

Deputation to Town of The Blue Mountains Council

September 9, 2019

Jim Oliver, Chair – The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

Two meetings have been held since the appointment of the Police Services Board (PSB)

Attended the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) Annual Conference
May 22-25 2019

The new Community Safety and Policing Act (2019), formerly the Police Services Act (1990)

- Police Services Board (PSB) and OPP Commissioner are responsible for the delivery of “adequate and effective” policing
- Act creates a “requirement” for one OPP detachment board per OPP detachment, or more than one detachment if provided in (pending) regulations
- PSB members are required to complete training on roles and responsibilities, human rights and systemic racism, and training that promotes recognition of and respect for the diverse multiracial character of Ontario society, including First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples
- Municipalities are required to prepare and by resolution, adopt a “Community Safety and Well-being Plan” by January 1, 2021 (already established by regulation). Adjacent municipalities and/or those which share services, community issues, etc. may work together to develop a joint plan
- Many of the provision of the (new) amended Act will be subject to yet-to-be-approved regulations that will require extensive community and stakeholder consultation

The Town of The Blue Mountains PSB is currently (and has been for a number of months) short one member (Provincial Appointee) and the efforts of Council and the Town are requested to correct this shortcoming.