



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

## Committee Report

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**To:** Chair and Members of the Police Services Board  
**From:** Jennifer Adams, County Clerk  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
**Subject:** **New Police Services Board Composition**

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### Background:

Effective April 1, 2024, the Ontario Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA) will be repealed and replaced with the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA). In July 2023, the Ministry confirmed that the Wellington County OPP detachment board composition was approved by the Solicitor General as follows: 3 Council Seats, 1 Community Representative Seat, and 1 Provincial Appointment Seat.

The current composition of the Wellington County Police Services Board is: 2 Council Seats, 1 Community Representative Seat and 2 Provincial Appointment Seats.

County Council will need to appoint an additional Council seat to the Police Services Board as required by the new CSPA. At the January 25<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting, the Police Services Board Chair asked all Council members interested in filling the vacancy created by the new CSPA to inform the County Clerk.

To ensure compliance with the CSPA by the established date, Wellington County Council must formalize the County appointee to the board to ensure mandatory training is completed in time as established by the Ministry. Selection of the additional Council Seat will take place at the February 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of County Council by nomination. All members of the Police Services Board including the newly appointed County representative will be required to undertake the following mandatory training as per Section 35 (2) of the CSPA:

- **Police Services Board Roles and Responsibilities** – online training to be completed before April 1, 2024, prior to exercising powers or performing duties.
- **Thematic Training** – online training on human rights; systematic racism; the diverse, multicultural, multiracial nature of Ontario society; and rights and culture of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit People. Training is to be completed by September 30, 2024, no later than 6 months after appointment.

### Recommendation:

That the Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Adams  
County Clerk