



Owen Sound Police Service Board

2nd Floor Board Room

Wednesday May 27, 2026

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Members Present:	J. Thomson (Chair), M. Koepke (Vice Chair), C. Merton, M. Dickson, B. O'Leary
Management Present:	Chief C. Ambrose, Deputy Chief D. Bishop, Inspector C. Matheson
Absent with Regrets:	Inspector T. Doherty
Minutes:	K. Wardell

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Thomson gave the land acknowledgment.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Member Merton through the Chair added 16 i) Taxi and Accessibility

Moved by M. Dickson, seconded by B. O'Leary.

*"That the agenda dated May 27, 2026 with the addition of 16 i) Taxi and Accessibility
." 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 or deputations or public questions.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Public Session held April 22, 2026.

Moved by B. O'Leary, seconded by M. Dickson.

"That the minutes dated April 22, 2026 be approved." **CARRIED**

7. Business arising out of the Public Session Minutes of April 22, 2026. HEARING NONE

8. Correspondence received

- a) Safety for our community

9. Chairman's Report

Chair Thomson attended a zoom meeting of the OAPSB board on April 30, 2026. It was their first meeting being known officially as PGO (Police Governance of Ontario).

Highlights of that meeting included:

- OAPSB received an unqualified audit or clean audit report from our auditors.
- Assets up \$154,000 from 2024
- Liabilities are up slightly by \$41,000
- Revenues up \$207,000
- Expenses up \$77,400
- The Transfer Payment Agreement has been received from the Solicitor General's office. This agreement will be used to develop training courses and materials for police boards both municipal and O.P.P. and First Nation's boards across Ontario over the next three years.
- An MOU is being developed among the PGO, PAO and OACP for the annual employment conference in February 2027.
- The new PGO website is up and running and is much improved over our previous website. Members will need to register on the new website. Unfortunately, the old passwords will not automatically work in the new site. If you want to use the same email and password, you may.

Chair Thomson reported that Chief Ambrose and Deputy Chief Bishop were awarded the Member of Order of Merit of Police Forces and received their appointment letters back on November 15, 2024. On May 14, 2026 a formal investiture ceremony was held at Rideau

Hall where Mike Duheme the Commissionaire of the RCMP and the Honourable Mary Simon the Governor General of Canada presented the medals to Chief Ambrose and Deputy Chief Bishop, after which they attended a luncheon at Rideau Hall held in their honor.

The chair offered his congratulations to both and on the work, they had done to be recognized by this coveted award.

10. Governance

Chair Thomson reported that on April 23, 2026 Ontario's Inspector General of Policing, Ryan Teschner announced the appointment of the Honourable William Hourigan as the external inspector for the province-wide inspection on police integrity and anti-corruption practices.

First announced in February 2026, as a result of Project South, the province wide inspection will examine the adequacy and effectiveness of police services, including the Ontario Provincial Police, and police service boards. The inspections will focus on system-level practices for preventing, detecting, responding to, and fortifying their organizations against corruption, but not on individual conduct.

11. Operational Reports

- a) Criminal Investigations Branch and Drug Enforcement/Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIB), Community Oriented Response & Enforcement Unit (CORE) and Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Unit (BCWA)
- b) Auxiliary Unit Report
- c) Front Line Patrol and Collision Statistics
- d) Community Services Office
- e) Training

12. Administrative Reports

- a) Records, Courts and Bylaw
- b) OSECC and IT
- c) Human Resources

d) Lost Hours

13. Building and Facility Update

Deputy Chief Bishop reported several facility maintenance and capital items remain under review. Exterior brick deterioration requiring waterproofing and cladding remains outstanding and is not scheduled for completion in 2026. Water leaks identified in the previous reporting period were addressed by City staff and have not reoccurred.

Cleaning services continue to meet expectations, and the addition of on-site facilities staff has improved routine maintenance and repair response times. HVAC balancing and recalibration were completed in May, along with the replacement of damaged ceiling tiles and interior painting in select areas of the building.

Several projects remain outstanding, including modifications to the front lobby washroom access controls, elevator security measures, and the main floor staff washroom renovation. The washroom access project is awaiting scheduling by a locksmith, while no start date has been provided for the staff washroom renovation.

Parking lot drainage issues reoccurred during heavy spring rainfall and will require further review. Accessibility (AODA) compliance requirements remain a long-term consideration and will need to be addressed through a future facility assessment, with no capital funding currently allocated.

14. Financial Update from the Chief of Police

Chief Ambrose reported that he reviewed the financials with J. Hawk- Financial Coordinator and K. Allan-Director of Corporate Services. The budget is currently projected to be \$20,000–\$30,000 over budget; however, there are contingencies built into the budget.

15. Operating Reports from the Chief of Police

a) Chief's Activity Reports

16. Other Items and New Business

a) Review of Nuisance By-law No. 2024-026

Chair Thomson reported that this matter had previously been included on the Board's April 2025 agenda, at which time the Board reviewed the applicable bylaw and confirmed its intent to:

- a. safeguard the quality of City communities and neighbourhoods,
- b. protect the safety, health, and well-being of the public; and
- c. ensure the continued enjoyment of public and private property for residents, visitors, and property owners in the City.

There were also discussions around shoppers feeling unsafe downtown and business owners were having to lock their doors during business hours to control those entering their place of business. These issues, continue to persist. He also referenced that some financial institutions in the River District have reduced public access to their ABMs outside of normal banking hours, and in some cases have implemented controlled entry to the branch during business hours.

Chief Ambrose reported that the community is concerned, noting that the service receives daily calls related to visible substance use and disorderly behaviour resulting in increased calls for service in the River District.

Chair Thomson also referenced a motion arising from the Board's April 2025 meeting requesting that City Council convene a meeting with the River District Board, the Chamber of Commerce, downtown business owners, the Owen Sound Police Service, local provincial and federal prosecutors, and the area's Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) to discuss current downtown conditions.

He further noted that, following that meeting, the Neighbourhood Response Team (NRT) was implemented, funded by Health Canada and administered by the County; however, this initiative is no longer active.

The Board discussed ongoing service delivery challenges. Chief Ambrose provided information regarding a bylaw model from Cobourg for consideration and whether similar provisions could be adopted locally. He was to share this bylaw with the city.

The Board reviewed correspondence and broader community feedback indicating that residents, businesses, and visitors continue to feel unsafe in the downtown area, with concerns being further amplified through social media.

Members and Chief Ambrose emphasized that policing alone is not sufficient to address the issues, citing increasing calls for service, resource limitations, and the need for enhanced bylaw enforcement and greater collaboration among the City, County, police service, and community agencies.

Further discussion was held. Coming out of those discussions the board made the following motion.

Moved by M. Dickson, seconded by B. O’Leary

*“That in an effort to ensure the continued enjoyment of public and private property for residents, visitor and property owners in the city. The Owen Sound Police Service Board requests the City of Owen Sound Council to take action on concerns raised by the River District, Police Service Board, Council and Municipal residents regarding loitering and other social disorder matters taking place in the City of Owen Sound particularly in the River District.” **CARRIED***

b) Outside Alcohol (BYOB) at Municipal Gatherings

Chief Ambrose reported that he had spoken with the City, and BYOB will not be permitted at municipal gatherings.

c) International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

Chair Thomson noted that OSPSB Policy 009 regarding the chief attending conferences only applied to national conferences and asked for a motion to approve the Chief’s attendance at this international conference.

Moved by M. Koepke, and seconded by B. O’Leary.

*“That the OSPSB approves Chief Ambrose to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference.” **CARRIED***

a) Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Chief Ambrose reported that The Owen Sound Police Service will host the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) in support of Special Olympics Ontario on June 10, 2026. The event will involve participation from OSPS members, local Special Olympics athletes, and partner police services from Saugeen Shores, Hanover, West Grey, and the Ontario Provincial Police.

b) CSPA Aggregate Disciplinary Report

Deputy Chief Bishop reported on the CSPA Aggregate Disciplinary Report, which will be added to the board website.

c) Zone 5 Meeting – October 8, 2026

Moved by M. Koepke and seconded by M. Dickson.

"That the OSPSB approve hosting the Zone 5 Meeting on October 8, 2026 at the Sydenham Campus." **CARRIED**

d) Taxi Broker Licence Application - Platinum Taxi

Chair Thomson report that this report is to advise the board that under the requirements of the Owen Sound Transportation Bylaw, Chief Ambrose has approved a taxi license for Platinum Taxi.

e) Ontario Police Fitness Award (OPFA) Incentives

Chief Ambrose reported that The OPFA Fitness Pin Program is a provincial initiative promoting ongoing physical fitness among police officers and civilian members. Research supports the benefits of regular fitness, including improved wellness, reduced absenteeism, and enhanced operational performance.

In February 2026, OSPS trained an internal staff member as a certified OPFA appraiser, enabling in-house administration of the Fitness Pin test up to four times per year. Participation at OSPS has historically been low; however, the program supports organizational priorities related to member wellness, recruitment, retention, and sustainability. Additional incentives to encourage participation are under consideration.

f) Taxi and Accessibility

Member Merton added to the agenda accessibility and taxi services. Chief Ambrose advised that K. Fluney- Director of Civilian Services conducts AODA reviews with service providers on a biannual basis. It was noted that taxi services can accommodate foldable wheelchairs and walkers; however, individuals must be able to transfer into the vehicle independently.

