

2026 - 2029

HAWKESBURY DETACHMENT

ACTION PLAN

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2026-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN

Priorities and Commitments



Valuing Our People

A healthy and resilient OPP

We will be the employer of choice supporting our members, personally and professionally, in their pursuits of excellence.

Working With Purpose

A responsive and evolving OPP

We will be a leader of policing excellence empowering our members to deliver the best service for Ontarians.

Communities We Serve

A collaborative and progressive OPP

We will courageously pursue community safety outcomes, building cooperative and strategic relationships with partners who share Our Vision.

Connection Driving Alignment

A connected OPP

We are one OPP emphasizing curiosity and innovation, aligning with our members' efforts, while ensuring actions are consistent with Our Mission and Our Values.

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Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the 2026-2029 Hawkesbury Detachment Action Plan. This action plan has been prepared and adopted per the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) and in alignment with the Ontario Provincial Police 2026-2029 Strategic Plan.



The 2026-2029 Hawkesbury Detachment Action Plan outlines commitments, actions, and desired outcomes for the detachment over the next four years. It addresses how we will provide adequate and effective policing in our area and will meet the needs of the communities we serve. To reflect these priorities, the plan is organized in three sections:

- Crime
- Roadways, Waterways and Trails
- Community Well-Being

The plan also includes qualitative and quantitative performance objectives and indicators so we can appropriately measure the outcomes of our actions.

The 2026-2029 Hawkesbury Detachment Action Plan was created in consultation with relevant stakeholders. We met with our OPP Detachment Boards, which includes local community members, and incorporated the objectives and priorities they determined for the detachment. We put a survey out and received input from various groups representing a diverse group of stakeholders and community partners including school boards, hospital and victim services.

The 2026-2029 Hawkesbury Detachment Action Plan is the first action plan prepared under the CSPA. Detachment Board Annual Reports will continue to be enhanced to reflect the updated reporting requirements.

I am proud of the work we do and the relationships we have built at the Hawkesbury Detachment, and I look forward to our growth and achievements in implementing then 2026-2029 Hawkesbury Detachment Action Plan.

Inspector Anne-Christine GAUTHIER
Hawkesbury Detachment

Message from the OPP Detachment Board Chair(s)

Hawkesbury OPP Detachment Board is proud to continue its strong partnership with the Hawkesbury Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). We fully support the OPP in their ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. The Board recognizes and appreciates the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of our officers and civilian staff, who serve the residents of our community with integrity and compassion. Together, we remain focused on delivering effective policing services, enhancing public trust, and maintaining a safe and vibrant community for all. We are committed to working collaboratively with the OPP to support ongoing initiatives, identify local priorities as mentioned in the Hawkesbury Action Plan, and ensure that the needs and expectations of our residents are met. The success of policing depends on this strong partnership — one built on transparency, accountability, and mutual respect.

The Hawkesbury OPP Detachment Board thanks the OPP for their continued dedication and remains committed to supporting their success and the safety of everyone who calls this area home.

Our Detachment

Hawkesbury is a growing town located along one of the oldest trade routes in North America. The local and regional economy have experienced significant hardships over the last 30 years. Hawkesbury witnessed the closure of several large companies including Canadian International Paper (CIP) in 1983, and Amoco in the early 2000s. These closures were a setback not only to the local economy but also to the town's collective identity. As a result, a greater economic diversification in the businesses operating in the industrial and services sector can be noted today. It has retained the strong sense of community that makes Hawkesbury a great place to live, work and raise a family.

The Town of Hawkesbury has a population of just over 10,700. The newly constructed, modern detachment enables us to effectively house and deploy police resources, including our marine unit from our local dock. A community partnership has been embedded in our detachment, providing a safe space for social service agencies to provide their services in the local setting and paving the way for stronger relationships. The skills and training of our local officers, in conjunction with community resources and the greater OPP, allow us to enhance the safety and security for all those we serve.

