Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Bail and Violent Crime
2026-LE-047

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1.0 Authority

1.1 Part XVI of the *Criminal Code of Canada* deals with bail for criminal offenders;

1.2 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;

1.3 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;

1.4 Subsection 6 (1) 4 xii O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General) prescribes that a Chief of Police shall establish procedures and processes with respect to bail and violent crime;

1.5 The Board deems it appropriate that it has a policy respecting bail and violent crime;

NOW THEREFORE THE PETERBOROUGH POLICE SERVICE BOARD APPROVES AND ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

2.0 Definitions

In this Policy:

2.1 **"Act" or "CSPA"** means the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1* as amended;

2.2 **"Board"** means the Peterborough Police Service Board;

2.3 **"Chief"** means the Chief of the Peterborough Police Service;

2.4 **"Chief Judge"** means the local administrative judge in conjunction with the Regional Senior Justice;

2.5 **"Crown Attorney"** means the Crown Attorney for the Judicial District of Peterborough County, Central East Region, and the Federal Prosecutor;

2.6 **"Member"** means a member of the Peterborough Police Service;

2.7 **"Service"** means the Peterborough Police Service.

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that issues relating to bail and in particular, bail for persons accused of violent crimes are important components of investigative and preventative policing, and it is therefore the policy of this Board that such issues be dealt with in a professional and thorough manner, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Opposing Bail on Secondary Grounds

4.1.1 The Chief shall develop a procedure on bail and violent crimes that addresses whether to recommend opposing bail.

4.2 Preparation of the Bail Hearing Brief

4.2.1 The Chief shall establish procedures on bail and violent crime that address the preparation of the show cause report.

4.3 Pre-Hearing Notifications

4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that the Service's procedure on bail provides for advance notification of the bail hearing to the appropriate Crown Attorney.

4.4 **Post-Bail Hearing Notifications**

4.4.1 The Chief shall establish procedures for post-bail hearing notification.

4.5 **Breach of Bail Conditions**

4.5.1 The Chief shall ensure that the procedures that deal with breach of bail conditions.

4.6 **Training**

4.6.1 The Chief shall ensure that Members involved with bail have the requisite knowledge, skill and abilities.

5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 The Chief shall report to the Board on the Service's implementation of this Policy as follows:

5.1.1 In response to questions from the Board regarding Service procedures developed pursuant to the policy, either verbally at a meeting when the question is asked, or in writing at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, as directed by the Board; and

5.1.2 Within thirty days of the Chief becoming aware of a breach of Service procedures developed pursuant to this policy that the Chief in his sole discretion determines to be a significant breach that is likely to result in liability for or reputational damage to the Board or the Service, the Chief shall:

a) report to the Board verbally regarding the matter at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

b) provide periodic verbal updates as directed by the Board at subsequent meetings pending completion of internal and external proceedings regarding the matter; and

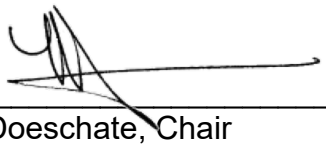
c) after the conclusion of all internal and external proceedings regarding the matter, provide a written report to the Board explaining:

i) the breach;
ii) the circumstances surrounding the breach;
iii) the Chief's liability or reputational concerns; and
iv) the corrective measures taken, including amendments to the procedure to guard against future breaches.

6.0 Implementation

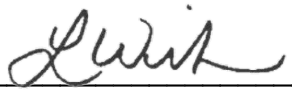
6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-LE-047 Bail and Violent Crime which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-023 Bail and Violent Crime, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date



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October 20, 2026
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