

Codiac Regional Policing Authority

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Framework

Police Act

Under s. 1.1(1) of the *Police Act*, the Minister of Justice and Public Safety shall (a) promote the preservation of peace, the prevention of crime, the efficiency of police services and the development of effective policing, and (b) coordinate the work and efforts of police forces and the RCMP within the Province.

Section 1.1(2) of the *Act* provides that the Minister may provide to boards, councils, police forces, a regional policing authority and the RCMP:

(i) information and advice respecting the management and operation of police forces and the RCMP in handling special problems, and

(ii) such other information as the Minister considers to be of assistance.

Finally, Section 1.1 (3) provides that subject to the *Act* and regulations, the Minister may issue guidelines and directives to any police force within the Province for the attainment of the purposes in s. 1.1(1) above.

Governance Guidelines

In 2011, the Department of Public Safety issued the Police Governance and Oversight in New Brunswick Policy Guidelines (“Governance Guidelines”). These Guidelines apply to a regional policing authority, as well as to other models of police governance in use in New Brunswick. The Guidelines offer the following suggested board style and commitment for police governance and oversight bodies:

“As a statutory governance body, the Board must be and must be seen to be:

- a) Operating in all ways mindful of its civic trusteeship obligation to the public and accountability for the governance of the police force;
- b) Independent of the police management and operations, and of political

- affiliations, influence and interest groups;
- c) Subject to the needs of confidentiality and security, open, transparent and accessible to both the public and police force; and
 - d) Responsive to the community.”

Policy

The CRP Authority has adopted the following commitments regarding how it will govern the Regional Police Service.

The CRP Authority must be and must be seen to be:

- Mindful of civic trusteeship in the oversight of an important community service
- Independent of the police management, administration and operations, and of political affiliations, influence or interest groups
- Respectful of the need for confidentiality and security of sensitive information and data
- Open, transparent, accountable and accessible to the community, subject to the needs of confidentiality and security
- Informed on issues relating to policing and willing to remain active in the acquisition and discussion of governance matters, CRP Authority business and policing issues
- Sharing information between the Regional Police and the CRP Authority in an atmosphere that promotes clarity, openness, transparency and trust
- Responsive to the community

The CRP Authority has duties and powers as a group. Individual Members do not have any authority. The Chairperson or a designate has authority only when delegated by collective board decisions.

The CRP Authority governs by by-laws, policies or resolutions.