17. Motion to move into Closed and Confidential Closed Session

Moved by M. Dickson and seconded Brian O'Leary.

"That the board move into closed session and upon termination of the closed session the board move into confidential closed session. These meetings are to review and discuss matters that fall under Section 44 item (2) of the Community Safety and Police Act and Section 25 item b) of the OSPSB General Policy 003- Board Governance to consider:

a. Educational or training sessions.

b. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the board;

- c. *personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board;*
- d. *labour relations or employee negotiations;”* **CARRIED**

18. Reporting out of Closed Session

In accordance with Section 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and *Section 25 item b) of the OSPSB General Policy 003- Board Governance to consider:* the Owen Sound Police Service Board met in a closed session following the public meeting to discuss items pertaining to:

- a. Approval of minutes of the Closed Session of the Owen Sound Police Service Board meeting held on April 22, 2026; and
- b. Matters regarding Board Training

No decisions were made during the meeting and no direction was provided

The Chair confirmed that no other matters were discussed.

19. Reporting out of Confidential Closed Session

In accordance with Section 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and *Section 25 item b) of the OSPSB General Policy 003- Board Governance to consider:* the Owen Sound Police Service Board met in a confidential closed session following the closed meeting to discuss items pertaining to:

- a. Approval of minutes of the Closed Session of the Owen Sound Police Service Board meeting held on April 22, 2026; and
- b. Matters related to Staffing and labour relations
- c. Matters related to SIU investigations

No decisions were made during the meeting and no direction was provided

20. Termination of the Public Meeting

Having completed all of the business items listed on the agenda Chair Thomson terminated the open meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 24th, 2026

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 4:32:42 PM

To: Council@owensound.ca <Council@owensound.ca>; Ambrose, Craig
<cambrose@owensoundpolice.com>; tsimmonds@owensound.ca
<tsimmonds@owensound.ca>; bbloomfield@owensound.ca
<bbloomfield@owensound.ca>; cmerton@sympatico.ca <cmerton@sympatico.ca>

Subject: Safety for our community

I'm sending a letter to all who should be concerned about our community. I'm just a grandma who's lived here her whole life and now has grandkids and I'm afraid for their future and I'm afraid for their safety.

Dear carol Merton

I am writing as an angry and frustrated citizen who is tired of watching our community fall apart while hardworking residents are expected to simply accept it.

The homelessness, drug use, violence, harassment, and aggressive behavior happening downtown have gone far beyond what citizens should be forced to tolerate. People are scared to walk downtown. Businesses are struggling. Families avoid areas they used to enjoy. Seniors feel unsafe. Working people who pay taxes and contribute to this city feel abandoned.

Many of us are done being told to just "have compassion" while our own safety and quality of life continue to disappear. At some point, the rights of law-abiding citizens need to matter too.

We are tired of public drug use, loitering, screaming, intimidation, theft, vandalism, and being verbally abused while trying to shop, work, or simply walk through our own downtown. Residents should not have to feel afraid in the city they worked hard to build.

People are angry because it feels like there are endless excuses and very few real solutions. Citizens want to know:

- * What is being done to restore safety downtown?
- * What consequences are there for repeat offenders?
- * What is being done about open drug use and violence?
- * How will businesses and residents be protected?
- * When will citizens finally feel heard instead of ignored?

Compassion without accountability is not working. Residents are reaching their limit, and many feel that leadership has failed to act strongly enough while the situation continues to worsen.

We deserve safe streets, safe businesses, and safe public spaces. We deserve to feel proud of our city again instead of anxious and angry every time we go downtown.

I hope you take these concerns seriously because many citizens are no longer willing to stay silent.

I had a great conversation with Carol and I wanted to give you another letter on what is happening in the community and what is being said and what I'm really afraid may take place

To the Members of City Council, Owen sound police , safe and sound .

I am writing because I truly love this city and the community we built here. That is exactly why this situation is becoming so painful and alarming for so many residents.

When the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis first became more visible in our downtown, many of us responded with compassion. We understood people were struggling. We supported helping those in need and believed solutions would come.

But over time, compassion has turned into frustration, and frustration is now turning into anger.

Every time I sit down for lunch, have coffee with friends, or speak with other residents, co workers , the conversation is the same. People no longer feel safe downtown. Business owners are exhausted. Families avoid certain areas. Seniors feel intimidated. Many residents feel like their concerns are dismissed the moment they speak up.

What worries me most is the growing tone of the conversations happening in this community. People are talking about protecting themselves because they feel abandoned and unheard. I am hearing comments about carrying bats, pellet guns, and taking matters into their own hands because they no longer believe anyone else will protect them.

That should terrify all of us.

I do not want to see anger boil over into violence or vigilantism. I do not want to see residents and vulnerable people put into even more dangerous situations because this crisis has been allowed to escalate unchecked. But I honestly believe we are approaching a tipping point if meaningful action is not taken soon.

This is not about hatred toward homeless individuals or people struggling with addiction or mental illness. This is about balance. Compassion cannot come at the complete

expense of public safety, order, and the wellbeing of the citizens who live and work here every day.

People need help, but residents also deserve to feel safe in their own community.

I am asking Council to recognize the seriousness of what is happening before emotions in this city reach a point that cannot easily be undone. We need stronger enforcement, visible action downtown, support for businesses and residents, and real long-term solutions that protect both vulnerable individuals and the public as a whole.

Please do not ignore how deeply frustrated and concerned your citizens have become.



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH
BAIL COMPLIANCE AND WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT (BCWA)
COMMUNITY ORIENTED RESPONSE AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT (CORE)

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27th, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The contributions of the Criminal Investigations Branch contribute to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☒ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

REPORT:

Human Trafficking Presentation – Members of the Criminal Investigations Branch presented on human trafficking aboard the Chi-Cheemaun to the crew members ahead of the 2026 sailing season. The presentation enables staff to recognize signs that indicate passengers may be victims of human trafficking. Detectives were also consulted to review and provide feedback on the newly created online human trafficking training, implemented by the Owen Sound Transportation Company, that is mandatory for all staff of the Chi-Cheemaun and Pelee Island Ferries to complete.

Court Requirements – Members of CIB spent a considerable amount of time at court for ongoing trials and Crown and victim prep meetings in relation to criminal matters that are before the courts.

Judicial Authorizations: Members of CIB completed 4 Production Orders/Search Warrants to obtain valuable evidence pertaining to several investigations, including Frauds, and Drug Trafficking Investigations.

Drug Unit- Members of CIB delivered a drug and firearm related presentation to members of Bruce Grey Child and Family Services. The aim of the presentation was to educate members to identify any potential risk or hazards that they may encounter during the scope of their duties in the community.

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Officer Referrals/ Consultations = 5

Follow-ups: 6

Community Support Consultations/Referrals = 0

Incident Response/Support = 25

Proactive foot patrol: 5

DRUG OVERDOSE INFORMATION

To date, Owen Sound has had (0) deaths from suspected drug overdoses.

Missing Persons

There are currently no outstanding missing people.

BAIL COMPLIANCE AND WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT (B.C.W.A.)

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	4
CRIMINAL CHARGES	2
WARRANT ARRESTS	16
ARREST - FAIL TO ATTEND FOR PRINTS	3
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	5
S.O.R. COMPLIANCE CHECKS	2

During the reporting period, B.C.W.A. investigated an assault that resulted in serious injuries requiring surgery. The investigation into this matter is continuing.

B.C.W.A. executed warrants involving parties wanted on multi-jurisdictional theft charges. The accused are believed to be involved in an organized crime-related theft ring. At this time, the accused remain in custody pending further court proceedings.

In addition to investigative responsibilities, B.C.W.A. continued to participate in regular collaboration and information-sharing meetings with community partners. Weekly meetings were attended with Ontario Probation and Parole, Correctional Services Canada – Parole Office, and the HRRT Committee to support coordinated offender management and community safety initiatives.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED RESPONSE AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT (C.O.R.E)

FOOT PATROL (Hours)	57
CRIMINAL/CDSA CHARGES	6
PROVINCIAL OFFENCES/ WARNINGS	0

The C.O.R.E. unit led two station tours; one for students of Keppel Sarawak School and another for Girl Guides of Canada. The tours provide insight and an overview of police operations, equipment, and community safety initiatives.

The C.O.R.E. unit continued mobile and foot patrols throughout April 2026, focusing on proactive community engagement, enforcement, and support for vulnerable individuals. Members conducted regular monitoring and well-being checks for those accessing local shelter services, as well as individuals sheltering in encampments and other locations across the city.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Craig Matheson, Inspector

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: **Auxiliary Unit- April 2026**

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Auxiliary Unit contributes to positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☒ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

In April 2026, the Auxiliary Unit actively supported the Uniform Branch through ride-alongs, contributing a total of **168 volunteer hours**.

The Auxiliary Unit is currently supporting the Uniform Branch with the Immediate Rapid Deployment (I.R.D.) portion of the annual block training schedule. A total of 17.5 hours has been volunteered by the unit in to assist with this training in April. The training will continue into May 2026 with several additional volunteer hours expected.