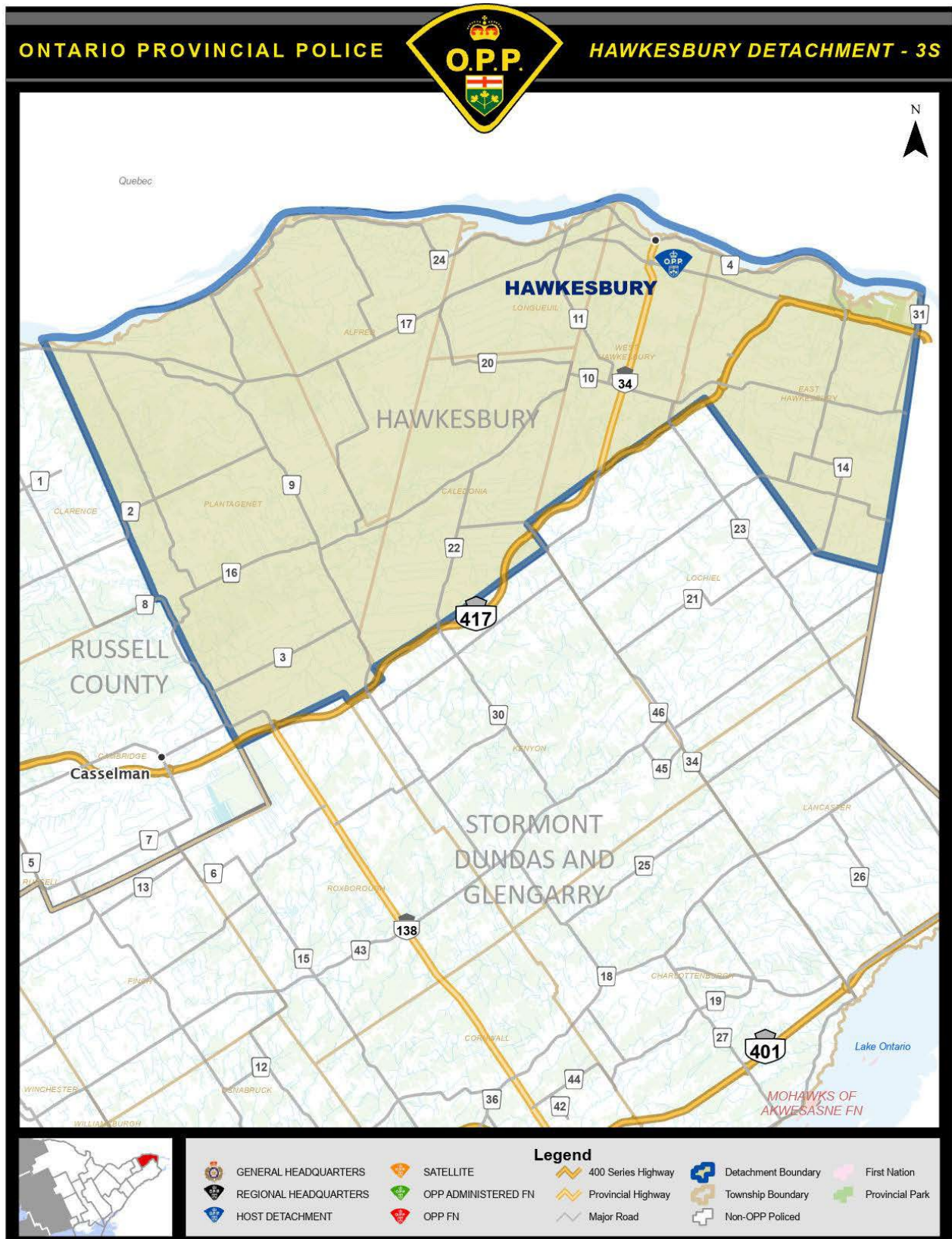
The Hawkesbury Detachment is situated in eastern Ontario, bordered by the Province of Québec on the north and east sides. We police the following five municipalities within Prescott-Russell County: Township of Alfred-Plantagenet, Champlain Township, Township of East Hawkesbury, part of the Nation Township and the Town of Hawkesbury.

