



410 O'Brien Rd, Renfrew, ON K7V 3Z2

Minutes

South Ottawa Valley Detachment Board

Meeting February 4th, 2026

Attendance: John, Jason, Jill, Rob, Steve, Angela, Glenn, Mary Ann, Lisa, Connie

Call to Order 4:30

John declared a slight pecuniary interest, as he joined another provincial board.

Rob and Glenn approved the minutes from November and December 2025

We were introduced to OPP cadets Jacob and Jackson. This is a program created by the OPP that has been reinstated to encourage new recruits to join the OPP. Cadets are paid for their time with OPP, as opposed to AUX members who volunteer, and they spend time working with the force for a year contract then they can be recommended to do the OPP training and become a constable. It's a good recruiting program that allows cadets to get a true feel for the job while also having an income.

The OAPSB AGM is May 31-June 2 in Niagara Falls.

Chair's Report: Thank you Rob for your term as chair and your contributions. John is getting used to the position. Moving forward we should be looking at what the municipalities decide for their pay structure. Remuneration is still a question. Do we actually need to provide it? What does the actual policy say?

Commander's report: RIDE grant is now set up for 4 years. Municipalities no longer have to apply individually. MSERT officer Cassidy is retiring in May. Impaired driving is still an issue, there were 3 in 1 night in January. Commercial vehicles are also an issue, and officers are going for training with MTO to work together. Hwy 17 and Storyland Rd has become a major issue with multiple fatalities and severe injuries in the past year. OPP has discussed with the MTO about the severity of the issue, and hope to have improvements to promote safety at that intersection.

The Renfrew detachment would like to put a survey/question out to municipalities about what community engagement looks like in each one. What educational pieces would you like to see focused on in schools? Is there a specific community group OPP needs to engage with ?

Finance: Discussion around budget and surplus. How do we allocate a surplus? Invoices to municipalities will have a discounted amount shown as payable.

Lisa moved to accept the budget, Jill seconded

Board Action Items:

Hiring our executive admin is priority. Advertise/Interview/Hire in the first ¼ of 2026. Approx 20hrs per week at \$30/hr

John will email the mayors re:surplus

We need to take steps to guide OPP to work for the municipal betterment

We will look into the overall health of the detachment; are they serving the community as best they can?

Correspondence:

There was correspondence regarding the AGM in the spring

2026 Meeting schedule:

Second Wednesday of the month, Mar, Apr, May June, July(if needed?), Sept, Oct

Jason moved to adjourn, Steve seconded.6:15