On April 21, 2026 three members of the auxiliary unit participated in traffic control training along side our newest recruit PC Ernest. This training involved a practical traffic control exercise at one of the city's intersections.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Craig Matheson, Inspector



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD

SUBJECT: FRONT LINE PATROL REPORT AND COLLISIONS- APR 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The activities of Front-Line officers contribute to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☒ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS Front Line Patrol and Collision Statistics for April 2026.

	Platoon #1-4		Part Time Officers	
	April 2026	April 2025	April 2026	April 2025
Highway Traffic Act:	88	110	10	20
Recorded Cautions:	61	55	19	11
Criminal Code/ CDSA:	130	162	0	3
Warrants Executed:	36	41	7	3
Liquor Licence and Control Act:	10	4	0	0
Foot Patrol Hours:	97.5	101.5	15	10
Court Security Hours:	0	0	225	0

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE):

- 12 R.I.D.E. checks conducted
- 24 officers
- 11.5 total hours
- 263 drivers checked
- 22 roadside breath tests administered
- 1 Highway Traffic Act charge

Impaired/ Over 80 mgs Charges

- There was a total of **three** impaired drivers charged, and one seven-day licence suspension issued during the month of April 2026.

Collision Statistics:

APR 2026 MAR 2026 APR 2025

Total Collisions:	39	51	46
Collisions - East side	11	24	26
Collisions - West side	8	10	3
Collisions - parking lots	20	17	17
Fail to Remain Collisions	11	13	10
Collisions referred to CRC:	19	27	26
Collisions investigated by OSPS:	20	24	20

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Craig Matheson, Inspector

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: Community Service Officer

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The [contents of this report] contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☒ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Nil

The following report highlights key engagements of the Community Services Officer in April, 2026

Traditional Corporate and Social Media for OSPS (Community Outreach Education/Celebrations/Awareness/Media Releases)

- OPP Officer Killed on Duty, Frauds and Scams, Bike Patrol, #WeAreHiring, Traffic Enforcement, #AnswerTheCall, Easter RIDE, Cuts to Copper Wires, #DidYouKnow, School Zones, Arrest on Walking Trail, #NPSTW2026, National Volunteer Week, #TheNighShift, Happy Easter, Stop for Buses.
- 34 Posts in April

Community Engagement & Local/Provincial Committee Work

- CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table- Regional
- Wheel & Ride meeting- Partners- Kiwanis, Optimist, River District- Local
- COYO Provincial Committee mtg- Post conference mtg. Provincial member
- Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership- External/Regional
- LEAPPS (Law Enforcement Agencies & Partners to Protect Seniors)- External/Provincial
- Youth in Policing Initiative-External/Provincial meeting
- CPYN National Meeting (Canadian Police Youth Network)
- Alpha Street Community Partners Monthly- Local
- Bayfield Planning Meeting- Summer safety program- Local
- Y Settlement Services- Consultation on issues with newcomers- Local

Community & School Presentations/Training

- Presentation to Active Healthy Lifestyles- Elder abuse & common frauds
- Presentation to Lee Manor Day Away Program- Phone scams and door to door canvassing.
- VTRA student meeting-Notre Dame
- PD Day presentation to BGCSB staff- mostly school Administration and teachers.
- Station tour- Kepple Sarawak School
- Station tour & education on street safety- Owen Sound Embers Group
- Special Olympics Torch Run presentation to OSDSS- host site for the 2026 Torch Run
- Changing over Coop program- meetings with both local high schools regarding 2026/2027 year.

Workshops/Conferences attended

- Provincial CPN Communicators workshop- London



(Pic L-R Students tour of the station & presentation to the Active Healthy Lifestyle group)

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Cranny
Community Service Officer #569
Owen Sound Police Service

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: Training Report – April 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

A continued emphasis on training for all members contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☒ Our Members
- ☒ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights Training for Owen Sound Police Service members during April 2026.

In April, 2026 the service's newest Constable completed her four-week post Ontario Police College training program and she is now working on the road with her coach officer.

Spring block training began in late April with all officers training and requalifying with their service firearm as well as the carbine rifle. Day two of the training is dedicated to Immediate Rapid Deployment response with both officers and communicators participating. The block training is scheduled to continue until the middle of May.

SUBMITTED BY:

Craig Matheson, Inspector

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: Records, Courts, and Bylaw Report – April 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Records, Court Services, and Bylaw contribute to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☒ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

Records – April 2026

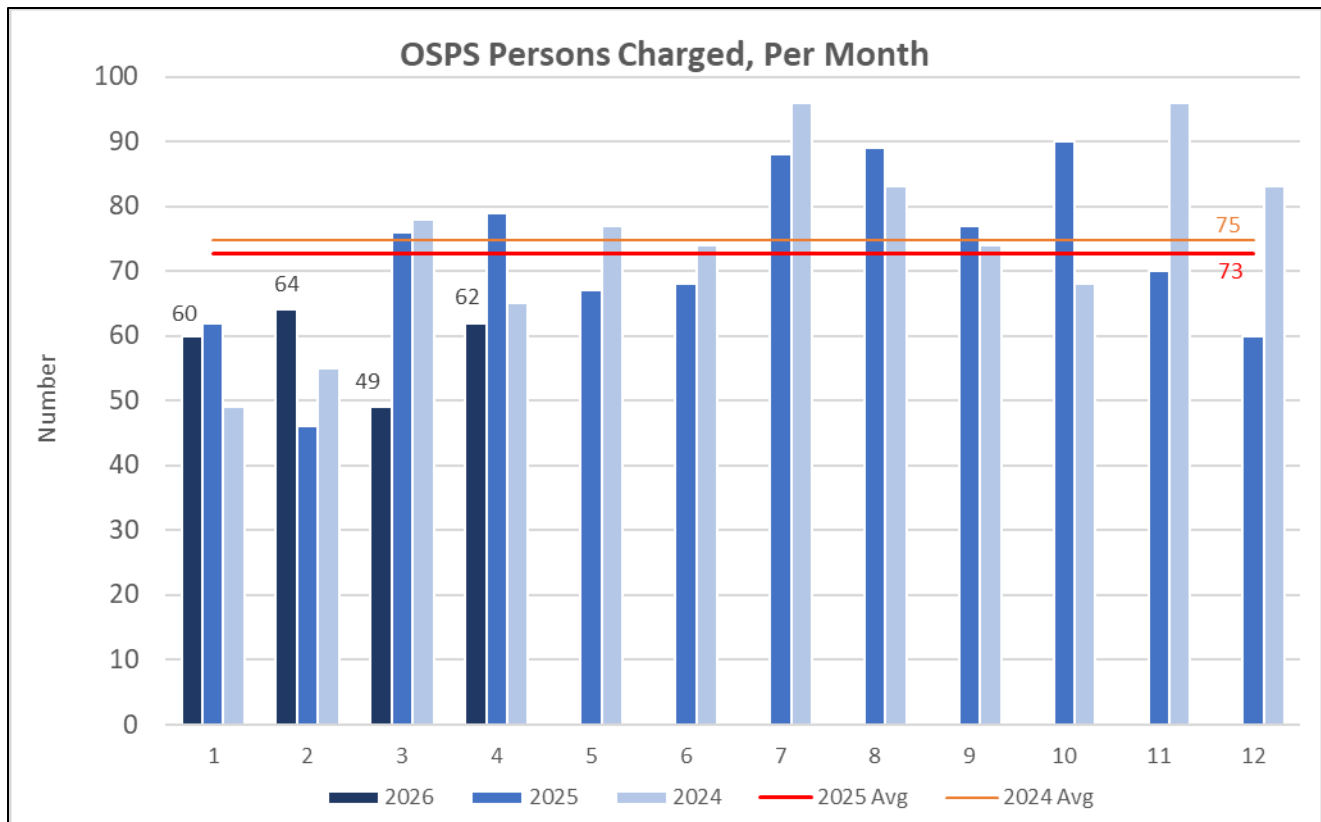
	This Month	Previous Month	Same Month	2026	2025	
	APRIL 2026	March 2026	Previous Year	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD
		% Change	April 2025	Jan.1-Apr.30, 2026	Jan.1-Apr.30, 2025	% Change
Records Services						
Bulk Record Check Searches	8,537	7,721	6,840	29,107	27,269	6.7%
Executed Warrants	56	48	69	204	210	-2.9%
Persons Charged	62	49	79	235	263	-10.6%

In April compared to March 2026:

- There was a 10.6 % increase in bulk record check searches.
- There was a 16.7 % increase in executed warrants.
- There was a 26.5 % increase in person charged.

Year-to-date changes April 2026 compared to April 2025:

- There was a 6.7 % increase in bulk record check searches.
- There was a 2.9 % reduction in executed warrants.
- There was a 10.6 % reduction in persons charged.



Courts – April 2026

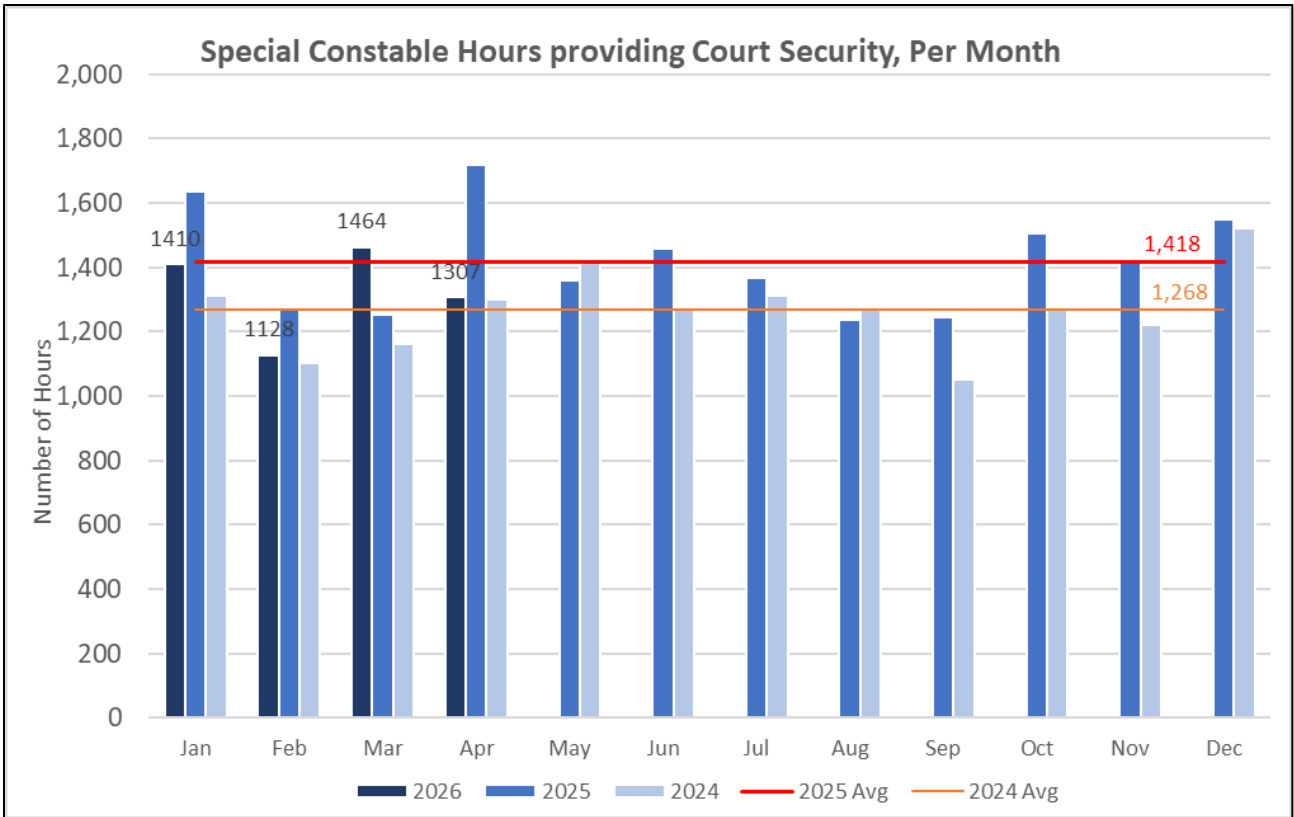
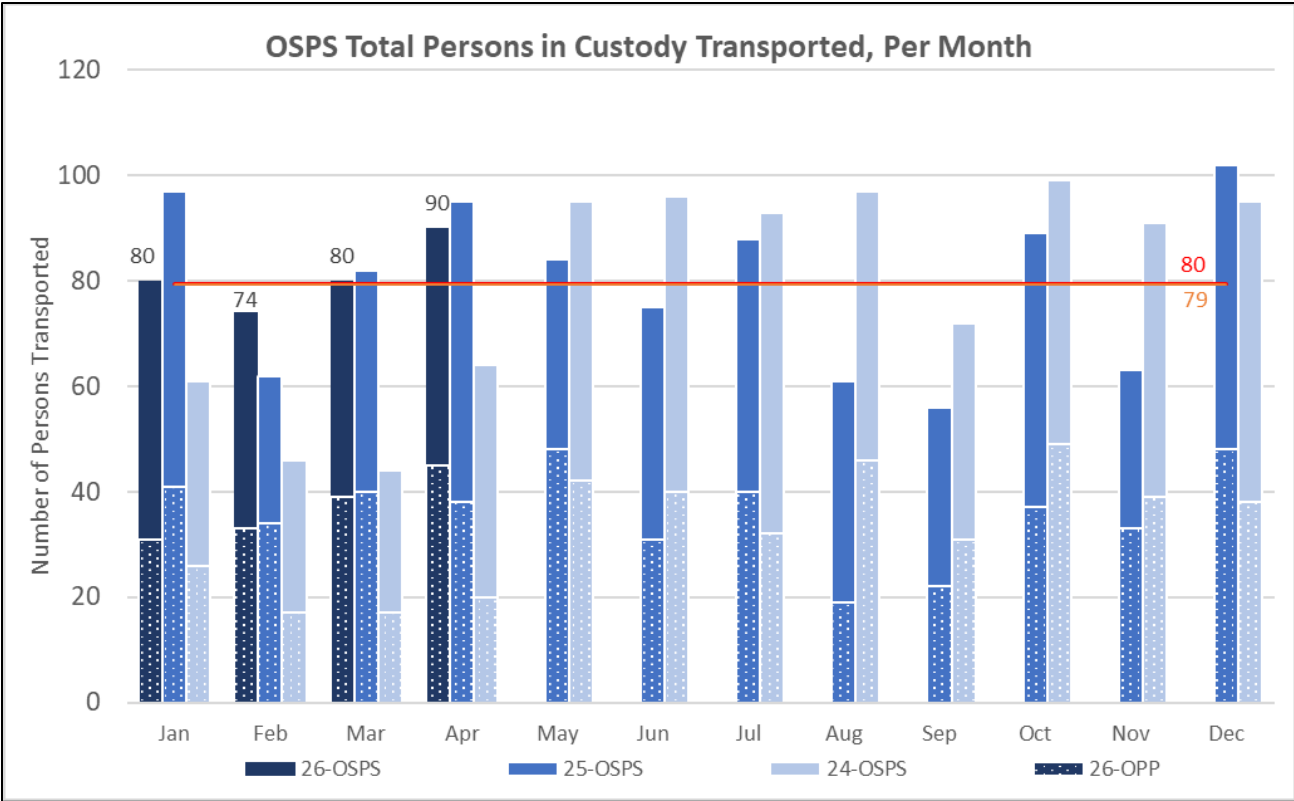
	This Month APRIL 2026	Previous Month March 2026	% Change	Same Month Previous Year April 2025	2026 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Apr.30, 2026	2025 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Apr.30, 2025	YTD % Change
Court Services							
Total Custodies Transported	90	80	12.5%	95	324	336	-3.6%
OPP	45	39	15.4%	38	148	153	-3.3%
OSPS	45	41	9.8%	57	176	183	-3.8%
Video/Appearances	41	38	7.9%	35	153	129	18.6%
Special Constable Hours	1307	1,464	-10.8%	1,717	5,308	5,877	-9.7%

In April compared to March 2026:

- There was a 12.5% increase in custody transports.
- There was a 7.9 % increase in in video appearances.
- There was a 10.8 % reduction in Special Constable hours worked.

Year-to-date changes April 2026 compared to April 2025:

- There was a 3.6 % reduction in in custody transports.
- There was a 18.6 % increase in video appearances.
- There was a 9.7 % reduction in Special Constable hours worked.



Owen Sound Police Service provides an armed officer at both the Ontario/Superior Court of Justice Courthouse and the Provincial Offences Court while courts are in session.

This requirement resulted in seven-armed officers being scheduled each week throughout April, totaling approximately **225 hours** of armed court-security coverage. These hours are in addition to the **1,307 hours** worked by Special Constables during the same month.

Bylaw – April 2026

Nothing to report for the month.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Providing court security and transporting persons in custody comes with inherent risk, while the efficient and accurate processing of judicial documentation is foundational to community safety.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Krista Fluney, Director, Civilian Services

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD

SUBJECT: Owen Sound Emergency Communications Centre (OSECC) – April 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The OSECC and the supporting IT infrastructure contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☒ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

9-1-1 Calls – April 2026:

With the transition to NG911 on November 25, 2025, the previous source of monthly 911 data—Bell Flex reports—is no longer populated or applicable. The OSECC team is currently working with NG911 vendors to develop enhanced reporting using the expanded data available. Analysis of key performance metrics from these new reports is underway.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events – April 2026:

Source: OPTIC's OnCallAnalytics	This Month APRIL 2026	Previous Month March 2026	% Change	Same Month Previous Year April 2025	2026 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Apr.30, 2026	2025 Year-to-Date Jan.1-Apr.30, 2025	YTD % Change
All CAD Events in OSECC (Number)	5,053	5,100	-0.9%	5,831	20,154	22,495	-10.4%
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	4,752	4,571	4.0%	5,235	18,000	19,482	-7.6%
All Fire	226	293	-22.9%	485	1,300	2,013	-35.4%
Grey County Transport	75	236	-68.2%	112	854	1,000	-14.6%
OSPS	1,629	1,597	2.0%	1,560	6,104	5,822	4.8%
All CAD Events in OSECC (Avg Daily Rate)	168.4	164.5	2.4%	194.4	168.0	187.5	-10.4%
All Police (inc. OSPS)*	158.4	147.5	7.4%	174.5	150.0	162.4	-7.6%
All Fire	7.5	9.5	-21.1%	16.2	10.8	16.8	-35.7%
Grey County Transport	2.5	7.6	-67.1%	3.7	7.1	8.3	-14.5%
OSPS	54.3	51.5	5.4%	52.0	50.9	48.5	4.9%

Calls dispatched through CAD originate from multiple sources, including the non-emergency phone line, walk-ins, officer generated events, and 911 calls. In April, the OSECC dispatched 5053 calls, averaging 168 calls per day (**Fig.1**). Year-to-date, the OSECC's overall dispatch volume is down 10%.

