

**Report on work of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)**

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**Background**

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 with police service 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 province. First Nations members are focused on the role of governance for Self-Administered Police Services on reserve. Each province proposes members who are elected for two-year terms at the annual general meeting held in August or late September.

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, Vice Chair, Halifax Board of Police Commissioners, represent Nova Scotia on the national board.

**February 2022 Update**

The national board of CAPG met virtually with Public Safety Minister Marc Mendicino in January 2022. Board members represent communities from across the country and each member on the call updated the Minister and his staff on the issues in their area. The Minister seemed to be familiar with the unique policing collaboration in Halifax. An in-person meeting for the board is being planned for June 3-7 and there is the potential to include the Minister in one of the sessions.

Two webinars have taken place in January and February: one session was focused on Governance and the other on the Thin Blue Line. Both were recorded and available for commissioners to view at any time using the link sent following the session.

The national CAPG in-person conference is scheduled for September 7-11, 2022. As in other years, the first day is dedicated to the First Nations Police Governance Conference. It will be a hybrid conference allowing people to attend or participate from home.

The next meeting of the CAPG board is in March 2022.

**Webinars planned for the remainder of 2022. Additional sessions may be added.  
(Commissioners will receive links in advance of the webinar.)**

2022 March - Churn at the Top – Why is it so hard to get and keep the right Chief?

April- Leaning on the Community. Does your Community Engagement Plan Work?

2022 May - CAPG Research Roundtable

2022 June - Predictive Policing & Charter Issues Munk School of Business

2022 August - Lessons Learned from a Pandemic

2022 September - Artificial Intelligence & Police Policy, Privacy & Operations

2022 October- Successful Recruitment Strategies

2022 November - Excellence in Police Governance in Canada – are we there yet?

2022 December - Measuring the Success of your Police Leadership