



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

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### **Authority/Legislative Reference**

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is committed to engaging with the community to ensure that its policing practices reflect public needs and expectations. This policy outlines the procedures and principles for conducting consultations in compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (the "Act") and relevant regulations.

### **Policy Application**

1. The Board will conduct public consultations to gather input from the community on matters related to policing, policy development, and service delivery. This engagement will help ensure that the Board's decisions and policies are informed by community perspectives and concerns.
2. Public consultations will be carried out through various methods, including public meetings, surveys, focus groups, and online platforms. The methods

chosen will depend on the nature of the issue, the target audience, and the resources available. All methods will be designed to facilitate meaningful and accessible participation by a diverse range of community members, including those with disabilities and those from marginalized or underrepresented groups.

3. The Board will provide clear and timely notice of upcoming consultations. This notice will include information about the purpose of the consultation, how to participate, and any relevant deadlines. Notices will be distributed through multiple channels such as, but not limited to, the Woodstock Police Service website, social media, and community organizations, to ensure broad awareness.
4. During the consultation process, the Board will ensure that all feedback is collected and reviewed in a transparent manner. Public consultations will be conducted in a manner that respects participants' privacy and ensures that their input is considered in the decision-making process. Feedback will be documented, and summaries of the input received may be made available to the public.