Of the total dispatched calls in April, 1629 or 32% were dispatched specifically for the Owen Sound Police Service (**Fig.2**). OSPS call volume in April was an average of 54.3 calls/day, representing a 5% increase compared to March's average of 51.5 calls/day. Year-to-date, OSPS dispatch call volume has risen 5% compared to the same period last year. Of the six police services dispatched by the OSECC, Owen Sound Police Service is the only one experiencing an increase in year-to-date call volume in 2026 so far.

FIG 1: Daily Dispatch Rate Per Month: OSECC (Optic OCA)

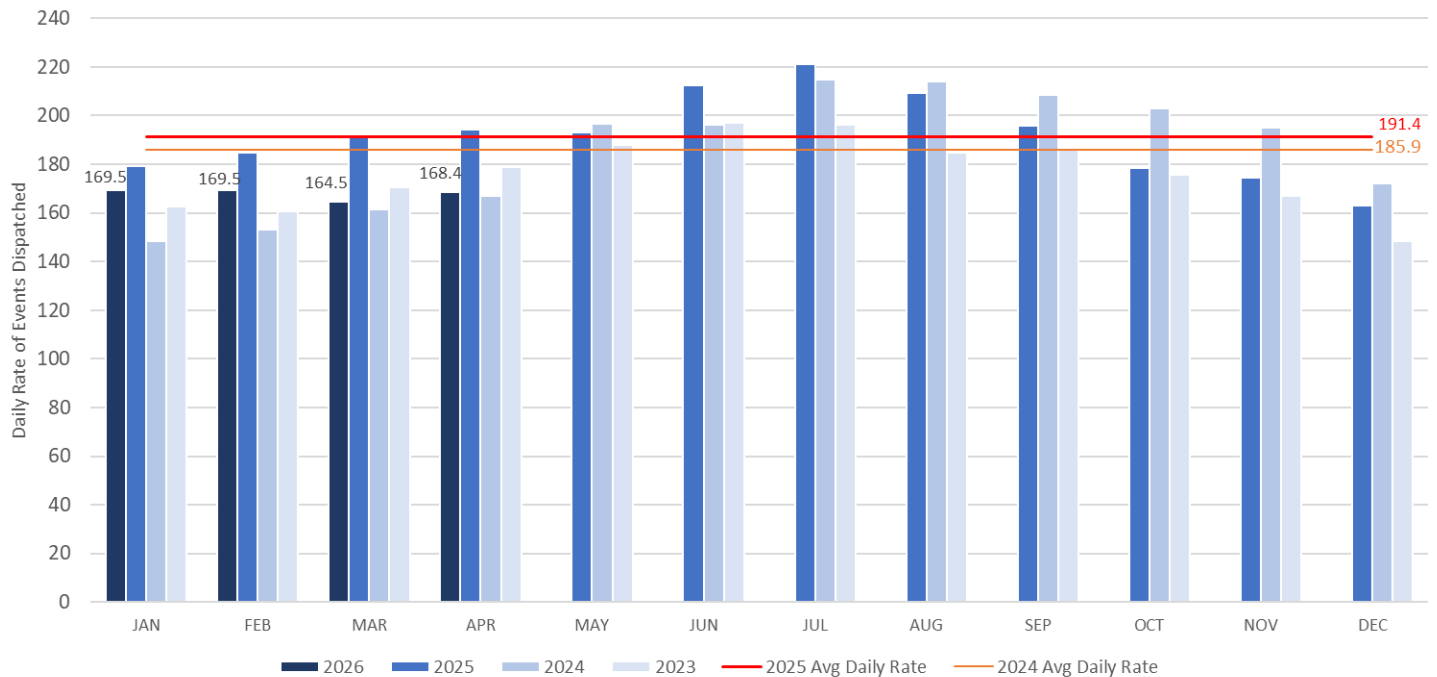
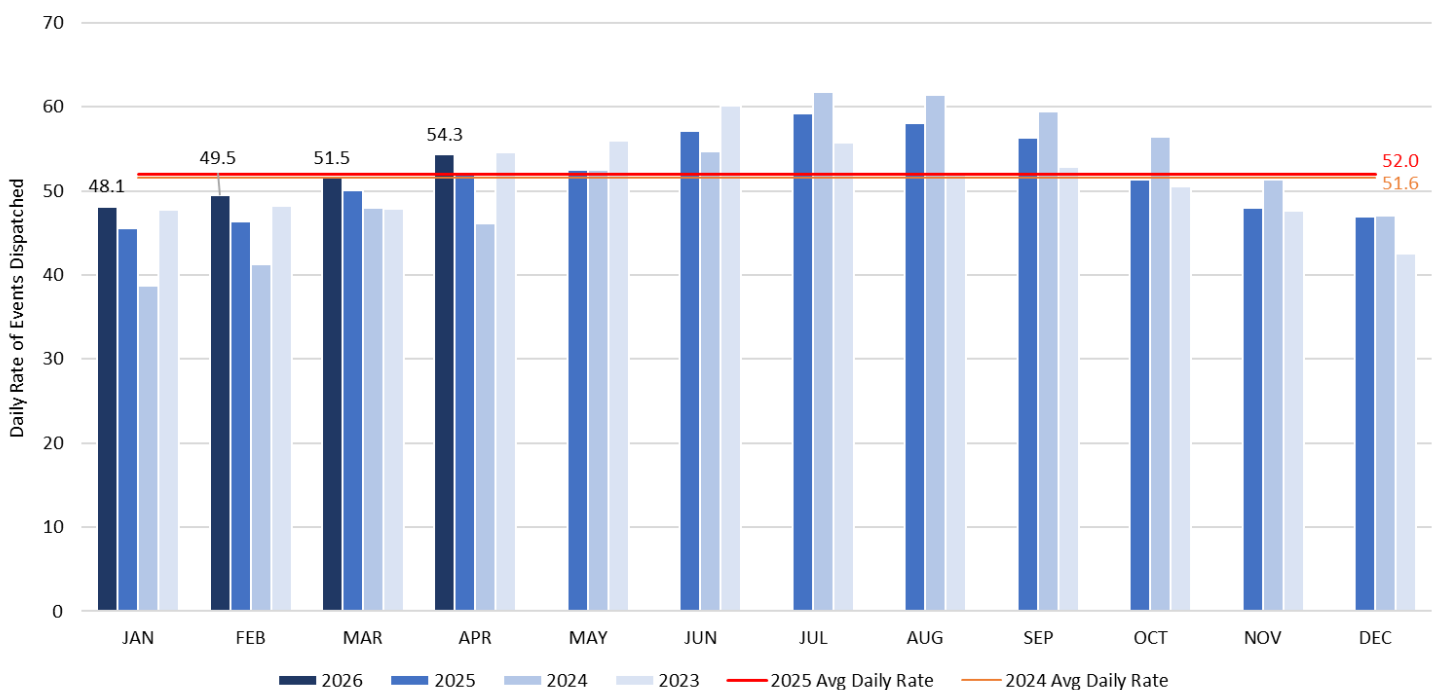


FIG 2: Daily Dispatch Rate Per Month: Owen Sound Police Service (Optic OCA)



Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure – April 2026:

OSPS IT completed a number of NG911 certifications for our call hosted partners. At the time of writing (May 2026), IT has completed 4 of 7 with the 5th-7th each scheduled a week apart. Based on this progress, the call hosted partner NG911 certifications are on track to be tentatively completed by early June, almost a full year ahead of requirements. The NG911 call hosted certifications have required substantial time from 1 IT Technician and the IT Director (approximately 240 hours per month).

Additionally, IT has been busy completing the remaining IT tasks and installations at the new West Grey Police Service (WGPS) station.

The OACP initiated a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) committee to focus on AI technology, procedures, policy, risk and security. OSPS will be participating with the IT Director as a committee member. The inaugural AI committee meeting was held in April.

Lastly, substantial programming was completed to accommodate change of address ownership from the municipality of West Grey to Hanover.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Risk management and contingency planning are integral to the day-to-day operations of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). While the OSECC continues to grow and evolve, OSPS strives to maintain a balance of staffing that best aligns with workload demands, member wellness, emergency response standards, and contracted client expectations.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Bell-Matheson, Director, Corporate Services
Chris Hill, Director, Information Technology
Marg Gloade, Strategic Analyst

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: HUMAN RESOURCES – APRIL 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Human Resources Unit contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☒ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

OSL Update

We are continuing to work with the City on the format for the payroll export. The City has had significant issues with the Pearl system and has requested that we revert to a simpler file format to transfer. This will limit some of the functionality and will require us to continue with some manual processing of the payroll. The majority of the payroll file will still be able to be electronically uploaded.

