



# Northern Exposure 3.0

Halton Police Services Board Presentation



OACP



# OPERATION NORTHERN EXPOSURE

## 2025



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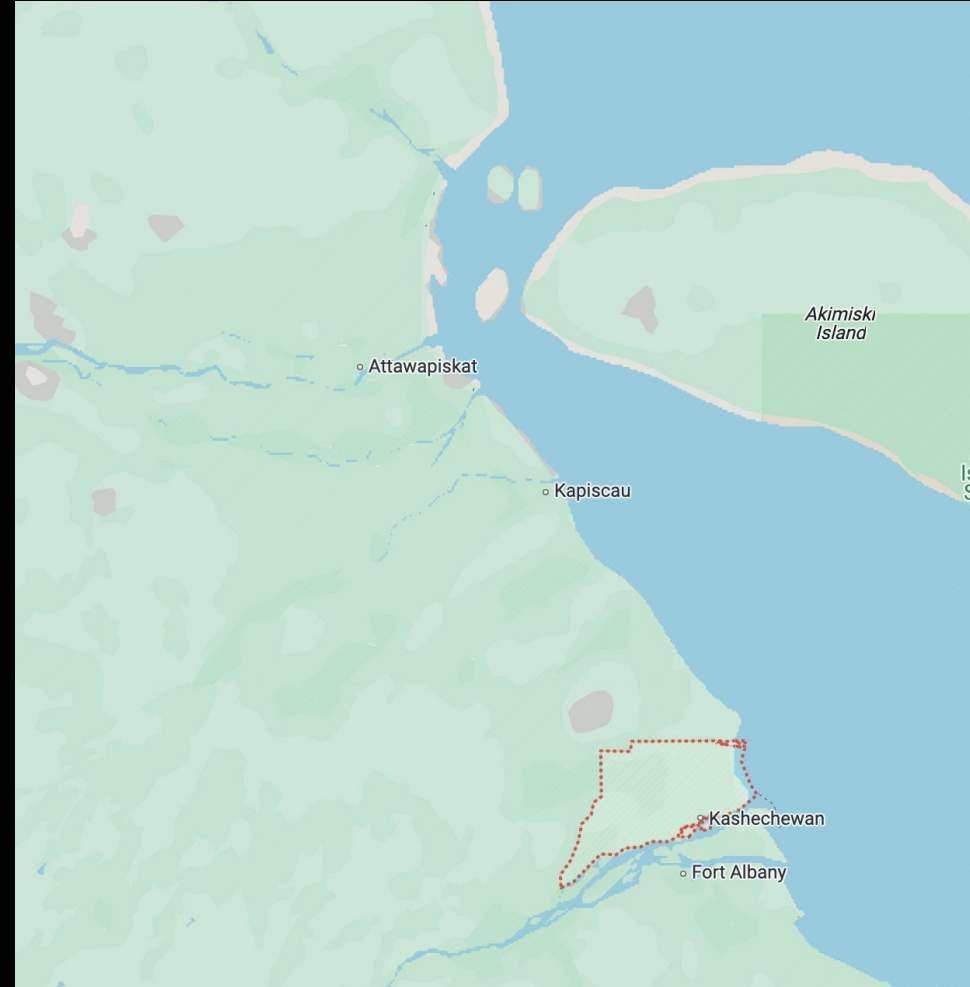
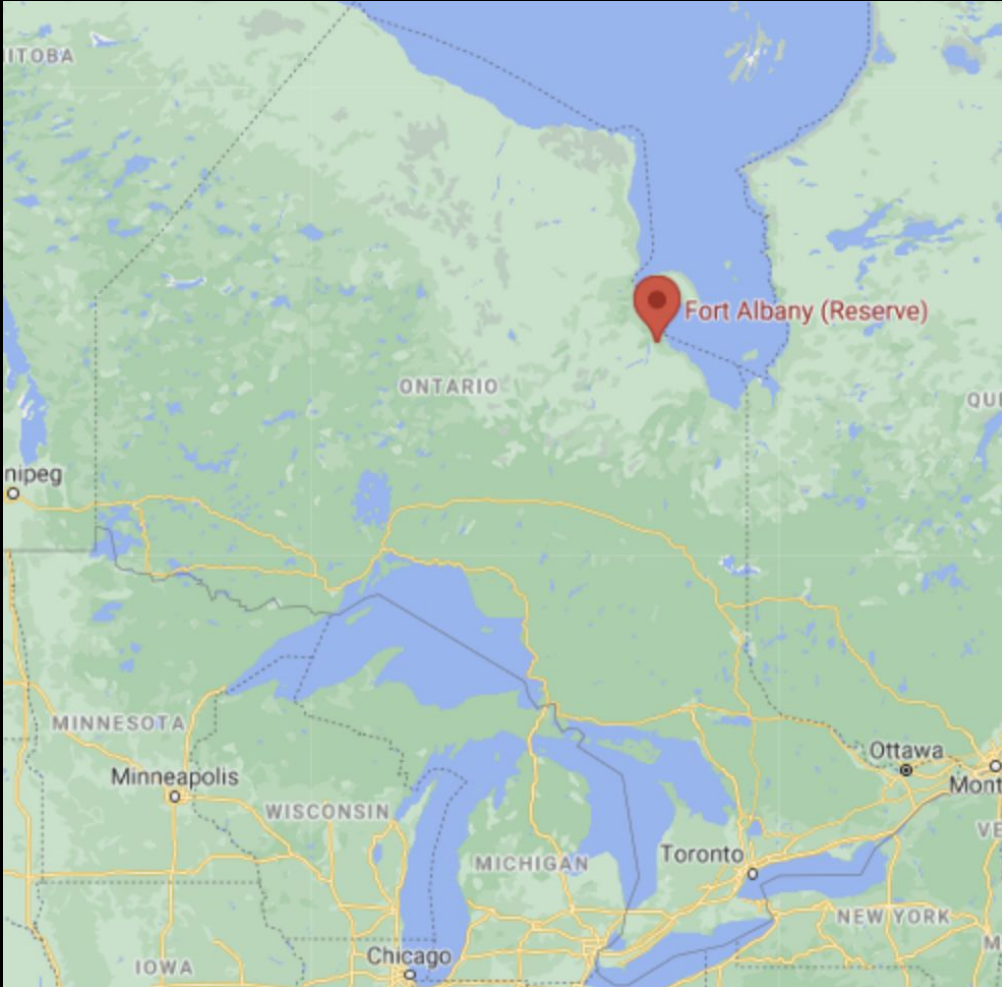
- 6 Halton Officers
- Various levels of policing experience (6 yrs - 28 yrs)
- 2 Weeks duration (March 25 - April 7)
- 2 Officers per Community





