

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 suggest the following policy regarding the acceptance of giving of gifts, donations, loans or sponsorships by a Police Force:

“The Chief of Police will ensure that any donation, loan or sponsorship accepted by the Force is beneficial to the community as a whole and is handled in a transparent manner.

Accordingly, the Chief will ensure that:

- All donations, loans and sponsorships received by the Force will be reported to the Board as they occur.
- The donation, loan or sponsorship supports the objectives and priorities of

the Board and provides a direct benefit to the community in the form of improved police service, without causing the Force's priorities to be affected.

- The acceptance of any donation, loan or sponsorship must not compromise or bring into question police impartiality or objectivity. In particular, except for rewards, offers of gifts, donations or sponsorships for the purpose of assisting with criminal investigations are not to be accepted.
- The donation, loan or sponsorship is without conditions as to its use or preference to the donor.
- No donation, loan or sponsorship valued at more than \$20,000 is to be accepted without the express permission of the Board.
- All donations, loans and sponsorships must be properly documented including at least the source of the gift, its nature and its size or significance."

Definitions

For the purpose of this Policy, the following definitions apply.

Donation or gift – the act of giving or bestowing an asset that becomes irrevocable upon acceptance by the recipient. A donation of a gift becomes an asset of the donee and comprises a one-time transaction.

Loan – the temporary use of an asset that reverts back to the owner after a specific period of time.

Sponsorship – a person or organization that pays for, in part or in total, a program or activity. Sponsorship helps reduce the cost of an activity over a period of time and infers a relationship between the sponsoring organization and the police.

Policy

The Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Codiac Regional Police Service (CRPS) shall ensure that any donation, loan or sponsorship accepted by the CRPS is beneficial to the community as a whole and is handled in a transparent manner.

Accordingly, the OIC shall ensure that:

1. Any donation, loan or sponsorship accepted by the CPRS supports the objectives and priorities of the CPRS and will provide a direct benefit to the community in the form of improved police service, without causing CPRS priorities to be affected.
2. The acceptance of any donation, gift, loan or sponsorship must not compromise or bring into question police impartiality or objectivity. In particular, except for rewards, offers of donations, gifts, loans or sponsorships for the purpose of assisting with criminal investigations are not to be accepted.
3. The donation, gift, loan or sponsorship is without conditions as to its use or preference to the donor.
4. A procedure is in place that: (a) makes it clear that members of the CPRS must be, and must be perceived to be, impartial and objective in the

performance of their duties; (b) outlines the parameters within which gifts may be accepted by members; and (c) the administrative procedures to be followed.

5. No donation, gift, loan or sponsorship valued at more than \$20,000 is to be accepted without the express permission of the Codiac Regional Policing Authority (CRP Authority).
6. All donations, gifts, loans and sponsorships valued at over \$500 that are received by CRPS or any of its members will be reported to the CRP Authority as part of the quarterly financial report.
7. All donations, gifts, loans or sponsorships valued at over \$50 must be properly documented, including at least the source of the gift, its nature and its size.
8. The OIC will provide an annual report to the CRP Authority outlining the funds received under this Police, their scope and nature, the benefit to the community and any impact on public perception.