

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 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.

June 2022 Update

The national Board of CAPG met in person June 3-7 in Ottawa. The schedule included a board meeting, strategic planning session to establish priorities for 2022-2024, and a day of meetings with Senator, Ministers, MPs and senior staff from Public Safety Canada. Each board member was asked to arrange a meeting with their MP if possible. Board members met in person with The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister Responsible for Official Languages and ACOA, The Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, Dr. Stephen Ellis, MP for Cumberland-Colchester, Andy Fillmore, MP for Halifax and Senator Kim Pate. Zoom meetings with Senator Bev Busson, Senator Gwen Boniface and senior staff for Public Safety took place in the meeting room. The meetings with external stakeholders were arranged to educate and bring awareness of the governance role of the national organization. It was a truly energizing number of days for all members after seeing each other on Zoom since March 2020.

Jennifer Malloy, Executive Director of CAPG, indicated that she is interested in working part time, starting in January 2024 so the President and Executive have been tasked with developing a plan to manage a new staff structure for the organization.

Webinars planned for the remainder of 2022. Topics are subject to change if speaker availability changes. Additional sessions may be added.

(Commissioners will receive links in advance of the webinar.)

2022 June – Community Safety and Well Being: presentation by the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention

2022 July - 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