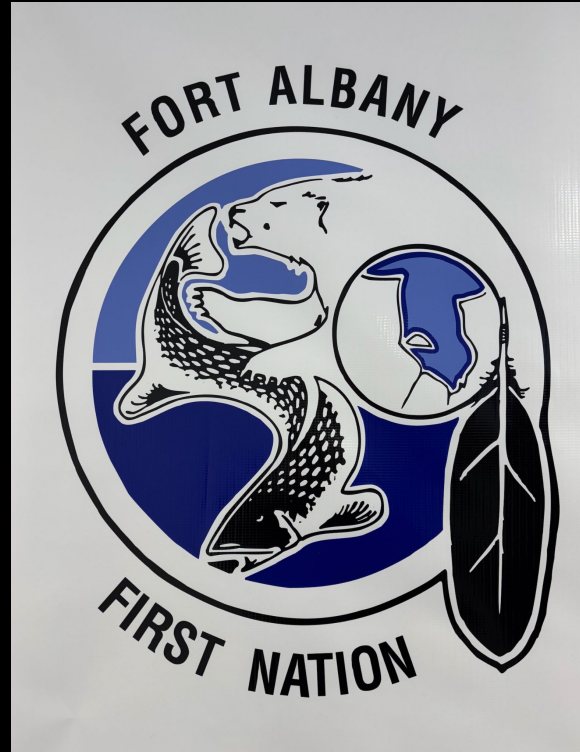


# First Nations Communities



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- Fort Albany
- Kashechewan
- Attawapiskat







# Orientation

- First 2 days learning about culture, traditions, history
- Impact of residential schools
- Tour community

