

Decision Regarding Findings Report INV-24-31 Concerning Policing Provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (Brant County)

Decision By:

Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing

I. INTRODUCTION

[1] This decision addresses a complaint received by the Inspector General of Policing against the Ontario Provincial Police Brant County Detachment (“OPP”), alleging that the police failed to take any action in respect of traffic complaints in the area of Powerline Road and Rest Acres Road. An inspector with Ontario’s Inspectorate of Policing (“IoP”) investigated the complaint to determine whether the OPP had failed to comply with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, SO 2019, c 1, Sch 1 (the “Act”) or its regulations.

[2] Following a review of the inspector’s Findings Report,¹ which is attached to this decision as Appendix A, and for the reasons that follow, I conclude that the OPP has complied with the Act and the regulations.

II. BACKGROUND

[3] The complainant reported that there was a lack of OPP presence and traffic enforcement in the period from September 1, 2023 to May 1, 2024 in a specific stretch of roadway. The complainant alleges they have observed vehicles speeding, trucks using their engine brakes, and drivers on their cellular phones.

[4] OPP records include details of the OPP’s work with the Brant Safe Streets Committee, a county initiative which engages the community to create safer roads for everyone. The OPP had engaged with this Committee.

[5] Automated speed monitoring cameras were deployed in the impugned area during two time-periods, which revealed some moderate speeding in the area.

[6] Additionally, The OPP received 4 traffic complaints between September 1, 2023 and September 1, 2024. There were also 5 motor vehicle collisions during the pertinent time-period – however, 4 of the collisions were between a vehicle and a wild animal.

[7] Finally, OPP officers reported and recorded patrols of the area. In one patrol event, there were no violations reported. Overall, OPP officers conducted 23 traffic stops for the time period identified in the complaint.

¹ Section 123 of the Act requires an IoP inspector who completes an investigation of a complaint to report their findings to the Inspector General. This report is redacted to comply with the *Publication of Findings Reports and Directions under Sections 123 and 125 of the Act Regulation*, O Reg 317/24.

III. ISSUES

[8] Did the OPP fail to provide adequate and effective policing through a lack of traffic enforcement in the area during the identified time-period?

IV. ANALYSIS

[9] In my view, the OPP complied with the applicable provisions of the Act and the *Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* regulation, O Reg 392/23 (the “Regulation”),² concerning crime prevention and enforcement in the context of traffic safety.

[10] Subsection 5(1)(1.) of the Regulation requires that “[c]ommunity patrol shall be provided ... and shall consist of:

- i. general patrol, and
- ii. directed patrol in areas and at the times where it is considered necessary and appropriate.

[11] This obligation is subject to a “reasonableness” standard that is codified in section 2 of the Regulation. Factors that inform the “reasonableness” standard include:

1. The policing needs of the community.
2. The geographic and socio-demographic characteristics of the police service’s area of policing responsibility.
3. The extent to and manner in which the policing function is effectively provided in similar communities in Ontario.
4. The extent to which past provision of the policing function by the police service has been effective in addressing the policing needs of the community.
5. Best practices respecting the policing function.

[12] Notwithstanding the complainant’s concerns, the OPP data revealed that it had clearly maintained a reasonable traffic safety presence in the area, as evidenced by 23 traffic stops during the period identified in the complaint. In addition, based on traffic collision data, there is no basis to suggest that the level of traffic safety enforcement has not correlated with the available public safety indicators.

² Enacted pursuant to the Act.

[13] As much as some may wish, the police cannot be everywhere, covering every inch of roadway, at all times. Police must prioritize the deployment of their resources, including directed patrols. Doing this based on ascertainable data, community engagement, calls for service, and trends analysis is the high water-mark for how policing operations should be managed.

[14] The way the OPP approach traffic safety decision-making in Brant County is a good example of how I expect police services in Ontario to make evidence-based prevention and enforcement deployment decisions.

[15] In particular, I commend the OPP for their engagement with local community groups such as the Brant Safe Streets Committee, and for using that engagement to assist in identifying traffic safety priorities for the detachment. I also commend the OPP for its evidence-based approach to traffic enforcement in the Brant County area.

V. CONCLUSION

[16] In conclusion, I find that the OPP has complied with the Act and its regulations.

Date: July 30, 2026

Original Signed By

Ryan Teschner
Inspector General of Policing

FINDINGS REPORT

Ontario Provincial Police – Brant County

**Section 107(1)(a) Policing
Complaint Investigation**
(INV-24-31)

Submitted to:
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Ontario

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ABOUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICING AND THE INSPECTORATE OF POLICING

The Inspector General of Policing drives improved performance and accountability in policing and police governance by overseeing the delivery of adequate and effective policing across Ontario. The Inspector General ensures compliance with the province's policing legislation and standards, and has the authority to issue progressive, risk-based and binding directions and measures to protect public safety. Ontario's Community Safety and Policing Act embeds protections to ensure the Inspector General's statutory duty is delivered independently from government.

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In March 2023, Ryan Teschner was appointed as Ontario's first Inspector General of Policing with duties and authorities under the Community Safety and Policing Act. Mr. Teschner is a recognized expert in public administration, policing and police governance.