The United Counties of Prescott-Russell are also home to Voyageur Provincial Park, which is located on the Ottawa River and is a tourist destination during the summer months. There are 1,291 kilometres of municipal and county roads, as well as many kilometres of provincial highways, including Highways 417, 17 and 34. Between Montreal and Ottawa, Hawkesbury is home to the only bridge linking Ontario and Québec. This connection to the Laurentides Region makes Hawkesbury a social and service hub for many communities in Québec. The majority of residents in Prescott County are Francophone. (Source: www.prescott-russell.on.ca)

Hawkesbury boasts a variety of services, community programs and a progressive economic development strategy. There are recreational activities including boating, fishing, trail systems for walking and biking, community recreation programs, greenspaces and waterfront parks. The Hawkesbury General Hospital (HGH) provides high quality health care to residents of Prescott-Russell and surrounding areas. HGH is a patient-centered bilingual community hospital that has been renovated to become a full-service hospital. The hospital has outpatient services available in Casselman and Clarence Rockland. HGH and the Hawkesbury Detachment continue to collaborate together in order to increase the overall health and well-being of the community.

Our detachment is comprised of a professional team, focused on delivering quality policing services to the community of Hawkesbury and the United Counties of Prescott-Russell. We strive to build strong relationships and partnerships, working collectively to provide effective and efficient service. Our officers patrol our roadways and waterways and conduct foot and bicycle patrols within our community.

Our Detachment Area



Action Plan Commitments Summary

The OPP's action planning process is guided by Section 70 (1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* and ensures compliance with the *Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* standards filed as O. Reg. 392/23.

Through analysis and consultation, the following objectives and priorities were identified for the next four years. These are reflective of how adequate and effective policing will be provided in the area served by the detachment, in accordance with the needs and diversity of the population.

- Crime:
 - Community-based crime prevention initiatives.
 - Property crime and clearance rates for property crime; Increase surveillance and enforcement against theft, break-ins, auto theft and human trafficking.
 - Combat drug trafficking through targeted operations and community education.
 - Expand fraud prevention programs, especially for seniors and newcomers.
 - Youth engagement and education; partner with schools to teach about crime consequences, drug risks, and digital safety.
 - Repeat offenders and bail compliance enforcement.
- Roadways, Waterways and Trails:
 - Road safety; Target speeding, distracted driving, and aggressive behavior on key roads.
 - Promote courteous road sharing among drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
 - Educate youth on safe driving and social media use through school programs.
 - Marine Patrols on our waterways and continue the visibility on our waterways along with Sûreté du Québec.
 - Increase police and patrol presence on snowmobile trails during winter months.
 - Enhance safety and community connection by ensuring visibility in recreational areas.
 - Presence on trails helps deter unsafe behavior and fosters a sense of security for users.
- Community Well-Being:
 - Assistance to victims of crime and re-victimization rate; continue the strong engagement that we have with our mobile crisis response team, victim services and victim witness assistance program.
 - Work with municipal officials, by-law officers, fire departments, and community paramedics in more community engagement and activities.
 - Collaborate more with parole officers and social services (unhoused initiatives).
 - Support youth organizations like cadets, minor hockey, and wellness hubs.
 - Participate in sports and recreational activities to foster positive relationships with our youths.
 - Community partnerships for initiatives and programming related to gender-based violence, mental health, addictions, and hate crimes.

