

**Town of Yarmouth  
RESPECTING THE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD  
FOR THE TOWN OF YARMOUTH**

Bylaw Name: <b>Respecting the Police Advisory Board for the Town of Yarmouth</b>	
Bylaw No.: <b>TOY 57</b>	
Effective Date: <b>July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007</b>	Amended Date: <b>August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019</b>

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Yarmouth, under the authority of the Police Act, Chapter 31, S.N.S., 2004 as follows:

**1.0 Short Title**

This By-law shall be known as By-law No. 57 and may be cited as the “Police Advisory Board By-law”.

**2.0 Definitions**

In this By-law:

- a. “Board” means the Police Advisory Board for the Town of Yarmouth;
- b. “Chief Officer” means the Chief Officer of the Town of Yarmouth RCMP;
- c. “Council” means the Council of the Town of Yarmouth;
- d. “Town of Yarmouth RCMP” means the Chief Officers and members of the Town of Yarmouth RCMP detachment;
- e. “RCMP” means the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

**2.1** The Council hereby establishes the Police Advisory Board for the Town of Yarmouth.

**3.0 Membership**

The Council shall appoint to the Board:

- a. two members of Council appointed by resolution of the Council;
- b. three members appointed by resolution of the Council, who are neither members of Council nor employees of the Town; and

**3.1** The Minister responsible for the Police Act shall appoint one member to serve on the Board pursuant to Section 57(3)(c) of the Police Act.

**3.2** The five members appointed by Council to the Board shall hold office for such term as Council may direct.

**3.3** The Chief Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town shall receive notice of the meetings of the Board and are entitled to attend such meetings but are not entitled to vote.

**3.4** The Town Council shall be entitled to dismiss a member of the Board appointed by the Town by resolution of the Council;

**3.5** Where a member of the Board appointed by Town Council is unable to carry out the duties as a member of the Board by reason of illness, absence or any other reason, the Town Council may appoint by resolution some other person to act as or be a member of the Board in the place or stead of the absent member.

**3.6** Each member of the Board shall take an oath of office or affirmation as prescribed by regulation and adhere to a code of conduct prescribed by the regulations to the Police Act.

#### **4.0 Procedure**

A Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board shall be chosen by the members of the Board at the first meeting in each year. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his or her absence the Vice-Chair shall preside.

**4.1** The Chair shall determine the meeting schedule and a regular scheduled meeting of the Board shall take place at least every three months.

**4.2** A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

**4.3** Meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, but matters relating to discipline, personnel conduct, contract negotiations or security of police operations may be conducted in private upon the Board passing a motion to do so.

#### **5.0 Powers of the Board**

The Board shall provide advice to the Council in relation to the enforcement of law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime in the Town of Yarmouth.

**5.1** The Board shall:

- a. determine, in consultation with the Chief Officer or the Chief Officer's designate, priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services in the community;
- b. ensure the Chief Officer establishes programs and strategies to implement the priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services;
- c. ensure that community needs and values are reflected in policing priorities, objectives, goals, programs and strategies;
- d. ensure that police services are delivered in a manner consistent with community values, needs and expectations;
- e. act as a conduit between the community and the Yarmouth Town RCMP;
- f. recommend policies, administrative and organizational direction for the effective management of the Yarmouth Town RCMP; and

- g. review with the Chief Officer or the Chief Officer’s designate information provided by the Chief Officer respecting complaints and internal discipline.

<b>Clerk’s Annotation for Official Bylaw Book</b>	
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I certify that this ‘Police Advisory Board Bylaw’ was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
Town Clerk:	Date:

**Amended**

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