

Canadian Association of Police Governance Update

The Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) is a national board with two representatives from each province that has police boards or commissions. Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Quebec do not have police acts that mandate civilian oversight of police services. Its focus is to provide members with knowledge and training to help in the governance and oversight role. Each province has different Police Acts but there are common roles across the country regarding civilian oversight.

Nova Scotia is currently represented by Wayne Talbot, Truro town councilor and chair of Truro Police Board, and Carole McDougall, Vice Chair, Halifax Board of Police Commissioners. The board meets bi-monthly by conference call. All members are required to sit on a committee and committees meet monthly by conference call. Face to face board meetings are held in advance of the annual conference, in September at an annual planning retreat and in the spring when the board members meet with Members of Parliament and Senators to discuss Public Safety issues and concerns. The provincial NSAPG reimburses expenses for two of these meetings while the 'home' board pays for the third.

CAPG offers monthly webinars for board education, awareness and training on current issues. The full year subscription to seminars is \$1000 for 12 or \$100 for individual sessions. Topics for 2020 include: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Canadian Policing and the Board's role; Risk Management for Police Boards; MMIWG Recommendations and Police Board Policies; Modernization of Police Recruitment; Board's Role in Mental Wellness for Police and First Responders; Effective Chief Evaluations; Board and Police Association Relations.

CAPG holds an annual conference and the first day of the CAPG conference is devoted to First Nations issues and is open to all First Nations Policing services. In 2020, the conference will be held in Victoria BC on August 20-23 followed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) Conference.

Carole McDougall, Vice Chair of the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners, is a member of the First Nations Council of the CAPG board and on the planning committee for the First Nations Conference. The Chair of the Council had standing to present to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Inquiry. Commissioner McDougall will share the recommendations from the Vancouver Police Response Report regarding the Inquiry when available.