CRIME	ROADWAYS, WATERWAYS AND TRAILS	COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
<p>Enhance proactive patrol and/or initiatives to target specific local crime trends and reduce victimization, while increasing community safety.</p>	<p>Expand local level expertise in specialized traffic enforcement that would directly benefit our detachment area.</p>	<p>Increase community engagement and strengthen community relationships through enhanced communication and information sharing.</p>
<p>Enhance local level expertise in crimes impacting the communities we serve through investments in training and mentorship opportunities for detachment members.</p>	<p>Proactive enforcement and visibility in our detachment area continuing to enforce the Big 4 and target specific local trends in traffic safety and enforcement.</p>	<p>Strengthen relationships with local youth by providing structured and unstructured youth programming, delivering information about topics that impact youth, and prioritizing partnerships with local youth-focused organizations.</p>
<p>Increase public education and awareness of crime trends through enhanced engagement, presentations, and data sharing.</p>	<p>Increase police and patrol presence on snowmobile trails during winter months. Enhance safety and community connection by ensuring visibility in recreational areas. Presence on trails helps deter unsafe behavior and fosters a sense of security for users.</p>	<p>Enhance partnerships with local service providers to best support calls for service related to mental health, substance use and addictions, persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, and other factors that may contribute to increased victimization.</p>
<p>Proactively engage youth in our area through structured educational partnerships with local schools, aiming to reduce future criminal behavior and social media use.</p> <p>More fraud prevention programs, especially for our seniors and newcomers.</p>	<p>Expand our Marine Patrols on our waterways and continue the visibility on our waterways.</p>	

CRIME

COMMITMENTS	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES
<p>Enhance proactive patrol and/or initiatives to target specific local crime trends and reduce victimization, while increasing community safety.</p>	<p>Patrol officers to conduct high visibility patrols in high crime areas for deterrence purposes.</p> <p>Engage our Community Street Crime Unit for intelligence gathering.</p>	<p>Data-driven patrol/initiatives based on analysis and community input, resulting in increased personal and community safety.</p>
<p>Enhance local level expertise in crimes impacting the communities we serve through investments in training and mentorship opportunities for detachment members.</p>	<p>Seek and support training opportunities for members to enhance their knowledge and investigative skills.</p>	<p>Increased number of detachment members with specialized training and experience in a variety of criminal investigations, resulting in investigative excellence and improved community safety.</p>
<p>Increase public education and awareness of crime trends through enhanced engagement, presentations, and data sharing.</p>	<p>Community Engagement Officers to be utilized to conduct presentations while partnering and engaging with other applicable community stakeholders. Presentations targeted for seniors and new community members. (ex: Fraud)</p>	<p>Increased awareness and prevention of fraud among seniors and newcomers, leading to enhanced community trust and safety.</p>
<p>Proactively engage youth in our area through structured educational partnerships with local schools, aiming to reduce future criminal behavior and social media use.</p> <p>More fraud prevention programs, especially for our seniors and newcomers.</p>	<p>More engagement from our police officers with our youth in schools and support youth organizations like cadets and wellness hubs.</p>	<p>Improved youth perception of law enforcement.</p> <p>Reduction in youth-related infractions and risky behaviors.</p> <p>Stronger community ties and increased civic engagement among young residents.</p>

ROADWAYS, WATERWAYS AND TRAILS

COMMITMENTS	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES
Expand local level expertise in specialized traffic enforcement that would directly benefit our detachment area.	Support members attending provincially offered specialized training. Seek out local training opportunities with local subject matter experts.	Increased number of detachment members with specialized training in traffic enforcement techniques directly impacting the community, resulting in positive traffic safety outcomes.
Proactive enforcement and visibility in our detachment area continuing to enforce the Big 4 and target specific local trends in traffic safety and enforcement.	Maintain active monitoring of high-risk areas in collaboration with municipalities and integrate targeted, proactive enforcement into daily patrol routines.	Increased number of data-driven patrol and initiatives based on analysis and community input, resulting in positive traffic safety outcomes.
Increase police and patrol presence on snowmobile trails during winter months. Enhance safety and community connection by ensuring visibility in recreational areas. Presence on trails helps deter unsafe behavior and fosters a sense of security for users.	Coordinate with local law enforcement to schedule regular patrols in high-traffic recreational areas. Equip patrol units with snowmobiles or appropriate winter gear to ensure mobility and visibility. Promote community engagement by encouraging officers to interact with trail users and provide safety information.	Increased visibility deters reckless driving, substance use, and other unsafe behaviors. Regular patrols foster positive relationships between law enforcement and recreational users. Fewer accidents and emergency responses due to proactive monitoring. Boosted Trail Usage: A safer environment encourages more families and tourists to use the trails, supporting local businesses. Patrols can gather insights on trail usage and safety concerns to inform future planning.
Expand our Marine Patrols on our waterways and continue the visibility on our waterways.	Enhance marine patrol operations through increased joint visibility and coordination with the Sûreté du Québec on shared waterways.	Improved safety, deterrence of illegal activity, and stronger cross-provincial collaboration on waterway enforcement.

