Services Board budget, annually

6. Informal updates by the Council member appointed to the Board
7. Input into the Township Strategic Plan public meeting.

Meetings of the Board are held a minimum of four times per year and the public is encouraged to attend.

The Board works hand in hand with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to fulfill their joint legislated requirements. The Board also works closely with the OPP promoting safety programs within the North Kawartha community.

Recent legislative changes to the Provincial Police Services Act require the formation of Detachment Boards to replace individual municipal section 10 police boards. Regulations setting out details for the structure, composition, and operation of Detachment Boards are pending. The North Kawartha Police Services Board is actively engaged with Peterborough County OPP, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, and other Peterborough County Municipalities in the implementation of these changes.

About the Ontario Provincial Police

The Township of North Kawartha has chosen to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police, to provide adequate and efficient policing services to the township.

It is the responsibility of the Detachment Commander of the Peterborough County Division of the Ontario Provincial Police Service, in her capacity as chief law enforcement officer for the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha, to administer the policing services of the Township of North Kawartha as set out in the agreement between the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha. The Detachment Commander is responsible to the Township of North Kawartha Police Services Board., recommended by the Township of North Kawartha Police Services Board and approved by the Council of the Township of North Kawartha, for the provision of Police Services under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.15.

The OPP control their operations and provide various reports to the NK PSB with statistical and crime rate information. They provide insight regarding occurrences within the Township, the County and the province as a whole. There is a strong working relationship between the Peterborough Detachment and the NK PSB. The OPP also completes a three-year Business Plan to provide information to the public. Information is available on their website at www.opp.ca . The Township of North Kawartha falls within the Peterborough Detachment in the Central Region.

Community Profile

The Township of North Kawartha is a four season destination that is located within the north eastern quadrant of Peterborough County and easily accessible by Highway 28. There are approximately 765 square kilometres of area comprised mainly of forest, lakes, creeks and rivers which provide for an abundance of wildlife, scenic views and recreational activities for all age groups.

The municipality provides services to 3,552* private dwellings with a permanent population of 2,479* residents and a seasonal influx of approximately 14,000 residents. North Kawartha is located midway between the City of Peterborough and the Town of Bancroft. Within the township, there are smaller urbanized areas such as the village of Apsley and the hamlets of Woodview, Big Cedar, Glen Alda and Burleigh Falls. North Kawartha offers medical facilities, community service clubs, an ambulance base, a pharmacy, a school, large grocery outlet and smaller general stores, libraries, retail and commercial operations including restaurants, real estate, building supplies, legal services, two golf courses and a post office. North Kawartha is also a tourist destination. Tourism attractions include hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, snowmobiling and hiking. There are two provincial parks within the Township, Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park and Petroglyphs Provincial Park.

Note * - Statistics are based on the 2016 Ontario Census

Message from the Board

The North Kawartha Police Services Board (NKPSB) Business Plan is our road map to guide police services in our community over the next three years. The NKPSB has a contract with the Peterborough Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for police services. The Peterborough County OPP also provides police services for several other municipalities in the County of Peterborough. Supplemental to the usual police services and responsibilities, we also receive marine patrols and ATV/Snowmobile patrol services on our many lakes and trails throughout the Township. We receive grants to fund several RIDE programs throughout the year and we have dedicated resources to support the OPP Kids program in our local school. North Kawartha is very fortunate to have the services of such a professional, dedicated and hard-working OPP detachment that is committed to working collaboratively with the NKPSB.

Due to our unique geography and seasonal nature of our community, the NKPSB works hard to ensure that our policing resources are efficient and effective. By encouraging regular communication, investing in the latest technology, networking with neighboring PSBs and supporting ongoing training for Board members and staff, we make sure that our policing focus is on issues that are a priority to the community.

As with all things, the costs for police services continue to increase so it is imperative that we strive to get the best value for our tax dollars and ensure that our police services continue to meet the needs of our community and keep North Kawartha safe.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Amyotte

Chair- North Kawartha Police Services Board

Message from the Detachment Commander

The core values of the OPP are to “Serve with Pride Professionalism and Honour; Interacting with Respect, Compassion and Fairness; and Lead with Integrity, Honesty and Courage. These core values guide our behaviours and communicate our commitment to uphold the moral and ethical principles expected from you, the citizens of North Kawartha. The North Kawartha Police Services Board has put a great deal of time and effort into developing a business plan that is representative of the safety and well-being needs of your communities. As Commander of the Peterborough OPP Detachment, I am accountable to your police services



board. We, as your police service must be responsive to your safety needs. An important part of this requirement is our commitment to focus resources towards your board’s identified priorities.

