

June 13, 2025

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting my attendance at the recent Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) conference. As a newly appointed member of the Police Services Board representing the Town of Amaranth, this opportunity was invaluable in helping me build a deeper understanding of the responsibilities, challenges, and evolving landscape of police governance in Ontario.

Attending the conference provided a strong foundation for my role, allowing me to connect with experienced board members, municipal leaders, and policing professionals from across the province. These connections have already proven to be a great resource and will continue to support me in making informed, community-focused contributions to the board on behalf of Amaranth.

One of the most impactful presentations was delivered by members of Peel Regional Police on *"Meeting the Needs and Demands of a Changing Community by Improving Service Delivery Through the Development of a Culturally Responsive Approach."* Their insights were especially relevant as we begin to see changes in Amaranth's demographic makeup. With new residents from diverse backgrounds choosing to make Amaranth their home, it's important that we, as a community and as a governing body, are proactive in understanding and planning for evolving community needs — including equitable and inclusive service delivery.

Additionally, hearing from the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, and Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing for Ontario, added valuable context on provincial priorities and the future of policing oversight and accountability.

Overall, this experience has better equipped me to serve effectively on the Police Services Board and to represent Amaranth with foresight, inclusivity, and a deeper understanding of the broader policing landscape.

Thank you again for your support.

Mike Botelho,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Botelho". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Botelho" clearly distinguishable.