Report on work of Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)
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The Canadian Association of Police Governance is a national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance. Founded in 1989, it is the national voice of civilian oversight of municipal police. CAPG serves its members with training and networking opportunities, collaborates police services leaders and associations as well as federal, provincial and municipal governments. The Board of Directors of CAPG is made up of two members from each province (three from Ontario) as well as three First Nations members, all focused on governance of police services in their community. Each province proposes members who are elected for two-year terms at the annual general meeting in August.

Nova Scotia's two representatives are chosen and recommended by the NSAPG. Generally, one member represents Halifax or Sydney (the two largest commissions) and the other is from another municipal commission. Currently, Wayne Talbot, Deputy Mayor, Truro and Chair of the Truro Police Commission and Carole McDougall represent Nova Scotia on the national board. Wayne Talbot is also Vice Chair of the national board. Carole McDougall is chairing the 2021 Annual Conference which is scheduled to be held in Ottawa if possible.

Update:

CAPG National Board Meetings: The National Board of CAPG met virtually in January. Topics included reports from committee chairs on conference planning for the annual conference, governance committee review of policies, advocacy topics for national consideration, research and policy initiatives, First Nations progress on self-administered policing and relations with Public Safety as well as a finance and audit update.

Monthly Webinars: Webinars on Victims Rights and Police Governance led by Heidi Illingworth, Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime (January) and Evaluation of Police Leadership through Effective Engagement with Ryan Teschner, Executive Director of the Toronto Police Services Board (February) were held and are available for all board members to view on the CAPG website. The next webinar will be held March 11 and will be led by Ontario's new Inspector General of Policing, Devon Clunis.

Governance Training: Governance training through Governance Summits are being planned with the first one scheduled for April 27, 11-3. The topic is Governance 101: A Refresher for Police Boards and Commissions. Pricing and registration dates are still to be determined.