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INTRODUCTION

This is a report to the Inspector General of Policing by an inspector appointed by the Inspector General, who has completed an investigation under Part VII of the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#) (CSPA).

OVERVIEW OF INVESTIGATION

The Complaint

A written complaint was forwarded by the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) to the Inspector General under the provisions of section 108 of the CSPA. The complainant alleged that between September 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024 the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Brant County Detachment was not taking action in relation to traffic complaints in the area of Powerline Road and Rest Acres Road.

The Subject Police Service

Name of Police Service: Ontario Provincial Police

Service Headquarters: 777 Memorial Avenue, Orillia, ON L3V 7V3

Commissioner: Thomas Carrique

Commissioner since: April 8, 2019

Service Total Strength: (Actual & Authorized – Brant County)

Sworn: Authorized – 70

Actual – 68

Civilian: Authorized – 6

Actual – 6

Geographic Service Area

- 843 Square Kilometers
- Community Population of approximately 39,474

Applicable Legislative and Regulatory Provisions

[Section 11\(1\)](#) of the CSPA provides that adequate and effective policing means all of the following functions provided in accordance with the standards set out in the regulations, including the standards with respect to the avoidance of conflicts of interest, and with the requirements of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Human Rights Code*:

1. Crime prevention.
2. Law enforcement.
3. Maintaining the public peace.
4. Emergency response.
5. Assistance to victims of crime.
6. Any other prescribed policing functions.

[Ontario Regulation 392/23: ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE POLICING \(GENERAL\)](#)

was reviewed having regard to the allegations made in the complaint.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

Complainant Interview

The complainant indicated that he felt that between September 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024, there was a lack of presence by the OPP, and that temporary speed cameras should have been installed in the area on a permanent basis. The complainant noted excessive speeding, trucks using their engine brakes and drivers on their cellular phones as the most common issues.

OPP Brant County Records

OPP Brant County provided the following information in response to the complaint:

OPP Brant County searched the records management system for any motor vehicle collision occurrences, traffic complaint occurrences, and traffic enforcement occurrences for the period of September 1, 2023 to May 1, 2024. The location researched was Powerline Rd from Bishopsgate Rd to Rest Acres Rd.

In total there were five (5) motor vehicle collisions. Four (4) of these collisions were single vehicle collisions involving wild animals. One (1) collision was a single vehicle collision involving a transport truck. For unknown reasons the driver entered the ditch. The driver was charged accordingly.

Consultation was conducted with the Brant Safe Streets Committee. Brant Safe Streets Committee is a county initiative which engages the community to create safer roads for everyone. Members of the Committee include the Director of Roads, Transportation Safety Specialist, Road Operations Manager, Roads Technologist and members of Brant OPP. Members of the public can report road safety concerns directly to the Brant Safe Street Committee.

The Committee considers engineering, education and enforcement in collaboration with the Brant OPP when evaluating community concerns. The Committee advised that they have received complaints regarding speeding on this section of Powerline Rd. Automated speed monitoring cameras were deployed in the area during two time periods. Table 1 provides data collected from June 6 – 14, 2023, while Table 2 provides data collected within the August 8 – November 11, 2024 time period.

Table 1:

Direction	Posted Speed Limit	Average Speed	Average Daily Traffic
Eastbound	50 km/h	62	1747 Vehicles Per Day
Westbound	50 km/h	64	1717 Vehicles Per Day

Table 2:

Direction	Posted Speed Limit	Average Speed	Average Daily Traffic
Eastbound	50 km/h	55	1897 Vehicles Per Day
Westbound	50 km/h	67	1379 Vehicles Per Day

In total, there were four (4) traffic complaints made by citizens during the period of September 1, 2023 to September 1, 2024. In 3 of the 4 incidents, officers reported patrols of the area were to be conducted. In 1 of the 4 incidents the officer reported no violations. Additionally, officers conducted 23 traffic stops for this same period demonstrating a proactive presence in the area of the complaint.

For the same period, and as a result of complaints to the Brant Safe Street Committee for this area, Brant Safe Streets Committee installed automated speed monitoring cameras to gather data on traffic in the area. Table 1 and Table 2 reflect the findings. The average speed of vehicles ranged from 55 km/hr to 67km/hr with a maximum speed recorded of 78 km/hr. The data did not indicate excessive speeds.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

I make the following findings, relying on the information collected during the investigation and summarized in part above:

1. OPP Brant County Detachment conducted active monitoring and enforcement in relation to the four traffic complaints received by the Brant Safe Streets Committee made in the area specified by the complainant for the period of time from September 1, 2023 May 1, 2024.

- a. The OPP conducted 23 vehicle stops where either provincial offence notices were issued, or warnings were given to the driver.
- b. The Brant County OPP are members of the Brant Safe Streets Committee. Four separate traffic complaints received by this committee during this period of time resulted in automated speed monitoring devices being utilized in the complaint area on two occasions. The results indicated that during the noted period of time the recorded speeds were not excessive.

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