



BY-LAW NO. 517-2024

A BY-LAW RESPECTING QUALITY ASSURANCE AND AUDITS

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 WHEREAS subsection 37 (1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, (“CSPA”) provides that a Board shall provide adequate and effective policing in the area for which it has policing responsibility as required by Section 10 of the CSPA;
- 1.2 AND WHEREAS subsection 38 (2) of the CSPA provides that a Police Service Board may establish policies respecting matters related to the Police Service or the provision of policing;
- 1.3 AND WHEREAS O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) (“the Adequacy Regulation”) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;
- 1.4 AND WHEREAS Section 23 of the Adequacy Regulation requires every Police Service Board and Chief of Police to implement a quality assurance process relating to the provision of adequate and effective policing and compliance with the CSPA and the Regulations;
- 1.5 AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to enact this By-law to ensure that the delivery of policing services by the Niagara Regional Police Service complies with the said Act, and Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICE BOARD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “Act” or “CSPA” means the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, and amendments thereto;
- 2.2 “Board” means the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board;
- 2.3 “Chief” means the Chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service;
- 2.4 “Member” means a member of the Niagara Regional Police Service; and
- 2.5 “Service” means the Niagara Regional Police Service.

3 BOARD POLICY

3.1 The cornerstone of effective policing lies in the adherence to clearly defined processes and procedures, coupled with vigilant leadership oversight to ensure their adherence, review, and necessary updates. With a steadfast dedication to accountability and efficacy, the Board is unwavering in its commitment to ensuring the implementation and meticulous execution of a comprehensive quality assurance program within the Niagara Regional Police Service. This approach serves as a proactive measure to mitigate risks and propel the attainment of defined operational objectives.

4 DIRECTION TO THE CHIEF

4.1 The Chief of Police shall:

- 4.1.1 ensure that all practices related to quality assurance and audit functions are in accordance with statutory requirements and generally accepted principles and standards for the professional practice of internal auditing;
- 4.1.2 establish an internal audit capability for the Police Service and ensure that appropriate resources are provided to the Members performing the function;
- 4.1.3 ensure that Police Members involved in audit processes have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform the duties required, and that adequate training and education are provided to members to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities;
- 4.1.4 develop an internal audit work plan, on an annual basis, based on risk assessment and operational priorities, that identifies potential audit projects to be performed during the calendar year and provide a copy of the plan to the Board;
- 4.1.5 present to the Board a consolidated report summarizing the results of the previous year's audits, including any audits conducted externally;
- 4.1.6 inform the Board, as required, of any audit results that may require the immediate attention of the Board.

5 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

5.1 The Chief of Police shall submit a report to Board annually demonstrating compliance with this By-law.

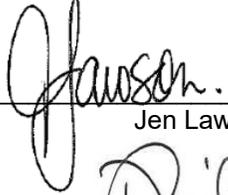
6 IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 This By-law shall come into force on the date of its passage.

6.2 The Chief shall implement this By-law, where applicable, through General Order.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 23rd day of May, 2024.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICE BOARD



Jen Lawson, Chair



Deb Reid, Executive Director