



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

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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 aligning the services of the Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") with the community's standards and expectations. To accurately represent public interests, the Board must actively engage with citizens and partner organizations to gain insight into their views and experiences concerning policing and community safety. This interaction will guide the Board in setting priorities, developing policies, managing budgets, and evaluating the fulfilment of community policing needs.

Policy Application

1. Board members are encouraged to participate in a variety of community events, including, public forums and city hall meetings, local festivals and cultural events, school and youth programs, and community safety and wellness initiatives.

2. Participation in community events should align with the Board's objectives and be relevant to the community's interests and concerns.
3. When attending community events, Board members shall represent the Board professionally, adhere to the principles of integrity and respect, and engage with attendees in a constructive and inclusive manner.
4. Board members shall avoid engaging in discussions that may conflict with the Board or its policies.
5. Board members shall seek approval from the Board Chair or designate for participation in events that may have significant impact or media coverage.
6. The Board may undertake the following engagement activities to foster communication and gather feedback:
 - a. meet with the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) to address regional concerns and interests;
 - b. engage with community groups that represent the City's diversity and align with the priorities set out in the Board's Strategic Plan.

Reporting

7. After attending an event, Board members are required to report on their participation, including key observations and feedback gathered, to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.