



Owen Sound Police Service Board

2nd Floor Meeting Room

Thursday May 29th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

Members Present:	J. Thomson (Chair), B. O’Leary (Vice-Chair), C. Merton, B. Wilkins
Absent with Regrets:	I. Boddy
Management Present:	Chief C. Ambrose, Inspector D. Bishop
Guests Present:	M. Gloade- Strategic Analyst
Minutes:	K. Wardell

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Thomson read the land acknowledgment.

Chair Thomson reported that “Prior to today’s meeting, the Board met in closed session to review and discuss matters that in their opinion fell under Section 44 of the Community Safety and Police Act and Section 25 item b) of the OSPSB General Policy-003 - Board Governance

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Thomson asked that an additional item 18 g) Taxi meters in Private Transportation Vehicles be added under New Business.

Moved by B. O’Leary, seconded by C. Merton.

*“That the agenda with the addition of 18 g) Taxi Meters in Private Transportation Vehicles, dated May 29, 2025 be approved.” **CARRIED***

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest arising out of the Minutes and Matters Listed on the Agenda. HEARING NONE

5. Presentations, Deputations, and Public question period.

There were no presentations, Deputations or Public questions.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held April 23, 2025.

Moved by C. Merton, seconded by B. Wilkins.

*“That the minutes dated April 23, 2025 be approved.” **CARRIED***

7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of April 23, 2025. HEARING NONE

8. Correspondence received

a) Email Correspondence – RBC Bank

Chair Thomson reported that he had spoken directly with the branch manager regarding the availability of Automated Banking Machines (ABMs) in the downtown core. The manager confirmed that their ABM lobby/vestibule has been locked during non-business hours for some period of time now.

Chair Thomson also noted that other financial institutions in the downtown area are following similar protocols. Many bank branches are locking their ABM lobbies or vestibules outside of business hours to prevent misuse of the space, particularly during late-night hours.

He noted that this is an ongoing issue and another example of the challenges being felt in the downtown core by both residents and visitors who are unable to access cash from their bank outside of regular banking hours.

b) King Charles Medal

Chief Ambrose received a letter from Premier Doug Ford awarding him the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

This prestigious honour recognizes individuals who have made a profound and lasting contribution to Ontario and to Canada. Chief Ambrose was selected for this honour in recognition of his exceptional contributions and dedication to the betterment of the province and our country.

c) Certificate of Recognition

Certificate of Recognition for the **OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE**. This certificate was in recognition of the Wheel & Ride Safety Festival and bike program OBIAA Special Events, Award of Excellence.

d) Presentation - Member of the Order of Merit

Chief Ambrose presented Inspector Bishop, his nominee, with the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Chair Thomson also presented Chief Ambrose, his nominee, with the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

The Order of Merit of the Police Forces was established in October 2000 and is a fellowship of honour based on the highest qualities of citizenship, service to Canada, to the police community, and to humanity at large. Through their activities, Members, Officers and Commanders of the Order bring distinction to policing and support the concept of police cooperation in public service.

The primary focus is on exceptional merit through contributions to policing, community development and fostering relationships among police forces in Canada and throughout the world and between police and the community. The focus is also on the total contributions made over an individual's career to date and not on a single incident or achievement.

9. Chairman's Report

Chair Thomson reported that the Zone 5 meeting was held on Tuesday May 27, 2025 and unfortunately, he was unable to attend. As it turned out there was insufficient boards in attendance to establish a quorum. The next meeting, in person, is scheduled for September.

10. Governance

No new governance for the open session.

11. Reports from Inspector D. Bishop

- a) Criminal Investigations Branch and Drug Enforcement/Criminal Intelligence Unit
- b) Auxiliary Unit Report
- c) Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit
- d) Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Unit

12. Reports formerly prepared by Inspector J. Fluney

- a) Front Line Patrol and Collision Statistics
- b) Community Services Office
- c) Lost Hours and Training

13. Reports from Director of Civilian Services K. Fluney

14. Report from Director of Corporate Services S. Bell-Matheson and Director of Information Technology Services C. Hill

15. Report from Manager of Human Resources W. Pratt

As there were no requests for action in the above report, they will be placed on file with these minutes for information purposes.

16. Financial Update from the Chief of Police

Chief Ambrose noted that, with the recent contract ratifications, retroactive payments can now be processed. However, until the City of Owen Sound issues these payments, the financial statements will not accurately reflect the current budget position. Despite this, there are no concerns regarding the overall budget at this time.

17. Operating Reports from the Chief of Police

- a) Chief's Activity Reports

As there were no requests for action in the above report, they will be placed on file with these minutes for information purposes.

18. Other Items and New Business

a) Introduction of Hyper AI for non-emergency call handling

Chief Ambrose noted that the service is currently collaborating with HYPER AI on a pilot project focused on AI-based non-emergency call response. The project is funded through the NG911 grant. A demonstration of the system will be presented at a later date.

b) Request for Council to Arrange Meeting

Chair Thomson reported that the board's request for city council to arrange a meeting was tabled at the council meeting on Monday May 26, 2025. They agree to arranging a meeting but first wanted to meet with the police board.

The official resolution from that meeting is attached to these minutes.

c) Special Cst Reappointment

Inspector Bishop presented the report for the reappointment of Special Constable Enns and issue a Certificate of Appointment in compliance with the new requirements under the CSPA.

d) Biannual Aggregate Discipline Report

Inspector Bishop presented the above report to the board, and in accordance with the new CSPA it will be posted to the website.

e) Law Enforcement 2025 Torch Run for Special Olympics

Chief Ambrose shared that the 2025 Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) will take place on June 10, 2025. The event will include multiple run segments throughout Grey-Bruce, with stops in Southampton, Hanover, Durham, and Chatsworth, and will culminate in Owen Sound with a community barbecue hosted at OSDSS. As part of the registration, all participants will receive a complimentary event T-shirt.

f) Board Book

K. Wardell distributed a USB/USC memory stick to each board member containing the electronic board book materials. Chair Thomson advised that members should contact K. Wardell if they wish to have any additional information included in this board book.

e) Taxi meters in Private Transportation Vehicles.

During the closed session earlier today, Mr. Pradeep Duggirala the owner of Tripsy Ad-Hoc Technologies Inc. made a presentation to the board where he disclosed personal information regarding his business. He appeared before the board requesting permission to use taxi meters in his private transportation vehicles. The current transportation bylaw does not permit the use of taxi meters in private transportation vehicles. After some discussion and consideration, the board agreed to uphold the bylaw as it currently stands, confirming the use of meters in private transportation vehicles is not permitted.

Moved by B. Wilkins, seconded by B. O’Leary

“That the Owen Sound Police Services Board confirms its support for maintaining the current by-law, which prohibits the use of meters in private transportation vehicles.”
CARRIED

19. Termination of the Public Meeting

Having completed all of the business items listed on the agenda Chair Thomson terminated the closed meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 25th, 2025