

June 24, 2021

Re: Grey-Bruce Joint Police Service Board Proposal

The Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands is requesting an addition to the Joint Board Proposal previously submitted. Timeline and additional information are included below:

Grey Highlands Original Resolution:

On Wednesday June 2, 2021, Grey Highlands Council approved the Staff recommendation for the Grey Bruce Joint Board Proposal. The Grey Highlands resolution added an amendment to appoint not only an elected official, but an alternate as well. The alternate appointment option could be determined by the Board itself when established as the alternate would not increase the appointed membership as it would not alter the composition totals requested by the Office of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN).

2021-390

Dane Nielsen - Tom Allwood

That report CLS.21.21, Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, Grey Bruce Detachment Joint Proposal be received; and

That Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands hereby supports Option 1, as included in this report, being a joint collaborative Board, including representation from the Municipality of Grey Highlands, Township of Georgian Bluffs, Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Meaford, Township of Southgate, Town of South Bruce Peninsula, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, and the Saugeen First Nation; and

That each participating Municipality and First Nations Community appoint one (1) elected official and one alternate to the Joint Board, with provincial and community appointees to form at least 40% of membership, 20% respectfully; and

That staff are hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to staff from the Township of Georgian Bluffs who will be submitting the joint proposal in consultation with the other participating lower tiers, in support of Option 1.

CARRIED.

The Proposal Submitted:

Georgian Bluffs Clerk Brittany Drury submitted the proposal on behalf of the Joint Board based on the majority responses for 1 joint board for Grey, Bruce and

Saugeen First Nations. SOLGEN requires only 1 proposal to be submitted for each OPP Detachment area.

Grey Highlands Police Service Board:

On Friday June 11, 2021, which was after the proposal was submitted, the Grey Highlands Police Service Board held a special PSB meeting. A member of the Board provided notice to the Board that although there was a minimum of 20% community members required on the new Joint Board, there was no maximum. The Board members wanted assurance that there was adequate community representatives regarding policing within Grey Highlands. The Board passed the following resolution:

PSB2021-44

Daryl Minifie - Stewart Halliday

That the Grey Highlands Police Services Board after receiving further information at the OAPSB conference and Zone 5 meeting, noting there are no legislative minimum or maximum sizes to the detachment board recommend that Council direct staff to submit additional comments to the original Joint Police Service Board Proposal recommending that each Municipality appoint 1 community representative in addition to the 1 Council member and 1 alternate Council member.

CARRIED.

Grey Highlands Council Update:

On Wednesday June 16, 2021 Grey Highlands Council amended the agenda to include consideration of the Grey Highlands PSB recommendation and passed the following resolution:

2021-454

Dane Nielsen - Tom Allwood

That Council direct staff to submit additional comments to the original Joint Police Service Board proposal recommending that each municipality appoint 1 community representative in addition to the 1 Council member (and 1 alternate member) as previously submitted.

CARRIED.

Solicitor General:

Following the passage of the resolution, Grey Highlands Clerk Raylene Martell reached out to SOLGEN to inquire if a note could be added to the original joint proposal submitted by Georgian Bluffs Clerk Brittany Drury with Grey Highlands additional ask for consideration. After a phone call with SOLGEN, it was determined that any additions to the joint board proposal would only be included if a majority of the members included in the Joint Board were in agreement with the addition. As indicated previously, SOLGEN is only accepting 1 proposal from each OPP Detachment, which had already been submitted based on the majority response.

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SOLGEN indicated that they would require a response from the other members by mid July at the latest in order to accept/add any additional information to the original proposal.

The Request:

That Council agree to amend the Joint Board proposal submitted to include that a community member be appointed from each participating Municipality and First Nation; and That the new Joint Board consider the ability to appoint an alternate for each elected official once established.

Considerations:

The Board composition as submitted includes:

- Township of Georgian Bluffs – 1 elected official
- Township of Chatsworth – 1 elected official
- Municipality of Meaford – 1 elected official
- Municipality of Grey Highlands – 1 elected official
- Township of Southgate – 1 elected official
- Town of South Bruce Peninsula – 1 elected official
- Town of Northern Bruce Peninsula – 1 elected official
- Saugeen First Nation – 1 representative
- 3 Provincial Appointees, and
- 4 Community Appointees.

Totaling a Board of at least 15 members.

Should the majority of participants agree with this recommendation, the composition would include:

- Township of Georgian Bluffs – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Township of Chatsworth – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Municipality of Meaford – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Municipality of Grey Highlands – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Township of Southgate – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Town of South Bruce Peninsula – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Town of Northern Bruce Peninsula – 1 elected official (+ alternate)
- Saugeen First Nation – 1 representative (+ alternate)
- 4 Provincial Appointees, and
- 8 Community Appointees.

For a total of 20 members (plus alternates which would not be included in composition total). The number of Provincial appointees would increase from 3 to 4 in order to accommodate the minimum 20% requirement for provincial appointments.

It also should be noted that it is expected that the Joint Board will be appointing the community appointees and not the respective Councils, as indicated by

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SOLGEN. With this in mind, it would appear that all elected officials and at least 3 of the 4 Provincial Appointees would have to be present in order for quorum to be obtained for the joint board to consider and appoint the community appointees – which makes a great case for the alternate appointees.

As I understand this is quite late in the game to be considering amendments at this stage, Grey Highlands Council thanks you for your consideration of this item at this stage.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Raylene Martell
Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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