



Item No. 10.2.3
Board of Police Commissioners
April 2, 2025

TO: Chair O'Malley and Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 24, 2025

SUBJECT: **Appointment to the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance Board**

ORIGIN

This is a staff generated report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Police Commissioners appoint one member to serve on the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance board.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Policy Manual (Board Roles and Responsibilities) states that "The Board supports the purpose of the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance and Canadian Association of Police Governances, and shall be a member of both organizations."

The Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance (NSAPG) is a provincial organization, established in 1991, that exists to support Boards of Police Commissioners and Police Advisory Boards in Nova Scotia.

The purpose of the NSAPG includes 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 on police services and police boards in Nova Scotia.

The NSAPG board meets four times a year, including an AGM in May and co-hosting an annual conference with the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association in September. One board meeting is scheduled around

the NSFM fall workshops in Halifax. The fourth meeting is usually virtual, lasting 1 to 2 hours. NSAPG board members are asked to bring information discussed back to their boards, and to bring issues of concern forward to the NSAPG. This year's AGM takes place May 22 and 23rd in Truro.

The NSAPG board is composed of a member from each of the ten Boards of Police Commissioners, in addition to five Police Advisory Board members. The Police Advisory Board members come from each of the five zones established by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. These five members represent the 29 Police Advisory Boards from across the province.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications to this report. Any future financial implications arising from implementation of the recommendations will be addressed in staff reports and HRM departmental budgets as required.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Board of Police Commissioners is comprised of four citizen members and three Councillors. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Board are posted on Halifax.ca.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Police Act 2004 section 55 states:

The function of a board is to provide

(a) civilian governance on behalf of the council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime in the municipality; and

(b) the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an adequate, effective and efficient police department

ATTACHMENTS

None

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