

Report on work from Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG)

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Background

The Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG) is a provincial organization, (established in 1991), that exists to support Municipal Boards of Police Commissions and Advisory Boards in the province. Goals include collecting and sharing police governance information, identifying training opportunities to inform members of their role and responsibilities, providing networking opportunities for members and discussing policy concerns that have a provincial impact affecting police services in Nova Scotia. The NSAPG board meets at least three times a year and co-hosts an annual conference with the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association in September, each year.

The NSAPG board is composed of a member from each of the ten Municipal Board of Police Commissions and five Advisory Board members - one from each of the five zones established by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. These five represent the 29 Advisory Boards from across the province. The Executive Committee, elected at the Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with the conference, meets at least three times per year or as needed.

May 2022 Update

A provincial workshop was held on April 22, 2022, with keynote speaker, Hayley Crichton, Executive Director of Public Safety and Security, DOJ. She spoke about areas of interest that have the potential to impact NS DOJ policing priorities. The areas included audit modernization of services, Provincial policing priorities (relating to human trafficking and gender-based violence, serious and organized crimes, hate crimes, emergency response and coordination, First Nations policing, Wortley, mental health and vacancy management), Inquiry outcomes (Mass Casualty Commission and Desmond Inquiry) and new training modules for Boards and Commissions in Nova Scotia.

The workshop also included the Annual General meeting of the NSAPG and officers were elected to serve as President, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. The position of Vice President is vacant. David Walker was re-elected as President.

The President has been in contact with Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police to review planning and coordination for a joint conference to be held in the fall. This will be a welcome return to the in-person gathering that has traditionally been held annually.