Peterborough Police Service Board

Policy
Waterways Policing
2026-LE-057

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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 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 Section 10 (6) of the CSPA provides that a Board or the Commissioner shall provide policing in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water in the area for which the Board or the Commissioner has policing responsibility;

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

1.5 O. Reg. 398/23: Alternative Provision of Policing Functions, Section 2(3).8 permits the provision of Waterways Patrol by another police service;

1.6 The Board has deemed it appropriate and consistent with the principles set out in Section 1 of the CSPA and with its objectives and priorities determined pursuant to Sections 37 and 38 of the CSPA to require the Chief of Police to establish procedures and processes in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water within that municipality;

1.6 The Board has deemed it appropriate that it establish policies with respect to waterways policing;

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*, and amendments thereto;

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

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

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

2.5 **"Ministry"** means the Ministry of the Solicitor General; and

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

3.0 Board Policy

3.1 The Board recognizes that Waterways Patrol services are an important part of policing, and that the Service does not have a Waterways Patrol Unit. It is therefore the policy of this Board that the Chief use his best efforts to ensure that the Service has access to Waterway Patrol services of another Police Service(s) and surface rescue services of the Peterborough Fire Department, when required, through a Section 14 agreement.

4.0 Direction to the Chief

Procedures

4.1 The Chief shall, in consultation with the Board, use best efforts to enter into section 14 agreements regarding the provision of Waterways Patrol services.

4.2 The Chief shall develop and implement a procedure directing Service Members on how to access Waterways Patrol services under a section 14 agreement.

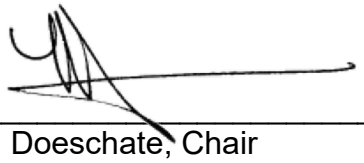
5.0 Report to the Board

5.1 The Chief shall report to the Board on the utilization of Waterways Patrol under a section 14 agreement if such utilization is likely to cause reputational damage to the Board or the Service, or to cause significant liability for the Board.

6.0 Implementation

6.1 That the Board approves and adopts this Policy #2026-LE-057 Waterways Policing which shall come into force on October 21, 2026.

6.2 That Policy #LE-035 Waterways Policing, enacted on October 20, 2014, is hereby repealed effective October 21, 2026.



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Peterborough Police Service Board

October 20, 2026
Date



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