



Report n° ADM2023-006
Date: February 14, 2024
Submitted by: Pierre Voisine, CAO
Subject: Police Services Board Appointment

Nature/Goal

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of a member to represent the City of Clarence-Rockland on the newly established Russell County Police Services Board.

Directive/Previous policy

Resolution No. 2021-85 was adopted by council on May 17, 2021

WHEREAS Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68) and established the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) which, once in force, will repeal the Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA); and

WHEREAS Section 67 of the CSPA requires there be an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board, or more than one OPP detachment board, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nation community; and

WHEREAS Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment are required to work together to develop and submit one proposal indicating the composition of their board(s) which meets the minimum composition requirements established by the ministry; and

WHEREAS the deadline to submit the joint proposal for the County of Russell OPP detachment is June 7th, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland hereby confirms its support to the proposed composition of the Police Services Board for the County of Russell OPP detachment, as described in Report No. PRO2021-006, being four (4) members of council, three (3) community members and two (2) members appointed by the Province and would include the Municipalities of Russell, Nation, Casselman and Clarence-Rockland.

Department's recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mario Zanth be appointed as representative for the City of Clarence-Rockland on the Russell County Police Services Board.

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le maire Mario Zanth soit nommé pour représenter la Cité de Clarence-Rockland au sein de la commission des services policiers du comté de Russell.

Discussion

The new Community Safety and Policing Act will come into force April 1st, 2024. All police services are expected to be ready to comply with the Act

and its regulations starting on the in-force date. In May 2021, a report was presented to Council and the composition of the Police Services Board was approved by this Council and by other municipal Councils of this Board. The composition for Russell County OPP was subsequently approved by the solicitor general's office. We are now preparing for the upcoming new regulations and the composition to take place; members of the board are required to attend training and for this reason we need to select a member of council to be part of this board and attend the training.

Financial impact (expenses/material/etc.)

- Costs related to this new board will be shared with the 3 other municipalities in the County of Russell, being Russell, Casselman and Nation.
- The total costs are unknown at this time, but we can assume there will be costs for per diem, training, travel, membership, and administration.

Supporting documents

- Memorandum from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated December 18, 2023