Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Hate/Bias Motivated Crime and Hate Propaganda Offences
2026-LE-033

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1.0 Authority

1.1 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 in the area for which it has policing responsibility as required by section 10 of the CSPA;

1.2 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 O. Reg. 392/23: Adequacy and Effective Policing (General) prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of police services;

1.4 The Board deems it appropriate that the Chief of Police develops and maintains procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing investigations into hate propaganda offences and hate/bias motivated crimes;

1.5 Section 15 of O. Reg. 395/23: Investigations requires that at least one member of a Special Investigative Team as described in that section is primarily responsible for investigating hate crimes;

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 **"Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes"** means a criminal offence committed against a person or property that is based solely or partly upon the victim's race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability;

2.5 **"Hate Propaganda Offences"** means:

a) any offence that promotes or advocates genocide;
b) any statement that is made in a public place that incites hatred against an identifiable group that is likely to lead to a breach of the peace; and
c) any statement, other than in private conversation, that willfully promotes hatred against an identifiable group;

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 is concerned over the occurrence of hate propaganda offences and hate/bias motivated crimes in the community and the impact on victims, groups and the wellbeing of the community.

3.2 The Board recognizes that the investigation of complaints of hate propaganda offences and hate/bias motivated crimes is a priority for the police service.

3.3 The Board believes that the police service must commit to assuming a leadership role in coordinating policing community responses to hate propaganda offences and hate/bias motivated crimes.

3.4 The Board believes that the police service must commit to keeping the community appropriately informed on the occurrence of hate propaganda offences and hate/bias motivated crimes and the status of the police investigation into such occurrences.

3.5 It is therefore the policy of this Board that investigations into such matters be conducted professionally and thoroughly, and in accordance with the procedures established by the Chief as directed in this Policy.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

4.1 Procedures

4.1.1 The Chief shall develop and implement written procedures for the investigation of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes in accordance with the guidelines set out in this policy.

4.2 Monitoring

4.2.1 The Chief shall develop and implement written procedures to monitor all responses to complaints of Hate Propaganda Offences and/or Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes to ensure compliance with the said procedures.

4.3 Information to the Community

4.3.1 The Chief shall ensure that community organizations, school boards, victims' organizations, social service agencies, and the media are aware that the Service has developed written procedures for the investigation of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes.

4.4 Community Plan

4.4.1 The Chief shall ensure that the Services works, where possible, with community organizations, school boards, victims' organizations and social service agencies to respond to and mitigate against the continuation of Hate Propaganda Offences and hate/Bias Motivated Crimes and to counter the activities of organized hate groups in the community.

4.5 Training

4.5.1 The Chief shall ensure that all Members are advised of this Policy and further that all Members are advised of the written procedures of the Service for the investigation of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes.

4.5.2 The Chief shall ensure that Members involved in the investigation of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities and that at least one member of a team primarily responsible for investigating hate/bias motivated crimes and hate propaganda offences completes prescribed training.

5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 The Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before June 30 of each year in respect of the investigation of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes. The report shall include:

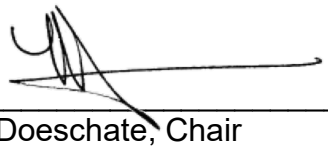
a) a summary of the written procedures concerning the investigation of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes, including changes since the date of the last report;
b) the status of Service compliance with the said procedures;
c) confirmation that Members dealing with Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes have been trained in accordance with section 4.5; and
d) a report on the Service's involvement in community organizations to prevent the repetition of Hate Propaganda Offences and Hate/Bias Motivated Crimes.

6.0 Implementation

6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-LE-033 Hate/Bias Motivated Crime and Hate Propaganda Offences which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-007 Hate Bias Motivated Crime, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.

6.3 That Policy #LE-008 Hate Propaganda, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair
Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
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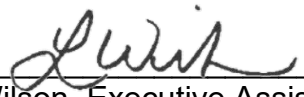

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