

GREENSTONE O.P.P. DETACHMENT BOARD

Annual Report

October 17, 2025 to June 30, 2026



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Message from Board Chair

On behalf of the Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board, I am pleased to present this Annual Report highlighting the work and progress made since the Board's establishment in September 2025.

As a newly formed Board, we have focused on establishing a strong governance foundation. During this reporting period, we appointed Board Members and implemented key policies, including a procedural by-law and policies related to travel expenses and workplace conduct.

We have also taken steps to improve public access to information through the creation of a dedicated webpage on the Municipality of Greenstone's website, helping to keep our communities informed and engaged.

Working in partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Commander, the Board is committed to supporting effective policing and promoting community safety and well-being across the Municipality of Greenstone. As we continue to establish our role, we look forward to strengthening relationships with community partners and aligning our priorities with local needs.

I would like to recognize the contributions of my fellow Board Members and the members of the Greenstone Detachment for their ongoing service and dedication.

While this report reflects a shorter initial period, the progress made has laid a solid foundation for the Board's future work, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Marcel Donio, Board Chair



History of the Board

The Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board was established in September 2025 following legislative changes under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), which restructured police governance in Ontario to strengthen local accountability and community involvement.

The Board was created to ensure that policing services within the Greenstone Detachment area are informed by local perspectives and community priorities. Its formation reflects a province-wide shift toward enhanced civilian governance in policing.

The Board includes members appointed by the Municipality of Greenstone who are members of Council; a member appointed by Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation (Sand Point) who is a member of the Band Council of the First Nation; a member appointed by the Municipality of Greenstone who is neither a member of Council nor an employee of the Municipality, which position is currently vacant; and one member appointed by the Minister, which position is also currently vacant.

Since its establishment, the Board has focused on building its operational foundation and preparing for its ongoing governance responsibilities under the *Act*.

Board Membership

The Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board is comprised of the following Members:

- **Elaine Mannisto**
(Member of Council - Greenstone)
- **Fran Koning**
(Member of Council - Greenstone)
- **Chris Walterson**
(Member of Council - Greenstone)
- **Marcel Donio**
(Member of Band Council, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation – Sandpoint)



Pictured left to right: Elaine Mannisto, Fran Koning, Marcel Donio, Chris Walterson and Detachment Commander Gaston St. Onge.

Member Requirements

Members of the Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board are appointed in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA).

All Members are required to complete mandatory training as prescribed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, which includes governance, human rights, diversity, systemic racism, and Indigenous cultural awareness and perspectives.

Board membership is limited to individuals who meet the eligibility criteria established under applicable legislation.

Board Responsibilities

The Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board is responsible for providing civilian governance oversight of policing services within the detachment area, in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Its core functions include establishing local policing priorities in collaboration with the communities and the Detachment Commander and monitoring overall policing performance at a strategic level. The Board also facilitates communication between the OPP and the communities to ensure local concerns and priorities are considered in policing approaches.

Additional responsibilities include oversight of Board governance matters such as policy development, budget review, and compliance with applicable legislation. The Board also participates in recruitment processes for the Detachment Commander when required and ensures members complete mandatory training as prescribed under provincial guidelines.

The Board does not direct operational policing but provides strategic oversight intended to support transparency, accountability, and community-informed policing outcomes.

Activities and Accomplishments

Since its establishment in September 2025, the Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board has focused on establishing its governance structure and foundational policies.

Key activities and accomplishments during this period include:

- Held an Inaugural Board Meeting and commenced governance operations.
- Appointed Board Members in accordance with provincial requirements.
- Completed required Member onboarding, including mandatory training and criminal record checks.
- Appointed Board Administrators and a Board Treasurer.
- Established the Board's 2026 operating budget.
- Secured Board liability insurance.
- Adopted a Procedural By-Law to guide board operations.
- Adopted a Remuneration and Travel Expense Policy.
- Adopted an Abuse, Violence and Harassment Policy.
- Reviewed the Municipality of Greenstone's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
- Reviewed the Code of Conduct for OPP Detachment Board Members.
- Reviewed quarterly reports from the Detachment Commander covering Q3 2025 to Q1 2026.
- Created a dedicated Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board webpage on the Municipality of Greenstone's website to support public access to information.



Governance Impact

The work completed during this initial reporting period has focused on establishing the governance foundation required for effective oversight under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. These foundational elements, including policy development, training, and financial oversight, support the Board's ability to contribute to transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making in partnership with the OPP Detachment Commander and the broader communities.

Community Safety Priorities (2026)

At this early stage in its development, the Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board has not yet finalized formal community safety priorities for 2026.

The Board has begun foundational work in this area through the review of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Municipality of Greenstone, which was presented as part of a regular Board Meeting. This review provided initial context to support future priority-setting discussions.

In collaboration with the Detachment Commander, the Board anticipates further development of formalized community safety priorities as governance processes continue to mature throughout the upcoming reporting period.

Community Engagement

As a newly established Board, formal public engagement activities are still in the early stages of development.

During the reporting period, no formal public submissions, concerns, or delegations were received. The Board continues to build its communication infrastructure, including maintaining a public webpage to support transparency and access to information, and will explore additional engagement opportunities as its governance structure becomes further established.

Challenges / Early Development Notes

As a newly established Board, the reporting period focused on foundational governance development, including the establishment of core policies, onboarding of members, and development of the administrative and financial structures required to support Board operations. The Board remains in an early implementation phase, with ongoing work related to priority-setting, stakeholder engagement, and long-term planning.

The Provincial Appointee position remains vacant and will be filled through the Ontario Public Appointments Secretariat process, administered by the Province of Ontario. Once appointed, this member is expected to further strengthen Board composition.

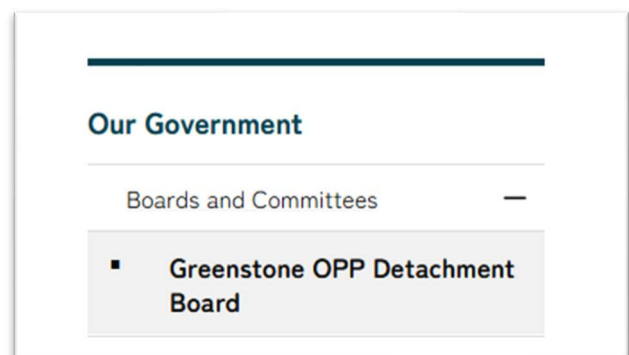
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In addition, as of March 2026, the Community Appointee position was recently vacated. The Municipality of Greenstone will advertise the vacancy and undertake a recruitment process to appoint a new community representative to the Board.

Communications

The Greenstone O.P.P. Detachment Board maintains a dedicated page on the Municipality of Greenstone’s website, which provides access to meeting agendas, minutes, relevant documents, and Board contact information.

Board meetings are open to the public and may be attended in person at the Municipality of Greenstone’s Administration Office – Meeting Room, 1800 Main Street, Geraldton Ward, Greenstone. Meeting dates, agendas, and access details are posted in advance on the Board’s webpage, with agendas published one week prior to the meeting.



Board Administration

Board Administration is undertaken by administrative staff from the Municipality of Greenstone. Inquiries, requests, and correspondence related to the Board may be directed to:

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