



DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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March 22, 2024

By Email

Dear Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council,

As you may know, the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) will be coming into force on April 1, 2024. The new legislation replaces the *Police Services Act*, which came into effect in 1990, more than 34 years ago. The CSPA makes significant changes to the legislative structure for policing in Ontario, with the intention of modernizing police service delivery, strengthening police governance and oversight, and improving community safety.

One of the requirements of the CSPA is for Boards to make best efforts to establish an information sharing protocol with their respective municipal Councils. The Board and Regional Council have benefitted from the existing Protocol, and it is suggested that this version be renewed to reflect the new sections of the Act and to reinforce our shared commitment to information exchange and collaboration.

I have attached a copy of the proposed Information Sharing Protocol, which has been approved by the Board, as well as the existing Protocol, which was approved in 2020.

We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

Shaun Collier
Board Chair

c.c.: Peter Moreira

Attachments: Information Sharing Protocol – 2020
Draft Information Sharing Protocol - 2024

PROTOCOL FOR THE SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DURHAM
REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD

AND

THE DURHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 37(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, the Durham Regional Police Service Board is responsible to ensure that adequate and effective policing is provided in the Regional Municipality of Durham; and

WHEREAS subsection 41(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* requires that the Police Service Board file an annual report with Regional Council on:

- the implementation of the Board's Strategic Plan and the achievement of the performance objectives identified in the strategic plan;
- the affairs of the police service; and
- the provision of policing as it relates to any community safety and well-being plans; and,

WHEREAS subsection 41(3) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* requires that the Police Service Board make best efforts to negotiate and enter into a protocol with the Council for the Regional Municipality of Durham that addresses the type and frequency of the information to be shared; and

WHEREAS the Police Service Board and Regional Council benefitted from an Information Sharing Protocol under the *Police Services Act*:

THEREFORE THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE THAT:

1. The Durham Regional Police Service Board shall provide the Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Durham:
 - (a) In January of each year, notice of the dates, times and locations of the Police Service Board monthly meetings;
 - (b) A copy of the public agenda by the Friday preceding the Board's scheduled meeting dates;
 - (c) A copy of the public minutes of the regular Board meetings;
 - (d) Notice of any public meetings, or other consultation processes scheduled by the Board for the development of the Strategic Plan; and

(e) A copy of the Board's Strategic Plan no later than March 31st of the first year covered by the Plan.

2. The Durham Regional Police Service Board shall further:

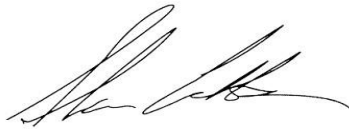
(a) Make the Strategic Plan available to the public no more than 30 days following its release to Regional Council;

(b) Provide copies of the Service's annual report to the Regional Clerk and make it available to the public no later than June 30th of each year;

(c) Ensure that the Chief of Police, or a Deputy Chief of Police, provides a quarterly update to Regional Council; and

(d) Ensure that the Chief of Police, or a Deputy Chief of Police, attends Regional Council budget meetings, at a predetermined date and time, in order to respond to questions about the budget.

For the Police Service Board



Chair Collier

Date:

March 18, 2024

For the Regional Council

Regional Chair Henry

Date:
