

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2021

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Ken T. Kelly, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Council Position - One Police Service Board for Lanark County

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Committee of the Whole receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

A memo was provided to Council on March 3, 2020 from the Chair of the Community Policing Advisory Committee, Councillor Denzil Ferguson.

This memo is attached as background information and includes a history of the changes to the respective legislation that governs policing in Ontario.

DISCUSSION:

We expect that the new Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) will come into effect in 2022. The CSPA will terminate current contracts, agreements and the Police Service Boards that currently govern community policing. The Solicitor General has been holding a number of meetings and consultations on this roll out.

While COVID has slowed the Provincial process of consultation down it has not eliminated the plan and course of action that the Province is implementing. The policing model and the governance structure of one Police Service Board per detachment is moving forward. For Lanark County that will mean one Police Service Board (PSB) versus individual PSB's.

The PSB for a detachment is expected to have the following composition criteria:

1. A minimum of 5 members on each board (no maximum)
2. Community representatives selected by joint resolution of the involved councils (20% of members)
3. Provincial appointments similar to those on municipal police boards (20% of members)

The Province is conducting virtual consultation sessions on April 20, 2021 and May 4, 2021. In addition, the Province is seeking feedback from each Detachment. We understand that they want one submission which means that the various municipalities, PSB's and Mississippi Mills will need to come to some agreement on a joint submission that outlines what we collectively would see as the best approach in Lanark County. Submissions are due by June 7, 2021.

At the moment there is no meeting planned of OPP serviced Lanark County municipalities and/or PSB's to discuss the issue and one submission

The table below illustrates the 2016 census data and the projected 2038 populations for the communities of Beckwith, Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills. We currently have a sub-detachment office in Carleton Place with single office space located in the Almonte Fire Hall for Mississippi Mills. As you can see the three municipalities will be the majority of the Lanark County population by 2038.

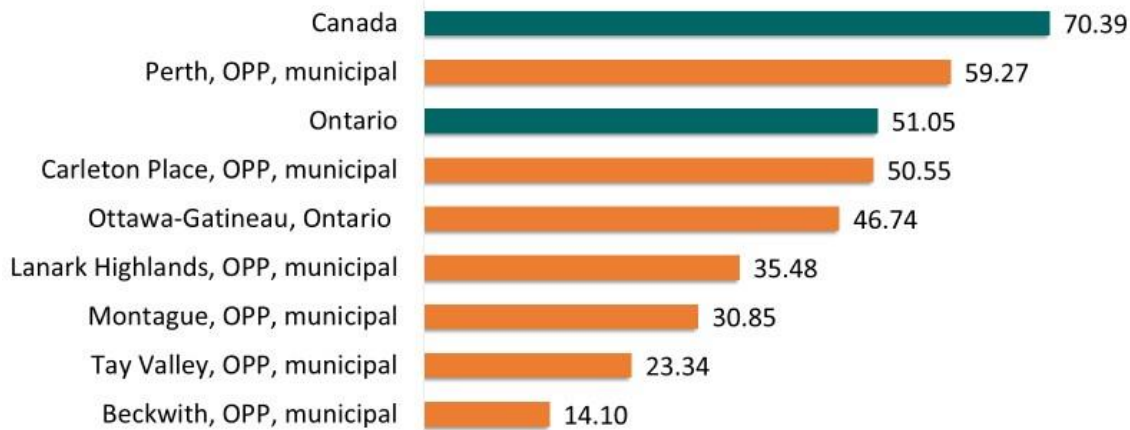
If there is to be a discussion about splitting the Lanark County Police Service Board such that the majority of the population has one board then that discussion needs to happen during this consultation.

Table: Lanark County Population Projections to 2038

	2016	2038
Beckwith	7644	14262
Carleton Place	10644	20964
Mississippi Mills	13163	21122
Subtotal	31451	56348
 Total for Pop County	 59918	 96433
 Group of 3 as % of County	 52.5%	 58.4%

The information below is extracted from a presentation by Jupia Consultants on growth trends in Lanark County. Severe Crime is a concern in the Carleton Place census area and the interests/concerns of Lanark County as a whole may not align to the interests/concerns of the three eastern municipalities.

Crime Severity Index (2015)



2006 = 1.00 (Canada). Source: Statistics Canada Tables 35-10-0026-01 and 35-10-0077-01

OPTIONS:

1. Mississippi Mills request a meeting of the Lanark County OPP serviced municipalities to discuss the submission.
2. Mississippi Mills make its own submission.
3. Do nothing and wait for the outcome of the Provincial consultations.

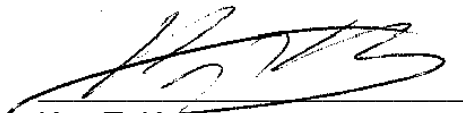
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no immediate financial implications of this discussion.

SUMMARY:

Council develop its position on OPP policing and governance and seek a meeting of the municipalities in Lanark County to discuss a submission as part of the Provincial Consultation.

Respectfully submitted by,


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ATTACHMENTS:

1. March 3, 2020 CPAC Memo – Annual Report