OSL has provided the templates to upload the training courses. Initially we will just upload courses taken but once the system is live the training unit will have the ability to send people on courses in the system and the scheduler will handle it accordingly.

Recruitment:

- The Service attended the Emergency Services Career Expo in Toronto and met about 80 candidates. We positioned the booth next to Peel Region, presenting our Service as the cottage country option.
- The Constable Selection System Symposium took place on April 28, 29. All services are struggling with recruitment and topics covered testing, screening, backgrounds, advertising, legal and wellness.
- The new position of full time Police Constable at the Courts was posted internally.
- 10 candidates completed first-round interviews for the Recruit Constable position.
- 5 candidates completed second round interviews for the Recruit Constable position.
- 5 candidates interviewed for part time Data Clerk.

Staffing:

The following staffing changes occurred during this reporting period:

New Hires:

- *None this month*

Transfers/Promotions:

- *None this month*

Resignations/Retirements:

- Shannon Taylor, PT Communicator
- Sadie Mustard, PT Data Clerk

Financial/Risk Implications:

Personnel salaries and benefits represent more than 90% of the Service's operating budget. As people are the foundation of the organization, effective human resource management is essential. Ongoing attention to training, health and safety, staff wellness, and adequate staffing levels mitigates organizational risk and supports operational readiness.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None

SUBMITTED BY:

Wendy Pratt, Human Resources Manager

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: LOST HOURS – APRIL 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The management of lost hours due to sick time and WSIB claims contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☒ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

The following report highlights key metrics from OSPS full time members for April 2026, including lost hours due to leave from sick time, short term disability (STD), and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

Lost Hours:

Month/Year	SICK/STD			WSIB		
	Number of Fulltime Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours	Number of Fulltime Members	Total Number of Shifts (complete and partial)	Total Number of Hours
April 2026	12	44	418 (26%)	2	35	257.5
March 2026	11	33	330.5	2	28	245
YTD 2026	31	134	1,365.5 (78%)	3	122	670.5
YTD 2025	26	80	766	2	172	688

- There was a 26% increase in lost hours due to member sick leave in April compared to March 2026.
- There was a 78% increase in YTD lost hours due to member sick leave in 2026 compared to 2025, much of this is attributed to two longer term sick leaves.
- While the number of shifts attributed to WSIB in April are high, the total hours are reasonably low because a member was participating in a modified return to work.

WSIB Update:

The one short term WSIB case involving a full-time member was resolved in April with the member returning to full duties.

There is an ongoing WSIB case involving a full-time member pending final resolution however the member is not receiving top-up amount or benefits.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

The loss of scheduled work hours is a potential financial risk and is monitored to ensure a balance with members' physical and mental wellbeing. Financial resources are required to provide ongoing member training, which is an essential to updating qualifications, knowledge, and ultimately organizational risk mitigation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None

SUBMITTED BY:

Wendy Pratt, Human Resources Manager

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: Building and Health and Safety Monthly Update Report
TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board
DATE: May 27th, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The [contents of this report] contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☒ Our Members
- ☒ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Information

REPORT:

Below is a list of facility related matters and updates scheduled for 2026:

Brickwork

Facilities are aware of the deteriorating brick on the exterior building walls that will require the installation of a waterproof membrane and metal cladding to prevent moisture and further deterioration. This remains outstanding and is not scheduled for 2026. This will remain on the updates in order to maintain awareness.

Water Leaks- The two water leaks identified in last months report were addressed by City staff. There was no update received on the cause or solution, however the leaks have not recurred to date so we presume they have been resolved.

Cleaning Services

The current provider continues to do an excellent job and the contract remains outstanding.

Routine Maintenance and Repairs- Having a facilities team member on-site at least two days per week to support ongoing maintenance and repairs has resulted in a big improvement.

Elevator - The elevator still needs to be locked out manually in the evening to prevent after hours access to the upstairs.

Front Lobby Washroom – the door lock is to be changed to keyed access so members of the public will need to request access from front desk personnel. This will ensure the washroom remains locked when not in use and staff are aware when a member of the public is inside, with a spare key at the front desk for emergency access. **This matter was brought forward in March and City Facilities staff indicate this is awaiting scheduling by a locksmith. Still waiting for completion.**

AODA Compliance – Long term will need to be included in a facility assessment and needs review. There is no planned Capital expenditure to meet these needs.

HVAC- Work has been completed to replace all damaged ceiling tiles. **HVAC balancing and recalibration occurred over several days in May with an outside contractor, and it is hoped this will assist with temperature imbalances and condensation leaks during the spring/summer cooling season.**

Interior Paint- Painting of portions of the main floor hallways and some office spaces was completed over approximately a week in early May.

Parking Lot Storm Drains

This winter one of the parking lot water drains was plugged causing flooding in the parking lot. Public works attended and vacuumed out the blockage. Facilities will request routine maintenance of the water drains to prevent this from reoccurring. During the heavy rains this Spring there was a repeat issue and this will be examined further in the Spring.

Main Floor Staff Washroom Renovation

A contractor has been secured, and the renovations are expected to take place this spring, 2026. **No updates or information about a start date provided, and no updates as of the date of this report.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Deputy Chief D. Bishop



REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: Chiefs Activity Report – April 2026

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: May 15 2026

- Days Off/Annual Leave – 4 days
- Zone 5 Executive Discussions – .5 hours
- Grey Bruce Police Leaders Meeting – 3 hours
- Dispatch Meetings – 8 hours
- Hiring Interviews – 5 hours
- Provincial Offences Act Court Management Conference, London – 1 day
- Ontario Court of Justice Court Management Conference, London – 1 day
- Meetings with City of Owen Sound – 2 hours
- Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy Steering Committee – 1.5 hours
- OSPA Retirement Celebration – 3 hours
- Community Safety and Wellbeing Meeting Follow Up on Charleton Research Project – 1 hour
- OACP Meeting with Premier Ford SOLGEN Kerzner Attorney General Downey at Queens Park, Toronto – 7 hours
- Grey Bruce Poverty Task Force – 1 hour
- Grey Bruce Hospital Stakeholder Partnership Meeting – 1 hour
- First Responders Coffee at Owen Sound Legion – 1 hour
- Small & Mid Sized Chiefs Meetings – 2 days
- OACP Blue Line Expo – 1 day
- Grey County Court Security Meeting – 1 hour
- Webinar Understanding and Supervising Proactive High Achieving Officers – 2 hours

SUBMITTED BY:

Craig Ambrose, Chief of Police



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Consolidated Version

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The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound

By-law No. 2024-026

A By-law to prohibit and regulate public nuisances

WHEREAS section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended ("the Municipal Act"), provides that powers of a municipality under this or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS subsection 11(1) of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

WHEREAS section 11(2) of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; health, safety and well-being of persons; protection of persons and property; structures, including fences and signs; and

WHEREAS section 23.1 of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may delegate its powers and duties under that Act; and

WHEREAS for the purposes of subsection 23.2(4) of the Municipal Act it is the opinion of Council that the powers delegated pursuant to this By-law are of a minor nature; and

WHEREAS section 128 of the Municipal Act provides that, without limiting sections 9 and 11, a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of Council, are or could become or cause public nuisances; and

WHEREAS section 425 of the Municipal Act provides that any person who contravenes any by-law of the municipality is guilty of an offence; and

WHEREAS section 444 of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality may make an order requiring a person who contravened a by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred to discontinue the contravening activity; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to prohibit or regulate matters that are, or could become or cause public nuisances; and

Definition **public nuisances** obstructs the public in the exercise or enjoyment of any right that is common to all

WHEREAS on February 26, 2024, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound (the "City") passed Resolution No. R-240226-014 directing staff to bring forward the subject by-law for approval and to repeal By-law No. 1999-178, in consideration of staff report CR-24-008 presented to the Corporate Services Committee on February 8, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Part I. Part I. Short Title, Purpose and Scope

Short Title

- 1. The by-law may be referred to as the “Nuisance By-law” and when so referenced includes all future amendments, unless otherwise specified.

Purpose

- 2. This by-law has been enacted to:
 - a. safeguard the quality of City communities and neighbourhoods;
 - b. protect the safety, health and well-being of the public; and
 - c. ensure the continued enjoyment of public and private property for residents, visitors and property owners in the City.

Scope

- 3. This by-law applies to all residents and visitors to the City; and to all public and private property in the City save and except:
 - a. the City;
 - b. the County of Grey;
 - c. the Province of Ontario;
 - d. the Dominion of Canada; or
 - e. any Public Utility in the performance of its duties.

Part II. Interpretation

Headings

- 4. The division of this by-law into parts and the insertion of headings are for convenient reference only and do not affect the interpretation of the by-law.

Gender and Number

- 5. In this by-law, unless the contrary intention is indicated, words used in the singular include the plural and words imparting a gender include all genders, where applicable.

References to Applicable Law

- 6. All references to applicable law are ambulatory and apply as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.

