IGNACE/OJIBWAY NATION OF SAUGEEN OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT D'IGNACE ET DE LA PREMIÈRE NATION OJIBWAY DE SAUGEEN DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

DRYDEN OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT DE DRYDEN DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

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MINUTES

August 12, 2026

1:00 p.m. - Multi Purpose Room

Members	Kim Baigrie - Mayor/Council Rep. Brad Greaves - Community Rep. Penny Lucas - Provincial Rep. Janet Lett - Council Rep.
Ontario Provincial Police	Inspector Karl Duewel – Detachment Commander Sgt. Les McGrayne Acting Sgt Ron Fults Provincial Constable Clark Patterson Jessie Leutschaft, RPN/Crisis Worker
Staff	Aaron Gullins, CAO Lesley Sterling, Clerk Treasurer Roxanne Cox, Deputy Clerk

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Land Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order

The Meeting of the Ignace/Ojibway Nation of Saugeen OPP Detachment Board be called to order this 12th day of August 2026 at **1:02 p.m**.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion # 07/2026
Moved by: Penny Lucas **Seconded by: Brad Greaves**
THAT, the Ignace/Ojibway Nation of Saugeen OPP Detachment Board approve the agenda for this meeting dated the 12th day of August 2026, as **Amended.**

- Heading - Change 1:00 **a.m.** to 1:00 **p.m.**
- 4.1 - May 26, **20226** to May 26, **2026**
- 5.2 – Sergeant Steward to Sergeant Stewart
- 7.3 - Remove Policing Inspector - Introduction

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion #08/2026
Moved by: Jant Lett **Seconded by: Penny Lucas**

THAT, the Ignace/Ojibway Nation of Saugeen OPP Detachment Board this 12th day of August 2026 approve the Minutes of May 26, 2026 as **Presented**.

CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business

Both Item 5.1, **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**, and Item 5.2, **Community Working Group regarding Addiction**, were deferred to the next meeting, as Sgt. Stewart was not present to provide the required updates.

New Business

6.1 2025 Annual Report for the Dryden Detachment Cluster

Kim Baigrie explained that the attached report was originally intended to be presented to Council prior to June 30th and had been included on the last Council Meeting Agenda for Council's review. The report is now being brought forward to the Board for their review and to provide an opportunity for members to ask any questions they may have.

6.2 Reappointment of Penny Lucas effective August 14, 2026

Penny indicated that she did notify the PGO that she has put her name forward for the upcoming election.

7. Correspondence

7.1 PGO

All correspondence provided the Board with information regarding the upcoming municipal election and guidance for Board members who may be seeking municipal office.

It was noted that all Board members would be required to reapply for their positions following the election. The current Board may remain in place for up to six months following the election.

7.2 PGO Communications

Correspondence was provided for information only. There were no comments/concerns expressed.

7.3 Inspectorate of Policing

Inspector General Memo #11 – Notice of Issue: increase in Antisemitism and Hate-Motivated Incidents

Regarding Inspector General Memo #11 concerning the increase in antisemitism and hate-motivated incidents, Board members inquired whether this is something that has been occurring within the community, including in relation to Indigenous communities.

The Detachment Commander explained that this is not an issue that occurs frequently in the area. At present, there is no officer specifically assigned to hate-motivated incidents; however, should a situation arise requiring specialized assistance, an officer would be assigned to address the matter.

The Detachment Commander further clarified that while there may be instances of racism involving Indigenous communities, there are currently no hate-related crimes specifically targeting Indigenous communities. It was noted that racism and a hate-motivated crime are distinct matters, with hate-motivated crimes involving a different threshold and level of severity.

Inspector General Memo #12 – Release of the 2025 Annual Report

No members had any comments or concerns regarding the report.

A Board Member inquired about the status of having a First Nations individual appointed to the Board. It was explained that the opportunity has been posted on numerous occasions, and the Clerk-Treasurer has also reached out directly to the Chief regarding the matter. Sgt. McGrayne has also spoken with individuals in Saugeen; however, to date, no one has expressed an interest in participating as a Board Member.

The Detachment Commander advised that the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen is currently in transition and is still determining whether to remain with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) or transition to First Nations Policing. The Board should remain aware of any developments regarding this transition, as it may provide an opportunity to explore representation from the Ojibway Nation of Saugeen on the Board.

7.4 Resolution Support

Red Lake-Ear Falls OPP Detachment Board

Motion #09/2026
Moved by: Brad Greaves **Seconded by: Penny Lucas**

THAT, the Ignace/Ojibway Nation of Saugeen OPP Detachment Board this 12th day of August 2026 hereby supports the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board and the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques and their and their request to the Ontario Government to expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and hereby ensuring the well being of all Ontarios.

CARRIED

A Board member inquired whether any data is collected through the electronic speed signs currently located at each end of Town. The Detachment Commander explained that the existing signs do not collect or retain data. However, the Commander indicated that he believes there may be a grant available to the Municipality that could assist with the purchase of electronic speed signs capable of collecting traffic data.

The CAO also indicated that he believes the crosswalk will be installed within the year, which will have its own impact on traffic and pedestrian safety within the community.

8. Reports

8.1 OPP Quarterly Reports

The Detachment Commander provided a comprehensive overview of the Q2 Report.

Crisis Worker, Jessie Leutschaft and Provincial Constable, Clark Patterson from the Mobile Crisis Response Team provided a presentation to the Board. The presentation was very well received by the Board.

9. Committee Members Round Table Discussion

Several areas of concern were identified and discussed:

- A member shared a video from a dash cam of being run off the road by a tractor trailer while on a bridge between Ignace and Thunder Bay which was been reported to the Ignace OPP. The member asked the OPP for a follow up.
- There was discussion regarding the need for additional social media education and information on basic driving skills, with a focus on simple, memorable messaging and reminders about what is and is not permitted.
- Concerns were raised regarding ATVs and e-scotters/e-bikes use within the community, including:
  - ATV speeds in the Township appearing to exceed the posted 30 km/h limit.
  - ATV operators crossing private property.
  - E-Scooters are not permitted unless specifically allowed with a By-Law
  - E-Scooters cannot be legally operated by anyone under 16, and helmets are mandatory for all users
- Failure to stop at STOP signs.
- It was also suggested that the Township consider providing information and addressing these concerns on its website.

10. Adjournment

Motion # 10/2026
Moved by: Janet Lett **Seconded by: Penny Lucas**

THAT, the Meeting of the Ignace/Ojibway Nation of Saugeen OPP Detachment Board be adjourned this 12th day of August 2026, at **2:26 p.m.**

Kim Baigrie, Chair