

PEEL POLICE SERVICE BOARD
ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

PUBLIC MINUTES
FRIDAY May 31, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.

REGION OF PEEL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5TH FLOOR
10 PEEL CENTRE DRIVE, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO

The Public meeting of the Section 10 - OPP Caledon Detachment commenced at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: S. Kohli, Vice Chair
P. Brown
A. Boughton
A. Attia
L. Carby
M. Mahoney

Members Absent: N. Iannicca, Chair

Others Present: Inspector M.L. Kearns, Det. Commander Caledon OPP
R. Serpe, Executive Director
A. Suri, Manager, Board Operations
S. Yasseen, Executive Assistant

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST – NIL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Public Section 10 Board meeting held on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Resolution:

That the Minutes of the Public Section 10 Board meeting held on Friday, February 23, 2024 be adopted as read.

Moved by: M. Mahoney
Seconded by: L. Carby

CARRIED 01-05-24

NEW BUSINESS

2. **OPP – 2024 1st Quarter Operations/Statistical Analysis Report** – The Board considered the 2024 1st Quarter Operations Summary and Statistical Analysis report with respect to policing the Town of Caledon as provided to the Board by Inspector M.L. Kearns, OPP Caledon Detachment Commander. The reports provide statistics and analysis for January-March 2024 for the following areas:

- Public Complaints
- Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Criminal Code and Provincial Statute Charges Laid
- Violent Crime
- Property Crime
- Drug Crime
- Clearance Rates

Some key themes from the quarterly operations/statistical analysis report:

- **Public Complaints & Traffic Report:** Four public complaints were received in Q1 2024. Three fatalities occurred from two motor vehicle collisions.
- **Road Safety:** Caledon OPP focuses on road safety with targeted patrols against aggressive driving and public education via social media. During a province-wide campaign over Easter, 677 offences were noted, including 180 seat belt violations. Four impaired drivers and five stunt drivers were removed from the roads.
- **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement:** A joint blitz with the Ministry of Transportation resulted in inspections of 61 commercial vehicles, several of which were taken out of service due to defects.
- **Offence Trends:** There has been an increase in both Highway Traffic Act and Criminal Code offences. Caledon OPP ranked highest in Canada Road Safety Week with over 12,000 offence notices issued in 2024.
- **Crime Report:** Violent and major crime reports decreased, including sexual assaults. A January 2024 shooting incident led to the arrest of five suspects and the seizure of firearms. The OPP collaborated with Peel Regional Police to resolve multiple extortion-linked shootings.
- **Property Crime:** Break-ins have increased by 24%, and auto theft has risen by 50% across Ontario, mirroring GTA trends. The OPP is partnering with various law enforcement agencies to address these issues through focused patrols and operations. Caledon OPP is working with law enforcement agencies, including the Quebec police, CBSA, and the Équité association, to establish focused patrols, projects, and joint operations to conduct numerous search warrants and arrests.
- **Auto Theft Prevention:** Caledon partnered with other police departments under Project Clasp to combat auto theft, increasing patrols and securing grant funding.
- **Theft Trends:** There has been an increase in thefts from LCBO stores and community mailboxes. Measures such as new mailboxes and community sessions have been implemented to prevent thefts.
- **Recruitment:** Caledon OPP welcomed six new recruits, a cadet and two summer students. Caledon day will be on June 15, 2024 with tours and entertainment taking place.

Inspector Kearns announced that she will be retiring on June 28, 2024 after 30 years of policing and thanked her colleagues at PRP and the Peel Police Service Board members for the partnership and commitment to public safety.

Vice Chair S. Kohli congratulated Inspector Kearns on her retirement. A. Boughton also congratulated Inspector Kearns on her retirement and thanked her for her dedication to policing.

A. Boughton asked if residents who find stolen mail should return it to the post office. Inspector Kearns advised that residents should call Caledon OPP directly, and the OPP will notify the post office accordingly.

A. Boughton inquired about the timing of the truck blitz and the percentage of trucks with defects. Inspector Kearns reported that the blitz took place in late April, with over 30% of trucks found to have defects. A. Boughton praised the team's efforts, stressing the importance of removing unsafe trucks from the roads. He also expressed concern over the 10% rise in property crime and the inability to pursue offenders. Inspector Kearns noted that property crime raises insurance rates for residents and that the court system prioritizes cases involving injuries or fatalities. She emphasized the need for additional support to address property crime effectively in the courts.

A. Attia congratulated Inspector Kearns on her upcoming retirement and asked about the SQL online reporting system mentioned in motor vehicle collision statistics. Inspector Kearns clarified that it is an internal tool, not available to residents. A. Attia inquired if the statistics reported quarterly to the Board are shared with the public. Kearns explained they are not published online but are reported to the Town of Caledon Council, which is livestreamed, and shared through community townhalls. A. Attia also asked if the rise in Criminal Code Traffic and Highway Traffic Act offences was due to a specific program or an increase in officers. Inspector Kearns attributed the improvement to her officers' dedication and hard work in enhancing Caledon's safety.

On behalf of PRP, Chief N. Duraiappah congratulated Inspector Kearns on her retirement and thanked her for her commitment, partnership and leadership over the years.

Resolution:

That the information be received.

Moved by: A. Boughton
Seconded by: M. Mahoney

CARRIED 02-05-24

ADJOURNMENT

The Public meeting of the Section 10 - OPP Caledon Detachment / Peel Police Service Board adjourned at 10:33 a.m.