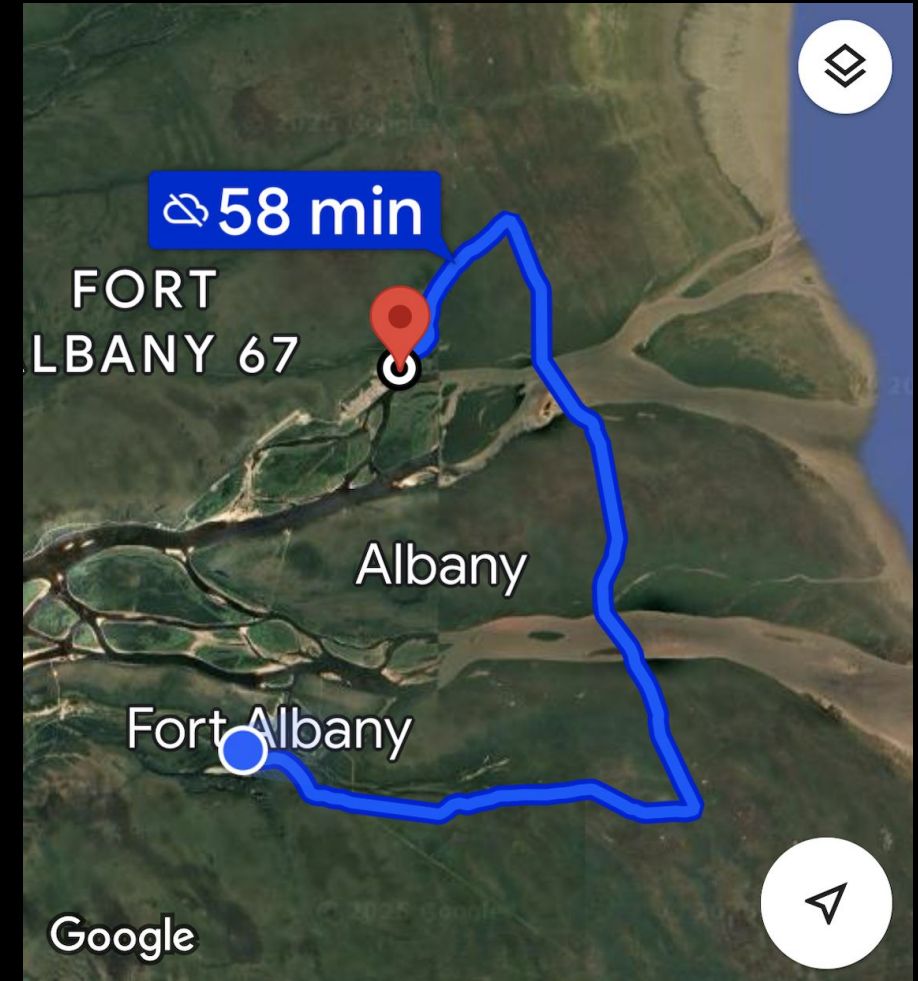




# Ice Roads Crucial



- Connect Attawapiskat to Moosonee
- Majority of goods (trucks)
- Also alcohol & drugs







# Dogs Everywhere! (carry a stick)





# Dry Communities







# Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS)





# Attawapiskat Detachment





# NAPS

- Attawapiskat - 5 officers working (4 Constables, 1 Sgt)
- 2 Week rotation
- 1 week days / 1 week nights, 12 hour shifts
- Most senior officer - 8 yrs experience (sgt)
- Other 4 officers less than 2 yrs experience
- Backup / Support 2 hrs away minimum (by plane)
- Weather may extend deployment (planes can't fly)







# Officer Exchange Benefits

- Share experience & perspective
- Learn different approach & style to community engagement
  - Communication is key
  - Respectful
  - Policing is more personal
  - Small communities - see these people every day
  - Community may be your only backup / help



# Community Engagement!





# Community Challenges

- Isolation
- Climate
- Boredom - few things to do
- Feelings of being “trapped” (nowhere to go?)
- Poverty
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Alcohol & drug addictions
- Expensive (goods, groceries, gas)
- High suicide rates



# Community Peace Keepers

- Employed by Band Council
- Search Vehicles entering reserve land (drugs/alcohol)
- Search homes if necessary
- Police do not participate but are present to keep the peace



# What did we learn?

- Good communication skills vital
- Professional, polite, courteous policing goes a long way
- Seeing & speaking to community members & Band Council helped aid understanding community challenges
- There's no simple solution to make things better
- We are very fortunate in Halton





# Spectacular Northern Lights