Severability

- 7. In the event any provisions of this by-law are deemed invalid or void, in whole or in part, by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Definitions

- 8. For the purposes of this by-law:
 - “Bicycle” means a bicycle as defined under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8;
 - “City” means The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound or the geographical location as the context requires;
 - “Defecate” means to expel feces from a body;

"Graffiti" means one or more letters, symbols, figures, images, etchings, scratches, inscriptions, stains or other markings howsoever made or affixed to a property that disfigure, deface or otherwise mark the property;

"Officer" means a person appointed by Council as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or a Police Officer, or other individual duly appointed to enforce this by-law;

"Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity, and the related heirs, executors, assignees and administrators;

"Public place" means:

- a. a place outdoors to which the public is ordinarily invited or permitted access and, for greater certainty, shall include highways, sidewalks, streets, any portion of a road allowance, parking lots, swimming pools, conservation areas, parks and playgrounds;
- b. school grounds;
- c. land, premises, or buildings owned, managed or maintained by the municipality;
- d. yards appurtenant to a building or dwelling or vacant lands but does not include a building or dwelling; and
- e. privately owned land which is visible from any public or private property.

"Public utility" means a company that provides a public service such as water, sewer, electricity, internet or telephone services;

"Reasonable excuse" means:

- a. the contravention of this by-law must be inevitable, unavoidable and afford no reason or opportunity for an alternative course of action that does not contravene this by-law;
- b. where the contravention of this by-law is the consequence of illness, the person did not contemplate, or acting reasonably ought not to have contemplated, that the person's actions would likely cause the illness or give rise to the contravention of this by-law; or
- c. being exempt from the provisions of this by-law pursuant to any other City by-law or policy or provincial legislation or regulations as may be established and amended from time to time;

"Sidewalk" means that portion of a street or highway that lies between the roadway and the lateral property lines of the street or highway, and which may be paved, surfaced, or levelled, and is intended to be used as a pedestrian walkway;

"Spit" means to eject phlegm, saliva, chewing tobacco juice, or any other substance from the mouth;

"Urinate" means to discharge or pass urine from the body; and

"Vomit" means to discharge the contents of the stomach by mouth.

Part III. Prohibitions and Permits

Prohibitions

9. No person shall:

- a. without reasonable excuse, engage in outdoor public urination, defecation, spitting or vomiting;
- b. emit, cause or permit to be emitted, an excessive amount of smoke, dust or airborne particulate matter in a public place, except where permitted to do so by the City;
- c. emit, cause or permit to be emitted, an odour that, in the opinion of an Officer, is objectionable, in a public place, except where permitted to do so by the City;
- d. solicit or sell or attempt to solicit or sell any items, including but not limited to funds, in any public place unless authorized to do so by the City;
- e. block, interfere with or otherwise impede the passage of any pedestrian on any City sidewalk or other City pedestrian-way, or portion thereof, unless authorized by the City;
- f. ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or other City pedestrian way or portion thereof;
- g. knock over or attempt to knock over a Canada Post mailbox, newspaper box, bench, fence, blue box or garbage container, or any other structure or object located on any public place;
- h. loiter in any public place; Definition of loitering: A loiterer is someone who lingers in a public place without a clear purpose or reason, often standing around or moving slowly. They are essentially people who are hanging around idly, lacking a specific destination or activity.
- i. participate in a fight in any public place;
- j. mark or apply graffiti on any public place or private property without authorization from the owner of the property to which the graffiti is being applied;
- k. leave, throw or deposit any refuse or litter on any public or private property without authorization from the owner;
- l. be in or on any public place which the City has closed or deemed not to be used by the public for any reason;
- m. enter into any City work area or approach any meeting table of Council or any Committee or local board without the express permission of the City;
- n. engage in any type of conduct or activity in any public place when the activity is prohibited or restricted by an authorized sign;
- o. engage in any type of disorderly conduct in any public place;
- p. damage or destroy or attempt to damage or destroy any public property;
- q. continue to engage in any type of activity prohibited by this by-law when requested to stop by an Officer or occupier of the property; or
- r. obstruct, hinder or otherwise interfere with an Officer while the Officer is carrying out an investigation, making inquiries, or performing an inspection for the purpose of enforcing this by-law.

Permits

10. Notwithstanding any other section of this by-law, any person may apply to the City Clerk, in writing, for a permit to engage in activity that would otherwise be deemed a public nuisance.

11. The City Clerk may consider a permit application or forward the application to Council to make the final decision on whether to grant or refuse the application and any conditions that may accompany the permit.
12. A permit application must be provided to the City Clerk at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date that the activity will begin, and the application must include:
 - a. the name and address of the applicant;
 - b. a description of the proposed activity;
 - c. the location at which the proposed activity will take place;
 - d. the period of time for which a permit is sought;
 - e. reason(s) why the permit should be granted; and
 - f. the applicable fee, pursuant to the City's Fees and Charges By-law.
13. Upon receiving a permit application, the City Clerk will notify any neighbours within a 60 m area of:
 - a. the proposed activity;
 - b. the ability to provide comments on whether a permit should be granted; and
 - c. the date that comments are due to the City.
14. In considering an application for a permit, the City Clerk or Council will have regard to the following:
 - a. the description of the proposed activity;
 - b. public comments relating to the proposed activity;
 - c. the location of where the proposed activity will take place;
 - d. the period of time for which the permit is being sought;
 - e. the reasons why the applicant thinks the permit should be granted; and
 - f. any applicable City by-laws or policies.
15. After considering the merits of a permit application, the City Clerk or Council may:
 - a. issue a permit;
 - b. issue a permit, subject to certain terms or conditions; or
 - c. refuse to issue a permit.
16. Where a permit is issued, the permit will specify any terms or conditions of the permit and the period of time during which the permit is effective.
17. A permit may be immediately revoked by the City Clerk if an applicant, or any person acting on the applicant's behalf:
 - a. provided false or misleading information on the permit application submitted to the City;
 - b. violates this by-law;
 - c. violates any other City by-law or policy; or
 - d. violates any of the terms or conditions of a permit.

Part IV. Investigations

Inspection

18. An officer may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the following are being complied with:
 - a. this by-law; or
 - b. an order made under section 431 of the Municipal Act.
19. For the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to s. 18 of this by-law, the officer may, in accordance with the provisions of s. 436 of the Municipal Act:
 - a. require the production for inspection of documents or things relevant to the inspection;
 - b. inspect and remove documents or things relevant to the inspection for the purpose of making copies or extracts;
 - c. require information from any person concerning a matter related to the inspection; and
 - d. along with or in conjunction with a person possessing special or expert knowledge, make examinations or take tests, samples or photographs necessary for the purpose of the inspection.
20. Every person who is required by an Officer to provide identification must identify themselves to the Officer by giving their full and correct name, date of birth and address.

Order to discontinue activity

21. Where an Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a contravention of this by-law has occurred, the Officer may make an order requiring the person who contravened this by-law, or who caused or permitted the contravention, or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred, to discontinue the contravening activity.
22. An order under section 21 of this by-law must set out:
 - a. reasonable particulars of the contravention adequate to identify the contravention and the location of the land in which the contravention occurred; and
 - b. the date by which there must be compliance with the order.
23. Any person who contravenes an order under section 21 of this by-law is guilty of an offence.

Work Order

24. Where an Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a contravention of this by-law has occurred, the Officer may make an order requiring the person who contravened this by-law, or who caused or permitted the contravention, or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred, to do work to correct the contravention.
25. An order under section 24 of this by-law must set out:
 - a. reasonable particulars of the contravention adequate to identify the contravention and the location of the land in which the contravention occurred;

- b. the work to be done; and
 - c. the date by which the work must be done.
26. An order under section 24 of this by-law may require work to be done even though the facts which constitute the contravention of this by-law were present before this by-law came into force.
27. Any person who contravenes an order under section 24 of this by-law is guilty of an offence.

Notice

28. Any order issued pursuant to this by-law may be given in writing in any of the following ways and is effective:
- a. on the date on which a copy is delivered to the person to whom it is addressed;
 - b. on the fifth day after a copy is sent by mail to the person's last known address;
 - c. upon the sending of a copy by e-mail transmission to the person's last known email address; or
 - d. posting on the premises, on the date of posting.
29. For the purpose of section 28, a person's last known address and last known email address are deemed to include information on the last revised assessment roll and on a permit application submitted pursuant to this by-law.

Remedial action

30. If a person fails to do a matter or thing, including comply with an order under by-law, as directed or required by this by-law, the City may, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, do the matter or thing at the person's expense. The City may recover the costs of doing a matter or thing from the person directed or required to do it by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as municipal taxes.
31. The costs outlined in section 30 of this by-law shall include interest calculated at a rate of 15 per cent (15%) per annum, calculated for the period commencing on the day the City incurs the costs and ending on the day the costs, including the interest, are paid in full.
32. The amount of the costs, including interest, constitutes a lien on the land upon the registration in the proper land registry office of a notice of lien. The lien is in respect of all costs that are payable at the time the notice is registered plus interest accrued to the date the payment is made. Upon receiving payment, the City will register a discharge of the lien in the proper registry office.

