Joint Municipalities of Bonfield, Chisholm and East Ferris

Annual Report to Council

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Secretary-Treasurer for the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board

Subject: Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Annual Informational Report to Council

BACKGROUND

Section 68 of the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), 2019 states:

"On or before June 30 in each year, the police service board shall file an annual report with its municipality or band council regarding,

- (a) the implementation of the board's strategic plan and the achievement of the performance objectives identified in the strategic plan;
- (b) the affairs of the police service;
- (c) the provision of policing as it relates to any community safety and well-being plans adopted by the municipalities or First Nations that are in the board's area of policing responsibility; and
- (d) any other prescribed matters".

Furthermore, the police service board must publish the annual report to Council on the internet in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister, if any.

The CSPA report to council is a key accountability mechanism, ensuring transparency and providing the public with information on how police services are operating and contributing to community safety and well-being.

OPP Detachment Boards officially came into effect on April 1st, 2024. This report is a relatively new requirement. All efforts have been made to meet the requirements within the CSPA, and any outstanding information will be brought forward to the 2025/2026 informational report to Council. It is worth noting that the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board was one of the first in the Province to meet its requirements of forming, passing legislated policy and adopting insurance for its members.

The Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board consists of Council and community representation from the Municipalities of Bonfield, Chisholm and East Ferris. At the time of drafting this report, Provincial appointments had not yet been made.

MEETINGS 2024/2025

Since its inception in April of 2024, the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board (the Board) has met 4 times per year as per the CSPA.

All meeting dates, agendas and minutes of the Board have been advertised on each member municipality's website for public viewing.

3 Board Members attended the Annual OAPSB Conference from June $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$, 2025 in London, ON. Attending members will report back to the Board at their September meeting.

FINANCIALS

The share of the expenses for each municipality are based on the yearly Property Counts for each municipality as provided by the OPP. Property Counts are reviewed each year when preparing the annual budget to ensure accurate contributions to the O.P.P. Detachment Board. Budgeted items include conference costs and associated per diem, memberships to the OAPSB, public education and community initiatives, advertising, insurance and administration.

Property count allotment for 2025:

Bonfield: 28% Chisholm: 17% East Ferris: 55%

The total budget estimate for 2025 was \$18,885.00.

APPROVED POLICIES

Over the past year the Board adopted and implemented the following policies:

Terms of Reference Abuse, Violence and Harassment Policy Travel Expense Policy Code of Conduct

All policies are posted on each member municipality website, and available for public viewing.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & CAMPAIGNS

The following highlights some of the initiatives and achievements of the Board, and campaigns of the North Bay OPP Detachment which were supported by the Board:

<u>Safe Streets Campaign</u>: The OPP initiated a Safe Streets Campaign in October of 2024. The campaign included information regarding panhandling and how the general public can safely help those in need. Member municipalities shared provided information to their residents via social media.

North Bay OPP Detachment: The North Bay OPP detachment has identified officers within the detachment dedicated to monitoring traffic trends, complaints, and analytics specific to collisions to effectively address public safety and develop local initiatives above the existing provincial initiatives. This unit focuses on addressing community safety issues through targeted enforcement and partnerships with residents and organizations. The Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board works collaboratively with the North Bay Detachment to develop and execute initiatives which address local issues. They conduct initiatives focused on specific traffic

safety concerns, such as speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving and not wearing a seatbelt.

<u>Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre Session</u>: The Board hosted the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at the East Ferris Community Centre on March 20th, 2025. This session was offered at no charge for residents of Bonfield, Chisholm and East Ferris. Participants learned about solicitation methods, tools used by scammers and how to report scams. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

LOCAL CRIME TRENDS

Quarterly OPP reports are brought forward to the Board at each meeting that details the statistics of crime trends in the Board covered area. 2025 statistics show that, generally speaking, areas of crime are reduced, or on par with previous years within the Lake Nosbonsing Detachment Area. Areas of concern remain firearm related occurrences, violent crime, and speeding.

Quarterly Reports are available for public viewing as part of the Board Minutes, posted on each member municipality website. Quarterly Reports are also provided to each member municipal Council.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN

Each member municipality is responsible for updating and implementing their own Community Safety Well-Being Plan that was created under the CSPA, 2019.

NEXT STEPS

Moving forward, the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board will work closely with the North Bay OPP Detachment to form the 2026-2029 North Bay Action Plan, which will coincide with the creation of the 2026-2029 OPP Strategic Plan as we bridge the gap between the *Police Services Act* and *the Community Safety and Policing Act*.

In addition, the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board looks forward to facilitating new public education programs and strategizing various methods to address public safety concerns and promote community safety and well being.

Respectfully Submitted,	I concur with this report,	
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