



**BY-LAW NO. 472-2024**

**A BY-LAW RESPECTING  
COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION**

**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 subsection 39 (1) of the CSPA requires the Board's Strategic Plan include quantitative and qualitative performance objectives and indicators of outcomes relating to, inter alia, community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.4 AND WHEREAS O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;
- 1.5 AND WHEREAS the Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in Section 1 of the CSPA, with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to Section 37 and 38 of the CSPA to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.6 AND WHEREAS the Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in Section 1 of the CSPA, with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to Section 37 and 38 of the CSPA to use members of the police service, auxiliary members, special constables and volunteers in community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.7 AND WHEREAS the Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in Section 1 of the CSPA, with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to Section 37 and 38 of the CSPA to require the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.8 AND WHEREAS the Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish a policy on community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- 1.9 AND WHEREAS Part CP-002 of the Policing Standards Manual (2000), a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, contains guidelines directing the Chief and the Police Service relative to community-based crime prevention initiatives.

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 “Manual” means the Policing Standards Manual published by the Ministry of the Solicitor General;
- 2.5 “Member” means a member of the Niagara Regional Police Service;
- 2.6 “Service” means the Niagara Regional Police Service.

## **3 BOARD POLICY**

- 3.1 Public safety, quality of life and the prevention of crime are of the utmost importance to the Board, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that community-based crime prevention procedures be established by the Chief as directed in this By-law.

## **4 DIRECTION TO THE CHIEF**

### **4.1 PROCEDURES**

- 4.1.1 The Chief shall establish written procedures on community-based crime prevention initiatives in accordance with Appendix A.

### **4.2 SERVICE DELIVERY**

- 4.2.1 The Chief shall identify the need, and recommend service delivery options, for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, calls and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety and community needs.

### **4.3 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

- 4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that the Service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses and neighbouring municipalities or jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives.

### **4.4 COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER**

- 4.4.1 The Chief shall designate a Member who, in addition to other duties, will have overall responsibility for the Service’s involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

## **5 REPORT TO THE BOARD**

- 5.1 The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30<sup>th</sup> of each year in respect of community-based crime prevention initiatives. The report shall include:

- (a) a summary of the written procedures concerning community-based crime prevention initiatives;
- (b) the status of Service compliance with the said procedures;
- (c) a summary of current crime prevention initiatives and an indication of their success; and
- (d) a summary of current concerns, as voiced by the community through the community partnership initiatives.

**6. IMPLEMENTATION**

6.1 By-law No. 192-2000 and all other By-laws, sections of By-laws and procedural policies of the Board inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law are hereby repealed effective March 31, 2024.

6.2 This By-law shall come into force on April 1, 2024.

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

ENACTED AND PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICE BOARD

  
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Jen Lawson, Chair

  
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Deb Reid, Executive Director

**Attachment (1)**

## Legislative/Regulatory Requirements

Section 1(1) of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police service to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives.

Section 1(2)(a) and 1(2)(b) allows a police service to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives by contracting with another police service, entering into arrangements to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives on a combined, regional or cooperative basis, or entering into an agreement with one or more organizations to provide community-based crime prevention initiatives.

Section 2 provides that a police service may use members of the police service, auxiliary members, special constables and volunteers in community-based crime prevention initiatives.

Furthermore, section 29 of the Adequacy Standards Regulation requires a police services board to have a policy on community-based crime prevention initiatives. In addition, section 3 requires the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes on community-based crime prevention initiatives.

## Sample Board Policy

Board Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

It is the policy of the \_\_\_\_\_ Police Services Board with respect to providing community-based crime prevention initiatives that:

- a) the Chief of Police will:
  - i) identify the need, and recommend service delivery options, in accordance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation, for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety and community needs;
  - ii) ensure that the police service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses and neighbouring municipalities or jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives;
  - iii) designate a member to have overall responsibility for the police service's involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives; and
  - iv) establish procedures on crime prevention initiatives; and

- b) this policy does not apply to local crime prevention activities being undertaken by front-line officers and supervisors in accordance with the police service's procedures on problem-oriented policing.

## Police Service Guidelines

### *Procedures*

1. Every Chief of Police should:
  - a) identify the need, and recommend service delivery options to the board, in accordance with the Adequacy Standards Regulation, for community-based crime prevention initiatives based on crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence, road safety and community needs; and
  - b) designate a member to have overall responsibility for the police service's involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives.
2. Every police service's procedures on crime prevention should:
  - a) set out the role of the member who has overall responsibility for the police service's involvement in community-based crime prevention initiatives, including:
    - i) ensuring that the police service works, where possible, with municipalities, school boards, community organizations, neighbourhoods, businesses and neighbouring municipalities or jurisdictions to develop and implement community-based crime prevention initiatives;
    - ii) regularly monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and on-going need for community-based crime prevention initiatives in collaboration with the municipalities, school boards, businesses and community organizations;
    - iii) sharing information with front-line officers and other appropriate members on community-based crime prevention initiatives, including best practices; and
    - iv) sharing information on community-based crime prevention initiatives with other police services, municipalities, government agencies and relevant community and business organizations; and
  - b) address the supervision and use of auxiliaries, special constables and volunteers who are involved in the delivery of the police service's community-based crime prevention initiatives.