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

COMMITMENTS	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES
<p>Increase community engagement and strengthen community relationships through enhanced communication and information sharing.</p>	<p>Officers will make attending community events part of their regular day. Foot patrols will be conducted to encourage open dialogue and approachability.</p>	<p>Increased number of community engagements and local level communications, resulting in positive feedback from community members about transparency and accessibility of information.</p>
<p>Strengthen relationships with local youth by providing structured and unstructured youth programming, delivering information about topics that impact youth, and prioritizing partnerships with local youth-focused organizations.</p>	<p>Community engagement officers will be engaged with other detachment members to ensure positive police interactions, engagement and information sharing, done in both an informal and formal setting.</p>	<p>Increased partnerships, initiatives, engagements, and presentations with and for youth, resulting in positive feedback and outcomes for youth-related interactions with police.</p>
<p>Enhance partnerships with local service providers to best support calls for service related to mental health, substance use and addictions, persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, and other factors that may contribute to increased victimization.</p>	<p>Coordinate with mental health professionals, paramedics, social services for co-response to complex calls.</p> <p>Joint engagement with our partners to engage with people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Collaborate on intervention strategies for repeat or vulnerable clients.</p>	<p>Clearly defined roles and responsibilities with relevant service providers, resulting in decreased victimization and increased support of vulnerable community members by the most appropriate agency.</p>

OUR VISION

Safe Communities...
A Secure Ontario

OUR MISSION

To serve our province by
protecting its citizens,
upholding the law
and preserving
public safety.

OUR VALUES

Serving with
PRIDE,
PROFESSIONALISM
& **HONOUR**

Interacting with
RESPECT,
COMPASSION
& **FAIRNESS**

Leading with
INTEGRITY,
HONESTY
& **COURAGE**



Always doing the right things for the right reasons

CONTACT THE OPP

Know your location - be ready to describe the situation and your location. Look for addresses, landmarks and buildings that may help identify your location.

REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property
 - to stop or report a crime in progress
 - to report a fire
 - to report a life-threatening medical emergency
 - Don't hang up, stay on the line
- To report non-life-threatening incidents that require a police response, use the non-emergency line (1-888-310-1122) or go to opp.ca/reporting
- TTY 1-888-310-1133 or agent 511 for registered subscribers may be used for individuals in the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired (DHHSI) community to contact police
- For all administrative inquiries or to schedule an appointment, find contact information for your local detachment at opp.ca/detachments

PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.crimestoppers.ca

REPORT AN INCIDENT ONLINE

- The OPP offers online reporting for minor, non-emergency occurrences in areas of OPP jurisdiction. opp.ca/reporting allows you to submit a report without visiting or calling.
- Use the online reporting tool for:
 - Theft Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000, including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
 - Driving Complaints

If you are reporting an emergency, call 9-1-1.

#KNOWWHENTOCALL

9-1-1 is for emergencies only:
If there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property.

- ✓ a crime in progress
- ✓ a fire
- ✓ a life-threatening medical emergency

Dialed 9-1-1 accidentally? #Be911Ready. Don't hang up, stay on the line and speak with an OPP Communicator to confirm there's no emergency.

The misuse of 911 ties up emergency lines, communicators and officers, which can result in a slower response to a real emergency and risks the safety of people who may need urgent help.

It is against the law to call 9-1-1 as a joke. Prank 9-1-1 calls can be dangerous and waste valuable emergency resources.

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