Part V. Offence and Penalty

33. Every person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

Part VI. Repeal and Effective Date

Repeal

34. By-law No. 1998-178 is repealed.

Effective Date

35. The by-law shall come into full force and effect on the date that the set fine order is signed by the Regional Senior Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice at which time all by-laws, policies, and resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this by-law are hereby repealed, revoked or rescinded, as the case may be, insofar as it is necessary to give effect to the provisions of this by-law.

FINALLY PASSED AND ENACTED this 11th day of March 2024.

Mayor Ian C. Boddy

Briana M. Bloomfield, City Clerk



Wednesday, June 10, 2026



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REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES BOARD

SUBJECT: CSPA Aggregate Disciplinary Report

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Services Board

DATE: May 27th, 2026

REPORT:

The Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) which came into effect on April 1st, 2024, contains a requirement at Section 215(1) which states that;

A chief of police shall report, in accordance with the regulations, to the police service board or, in the case of the Commissioner, to the Minister regarding the aggregate disciplinary measures the chief has taken under this Part.

Regulation 90/24 of the CSPA then states at Section 9(1);

A chief of police shall, at a minimum, provide a report to the police service board or the Minister under subsection 215 (1) of the Act by June 1 and December 1 of every year.

The report shall contain the following information respecting the period covered by the report:

- 1. Each provision of Ontario Regulation 407/23 (Code of Conduct for Police Officers) made under the Act under which a disciplinary measure was imposed, which type of measure was imposed, and the number of times that each type of measure was imposed in relation to the provision.*
- 2. The number of times a disciplinary measure was imposed,*
 - i. under section 200 of the Act, without a hearing under section 201 of the Act,*
 - ii. under section 200 of the Act, following a hearing under section 201 of the Act, or*
 - iii. following a hearing under section 202 of the Act.*
- 3. If a disciplinary measure referred to in paragraph 1, 2 or 3 of subsection 200 (1) of the Act was imposed, for each paragraph,*
 - i. the average number of days or hours, and*
 - ii. the total number of days or hours.*
- 4. Any imposition of a disciplinary measure under section 200 of the Act without a hearing under section 201 of the Act in a previous period that was upheld, varied or overturned following a hearing during the*

period covered by the report, and information respecting any consequent effect on information included in a previous report.

(3) If the police service is divided into detachments or other sub-units, the information listed in subsection (2) shall be presented separately with respect to each detachment or sub-unit.

(4) The police service board or Minister shall publish each report on the Internet within 30 days of receiving it.

This report will cover the time period from December 1st, 2025 through May 27th, 2026.

During this time period, the Chief of Police **did not** impose any disciplinary measure requiring a report under this section.

In compliance with Section 9(4) of Regulation 90/24 it is recommended that the Board, on approval, publish this report to the Service's website within 30 days of receipt.

SUBMITTED BY:

Deputy Chief D. Bishop

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: Taxi Broker Application – Platinum Taxi

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27th, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This report contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☒ Community Safety
- ☒ Community Wellbeing
- ☐ Our Members
- ☐ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For information.

REPORT:

Mr. Sachin Prajapati has been approved for a new Taxi Broker Licence to operate as Platinum Taxi. Mr. Prajapati has applied to the City of Owen Sound for a business licence, with a proposed business location of 25-945 3rd Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario (which will be compliant with zoning requirements). The company Platinum Taxi is owned by Swastik Express Limited and operating under the registered business name of Platinum Taxi (registered April 27th, 2026). Swastik Express Limited was incorporated on July 21st, 2024.

A review of MTO ISS indicates Mr. Prajapati is a licenced driver holding a valid Class G licence with 0 demerit points and no convictions/suspensions on his licence history. Mr. Prajapati has been licenced since October 17th, 2024.

Mr. Prajapati does not have any criminal or driving convictions on file.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Pursuant to Board Bylaw No. 2024-01, commonly referred to as the Transportation Bylaw, it is the responsibility of the Chief of Police, through the Board, to consider all applications for licence and where provided by the bylaw, to issue licences.

SUBMITTED BY:

Deputy Chief D. Bishop

REPORT TO THE OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE BOARD



SUBJECT: Ontario Police Fitness Award (OPFA) Incentives

TO: Chair and Members of the Owen Sound Police Service Board

DATE: May 27, 2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Incentivising the annual OPFA Fitness Pin for OSPS members contributes to the positive outcomes within the following Strategic Priorities, set by the Board in the 2023-2026 OSPS Operations Plan:

- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Community Wellbeing
- ☒ Our Members
- ☒ Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION(S):

For Decision

REPORT:

About the Ontario Police Fitness Award Pin Program:



The OPFA Fitness Pin Program “is a provincial incentive program designed and developed by the Police Fitness Personnel of Ontario (PFPO) to motivate Ontario police officers and police civilian employees to remain physically fit throughout their entire careers. The Program has been successfully operating for more than 35 years and attracts more participants each year from across the province. The policing services division of the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police sanction the OPFA program.”



“The OPFA Pin Program acknowledges that in the policing profession, physical skills and abilities are important job prerequisites. The PREP Test is the current graduation standard of the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College (OPC). This test is then required again during Basic Constable training at OPC. However, once a recruit returns to their respective police service, there are no mandatory fitness requirements for the remainder of their policing career.”ⁱ

The annual OPFA “Fit Pin” program encourages both sworn and civilian members to maintain an adequate fitness level. The PREP test components are scored, based on age and gender, with an overall 75% considered successfulⁱⁱ. OPFA offers a unique annual OPFA pin that can be worn on the police uniform, along with milestone year pins (e.g. 10, 20, 30 and 35) for special recognition of consecutive annual achievement.



Workplace Benefits of Physical Fitness:

Research suggests that physical fitness and regular, strenuous exercise is effective in reducing sick days. Conclusions from research published in the *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*, states “exercise and fitness can help foster a healthy and thriving workforce that takes less sick leaves and feels better prepared to cope with chronic stress.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Policing is a physically demanding career. According to research published in the *International Association of Chief of Police (IACP) Police Chief* magazine, “situations can arise where possessing an appropriate level of fitness can be a significant asset for the officer, such as dealing with a noncompliant individual. High fitness levels can enhance officer safety, survivability, and overall health and wellness”^{iv}.

OPFA Incentives:

Many Ontario police services recognize the challenges the OPFA Fit Pin test can present and will offer incentives to their members for completing or attempting the Fit Pin test. An internal list of incentives offered by Ontario police services shows incentives range from: simply receiving the Fitness Pin; a certificate; swag (e.g. gym bag); time off in lieu (some with graduated scales based on years of service or test score); as well as financial incentives (e.g. Ontario Power Generation offers \$3000 yearly bonus).

Incentives are not limited to larger services. Some smaller to mid-sized police services also provide incentives, such as Aylmer Police Service which offers 8 hours lieu time or \$200 per year, and Hanover Police Service offering \$1000 for passing with 0 sick days.

Owen Sound Police Service and the OPFA Fit Pin:

To-date, few OSPS members have participated in the annual Fit Pin. In prior years, testing was initiated by a patrol officer who arranged to have a Saugeen Shores Police Service officer, certified to appraise the Fit Pin test, come to Owen Sound on their own time and offer it for interested members while off duty. There are no records tracking OSPS members who have achieved their annual Fit Pin.

In February 2026, OSPS invested in OPFA certification training for the Training Officer who is now a certified OPFA Appraiser. A certified Appraiser demonstrates and assesses performance during the OPFA Fitness Pin test, and interprets assessment results based on norms and percentile for Canadians between 15 to 69 years of age.

The overall costs for conducting annual Fit Pin testing are minimal and include purchasing pins (\$4 plus shipping) and potentially renting a location to conduct the test. It takes approximately 3-4 hours to conduct the test for about 8-10 people.

Our Members and **Sustainability** are Strategic Priorities of the Board. Goals in the OSPS Operations Plan within these Strategic Priorities include:

- To promote members’ mental and physical wellbeing (OM1a) by raising awareness among OSPS members of available physical and mental health programs/resources.
- To promote and plan for long term succession (S1a) by developing a long-term staffing, recruitment, and retention plan within a competitive labour market.

OSPS Ontario Police Fitness Award (OPFA) Incentives:

Now with a certified OPFA appraiser, OSPS is ready to conduct the annual OPFA Fitness Pin test at least four times a year, based around the platoon shift schedule. As part of promoting physical fitness, raising awareness of health and wellbeing, and becoming a modern, competitive police service that recruits and retains the highest quality candidates, further Fit Pin incentives are recommended.

FINANCIAL/RISK IMPLICATION(S):

Financial implications for OSPS Fitness Award incentives can be minimal. However, incentives to encourage members to achieve the annual Fitness Pin help to mitigate risks associated with physically demanding situations in policing (e.g. chasing suspects, uncooperative suspects, reaction times, carrying heavy loads), and lead to improved community safety and public confidence in police. Promoting ongoing fitness also helps mitigate risks associated with physical and mental stressors of a policing career, and organizational risks associated with absenteeism.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Nil

SUBMITTED BY:

Craig Matheson, Operations Inspector
Wendy Pratt, HR Director
Curtis Gloade, Training Constable

ⁱ <https://pfpo.org/ontario-police-fitness-pin-award-program/>

ⁱⁱ PFPO Fit PIN Scoring Tables <https://pfpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Table-of-Results-Jan-2025.pdf>

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