

November 7th 2022

Attention: Acting Town of Tillsonburg Clerk Donna Wilson

Mayor Gilvesy and Councillors

I respectfully submit my application to continue serving on the Tillsonburg Police Services Board for the next term of Council

First appointed to the Board in March of 2011 I have continued to serve as Chair. My career spanning both Federal and Provincial Governments has served me well in understanding, in general, the intricacies of the OPP policing contract, the Police Services Act 1990 and when empowered the Community Safety and Policing Act 2019.

CSPA 2019 brings with it a number of changes that must not only be adhered to but also creates a number of changes that may be difficult for some to comprehend initially. The intent is that over time these changes will enhance the governance aspect of all Police Services Boards in Ontario. Empowerment of this act is anticipated for late 2023 or early 2024.

Historically and from an educational aspect I have attended all in person conferences held annually by the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards as well as most virtual conferences and local Zone meetings. The Canadian Association of Police Governance also offers a number of virtual conferences each year. I have attended many OPP roundtable discussions along with various other meetings as required including those with a number of Town staff.

I was a member of the selection team that approved the hiring of the last two Commanders for Oxford County OPP.

I was instrumental in establishing regular meetings of Oxford County Board Chairs to discuss the performance of the OPP in the County as a whole and the result was a better understanding of the challenges faced by other jurisdictions. This has allowed us to better coordinate ideas and keep Community Safety in the forefront.

We were one of, if not the first Board to make power point presentations to Council providing up to date statistics on the previous year or months. Now common place in most jurisdictions. Admittedly curtailed by Covid 19 we look forward to resuming this practise in 2023.

Traffic issues being in the forefront for most, our Board was an early supporter of solar assisted "speed monitoring signs" including placement and upkeep along with great support from town staff when needed. As technology improved so did speed monitoring equipment such as the "Speed Spy" and now the "Houston Armadillo" as a means of capturing traffic pattern data (speed, direction and size of vehicle). In the spirit of cooperation, we transferred management of our first Armadillo to Engineering for their use in capturing traffic patterns throughout the municipality. The Board has recently agreed to pay for half of a second unit which will also be managed by the Engineering staff.

We are fortunate to have great communication with the OPP and as Chair I have maintained an excellent working relationship with the OPP Command Staff and in particular with Inspector Hymers that allows the Board to deal with community concerns in an effective and timely manner.

Challenges lay ahead for the Board, Council and Community as we grapple with the lasting effects of Covid 19, Drug Addiction and Homelessness, Mental Health, Cannabis Legislation, Traffic Issues and for the Board specifically the Community Safety and Policing Act 2019.

As our community meets the challenge of rapid growth, the Board must continue to look for efficiencies that will have a positive affect on keeping policing costs in check without sacrificing community safety.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as a Police Services Board member and if reappointed will continue to give the position the time and effort required to be effective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Larry Scanlan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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