Our mission is to uphold the law and preserve public safety. We know today that most of our safety and wellbeing concerns in all communities are best served by a multi-sector approach. Diverse perspectives always lead to more fulsome and effective solutions. We are committed to improve the overall safety and well-being by developing and implementing risk intervention strategies in collaboration with your police services board, community representatives and municipal partners. We will continue to focus on areas of crime prevention, harm reduction, mental health & addictions and traffic safety.

Over the next three years, our collective efforts will ensure our success in keeping the citizens of and visitors to North Kawartha safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Darling".

Lisa Darling Commander, Inspector
Peterborough Detachment
Ontario Provincial Police

Purpose of the Business Plan

The North Kawartha Business Plan has been developed to cover the three-year period beginning in 2020 through the end of 2022. The Board, in partnership with the OPP will revise and update the three-year business plans in accordance with the “Adequacy Standards Regulation Reg. 03/99” no less frequently than once every three years. Upon receipt of the North Kawartha Police Service Board Business Plan by Council the plan will be provided to the public, no later than April 30, 2021.

The NK PSB’s Business Plan is intended to address safety and security in our communities, clear and transparent direction and accountability and will provide a basis for input into the OPP Business Plan.

The Business Plan outlines strategic initiatives that are a priority in meeting the safety and security objectives of the Township of North Kawartha.

Section 30(1) of the *Adequacy and Effectiveness Regulation* requires that every board prepare a business plan for its police service at least once every three years.

The OPP Detachment Commanders are required to produce annual detachment business plans and are expected to produce results consistent with both the Regional OPP and Provincial OPP business plans. All elements required by the Adequacy and Effectiveness Regulation are addressed within all of these plans.

Strategic Initiatives

Strategic initiatives for 2020-22 include:

1. **Community Safety and Well Being Plan for Municipality/County.**

The PSB will contribute in an advisory capacity to the creation of a Community Safety and Well Being Plan and Mental Health. The plan is expected to be developed in conjunction with the other municipalities in the county.

As the CSWB plan is developed the PSB may participate in community engagement and implementation activities as required.

The PSB will support the implementation of the CSWB plan in North Kawartha and assist as required in subsequent evaluation processes.

2. **Through public and Council input, generate a comprehensive 3 year Police Services Board business plan.**

The PSB will seek the input of Council and other Stakeholders of North Kawartha, including the Community Policing organization, to identify if and where gaps may exist within our policing services. We will also look to identify trends within our community that may impact future policing needs.

This input would then be used to create North Kawartha Police Service Board's three-year Business Plan and present this plan to Council within the 4th quarter of 2020.

3. **Continue promotion of the "Seniors and Law Enforcement Together" (SALT) program.**

As the number of seniors visiting and residing in North Kawartha increase, it is important that the PSB is aware of specific safety and security concerns of this vulnerable group. Working with policing community partners in developing and collaborating efforts in traffic safety.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) which is a volunteer community-based police program designed to focus on crime prevention initiatives specifically targeted at reducing crimes against seniors in Peterborough County.

The PSB will continue to work with the Ontario Provincial Police, Peterborough County Detachment in support of this program.

4. **Improve traffic safety within North Kawartha.**

This may include, but not limited to:

- Implementation of a community safety zone on McFadden Road in the hamlet of Apsley with the goal of reducing vehicle speeds in the area
- Implementation of traffic monitoring technology to identify areas in need of targeted traffic enforcement, traffic calming initiatives, additional signage, or reconstruction. This will include township, county, and provincial roads with the goal of reducing vehicle speeds, collisions, aggressive, and distracted driving
- Implement speed reductions on some rural township roads where safety concerns are identified.
- Enhance public communications with respect to road safety using a variety of communication methods
- Work with policing community partners in developing and collaborating efforts in traffic safety.
- Compile traffic and safety concerns for Highway 28, which bisects our entire community, from the last 5 years.
- Ensuring processes are in place to address by-law concerns, by the OPP or by Municipal By-Law Officials.

5. Detachment Board Planning and Transition

The PSB will engage with the OPP, Ministry of the Solicitor General, and Peterborough County municipalities in the transition to the legislated Detachment Board governance structure. The PSB will ensure that the interests of North Kawartha will continue to be represented appropriately in any matters related to OPP policing.

6. Peterborough Drug Strategy / OPP Kids program / Pedal for Hope

The PSB will support the Peterborough Drug Strategy including the distribution of materials and / or requesting free usage of locations and / or submitting Municipal Service Requests through the Council of the Township of North Kawartha. The Board will also publicize the Peterborough Drug Strategy wherever possible.

The OPP Kids program is run by the OPP through the Apsley Central School. The PSB will support the Pedal for Hope program raising funds for pediatric cancer which makes a stop annually at the Apsley Central Public School.

7. Work with community partners towards community safety

The PSB will support community groups and initiatives to address safety issues, such as but not limited to, the Age Friendly Plan and Safer ON.

Public Input

A letter was sent to community and non-profit groups such as :Community Care, East Kawartha Chamber of Commerce, Apsley and District Lions, Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 381, the Kawartha Pine Ridge School Board and the Apsley Central Public School, Economic Development Cooperative, ABC Seniors, Glen Alda Seniors and the Wilson Park Adult Social Group and all members of the public, Cottage and Lake Assoc.; Anstruther Lake Cottager's Assoc., Big Cedar Lake, Chandos Lake Property Owners Assoc., Environmental Council for Clear, Ston(e)y and White Lakes, Coon Lake, Eels Lake Cottagers, Jack Lake Assoc., Long Lake, Loucks Lake Cottager's Assoc., Looncall Lake Cottager's Assoc., Lower Stony Lake, Upper Stony Lake, Water-Access Cottagers' Assoc. of Rathbun and Anstruther Lakes, Wolf Lake Cottage Assoc.

The North Kawartha Police Services Board welcomes all input into the business plan and thanks all those who took the time to respond. Your input helps the Board to understand the needs of the community. The Board also welcomes attendance from the public to any of their meetings, generally four per year or by writing at any time. Thanks again for your participation.

Appendix 1

Wed 26/08/2020 2:37 PM

RE: North Kawartha Police Services Board 2020-2022 Business Plan Request for Input

Hi Kelly,

I had a read through this this morning and put my thinking cap on. I think at this time the only issue I feel is important to note is the speed at which vehicles travel on 28 and in town, I'm sure you have heard this numerous times before. My husband and I live on McFadden and are regularly frustrated by the high speeds on that road, speed limits make no difference in my opinion, and I can't say I have ever seen OPP stopped on that road checking speeds. I was pleased to see an OPP car at Northey's Bay Rd yesterday. I really don't know what the answer is to this problem, but it's definitely worth mentioning. I can't tell you how many close calls I've seen on 28. It's scary.

From a social services standpoint, I do work closely with OPP on our Community Development Committee, I find this has been very helpful in discussions around mental health, etc. I think solutions to these types of personal/community issues are in programming, which is something we had started working on prior to Covid, and of course the challenge is whether or not folks will participate.

I hope this has answered the question, and is helpful. Don't hesitate to ask if you would like something more specific or focused.

Thank you

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Appendix 2

Tue 29/09/2020 3:37 PM

North Kawartha PSB Public Input

Hi Kelly, I live on [REDACTED] in North Kawartha which is located [REDACTED] west of the entrance to the Petroglyphs Provincial Park [REDACTED]. I have spoken with other neighbours on the street and have come up with a list of concerns we share regarding policing in our neighbourhood. I have divided them into two sections where we have witnessed a rise in activities that are concerning.

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> Quarry Bay Beach:

- > 1. Overnight camping at the beach and in the beach parking lot 2.
- > Trash left behind at the beach 3. Boats accessing beach when it is not
- > a boat access 4. Parking for the beach, including camper trailers, on
- > Oakridge drive as overflow from beach parking lot 5. Fireworks at the
- > beach 2-3 times over the summer

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> Eels Creek:

- > 1. Cars dangerously parked on Northey's Bay Road on weekends (20 plus at times, and sometimes both sides of the road) as overflow parking from the parking lot.
- > 2. Non compliance up the creek during a fire ban 3. Waste, garbage
- > from campers and day trippers

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> Understanding that as colder weather comes many of these activities will decrease but we anticipate come spring we will continue to see this reckless and in some cases dangerous behaviour once again.

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> We appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback and are welcome to discuss any issues in further detail. With regards to the meeting October 23 if this is going to be held virtually we would be interested in attending.

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> Many thanks,
> Jennifer Stuart