

# Staff Report to Council

**Title:** South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment  
Board Community Representative  
Appointment

**Report Number:** Legislative Services-2024-10

**Director:** Corporate Services

**Manager:** Legislative Services

**Meeting Date:**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024

**Date to be considered by Council:**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024

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## Recommendation:

That Council approve the appointment of Joe Dietrich and Margaret Visser as the Community Representatives on the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board, upon fulfilling all legislative requirements for the current Board term.

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## Executive Summary:

On March 13, 2024, Council approved the Terms of Reference for the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) and directed staff to begin the recruitment process for Community Appointees. The Committee was formed solely to review community members' applications for the new OPP Detachment Board and make recommendations to the member Councils. The Councils collectively appoint the two (2) Community Appointees to the Board. At their meeting of April 26, 2024, the Advisory Committee recommended Joe Dietrich and Margaret Visser for consideration by the member Municipalities.

## Strategic Priorities:

C.13-Protect people, property and the environment from the effects of dangerous conditions caused by people and nature

## Financial Considerations:

There are no direct financial considerations for these appointments.

**Policy:**

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* and the Terms of Reference South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee

**Context and Background Information:**

The South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board consists of five (5) Council members consisting of one member from each member municipality (Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine and South Bruce), two (2) Community Representatives and two (2) Provincial Representatives. Currently only the Council positions are filled, with Councillor Cavanagh as the Municipality of Kincardine representative. The Community Representatives are being recommended currently. The Board is awaiting word from the Province regarding timelines for appointment of the Provincial Representatives.

The Community Representative positions were advertised on all municipal websites and social media and in each municipality's local newspaper for a two (2) week period. Nominations were collected by the Municipal Clerks and compiled for consideration by the Advisory Committee.

The first meeting of the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board was held on April 26, 2024, at the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment in Walkerton. The Advisory Committee, consisting of the five (5) Council representatives, met prior to the meeting, and reviewed nine (9) applicants for the Community Representative. As a result of that meeting, the Advisory Committee recommended Joe Dietrich and Margaret Visser as the Community Representative.

As outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee, following the review, the Advisory Committee will make recommendations to member municipalities. Official appointments shall be unanimously made by way of a resolution from each member municipality, which shall be forwarded to the Board Chair and Secretary.

If there is not support for the appointment recommendations by each member municipality, the Advisory Committee will reconvene and make a subsequent recommendation to each Council.

Once approved, the Community Representatives will have to submit a Police Record Check and complete the Board training before their first meeting.

**Consultation Overview:**

The nine (9) applicants were reviewed by the Advisory Committee consisting of a Council member from each of the member Municipalities following their Terms of Reference and the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

**Origin:**

Recommendation from the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee.

### **Implementation Considerations:**

The next meeting of the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board is scheduled for June 14, 2024, in the Municipality of Kincardine Council Chambers. Each Council will review the Community Representative recommendations prior to that meeting.

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### **Risk Analysis:**

Per direction from the Province through the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board is required to have two community representatives chosen by the five (5) member municipalities. If the community representatives are not chosen, then the Board will not have the required composition.

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**Attachments:** Terms of Reference for the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee.

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