

## BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS BY-LAW

- 1) This By-law may be cited as the “Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners By-law”
- 2) Chapter 116 of the By-laws of the Town of Bridgewater is hereby repealed.
- 3) “*Police Act*” means *Nova Scotia Police Act, S.N.S. 2004, c.31* and its regulations, as amended from time to time.
- 4) This By-law (Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners By-law) supplements the *Police Act*, and the *Police Act* should be referenced for questions concerning the terminology, clarification, and full administration of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners By-law.
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  - a) The Board shall consist of seven (7) members.
  - b) The members shall be appointed as follows:
    - i) Three (3) members of council appointed by resolution of council;
    - ii) Three (3) residents appointed by resolution of the council, who are neither members of council nor employees of the Town of Bridgewater; and
    - iii) One (1) member appointed by the Minister of Justice.

The resident members’ initial appointments shall be for the following terms:

- a) one resident for the term ending December 31, 2007;
  - b) one resident for the term ending December 31, 2008;
  - c) one resident for the term ending December 31, 2009.
- c) All subsequent appointments of Resident Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, but a member shall be eligible for reappointment for a maximum of two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.
- d) The Town Council of Bridgewater, herein called the “Council”, shall at its last regular meeting of each calendar year, by resolution, make appointments to fill vacancies on the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners, herein referred to as the “Board”, pursuant to Section 44(4) and 45(3) of the *Police Act*, having all the power and duties of such a Board established pursuant to the provisions of the *Police Act*. In the event of an election, Council shall, at its first meeting, subsequent to being sworn in, appoint the members of the Board by resolution.

- Amended  
March 25, 2008
- 6) a) The Board must hold meetings at least every three months. Regular public meetings of the Board will be held in the Community Room of the Bridgewater Police Services Building on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, commencing at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, or such meetings at such other time or place as the Board shall determine, provided that the date, time, and location of such public meetings shall be advertised with forty-eight (48) hours notice.
  - b) The Board may meet in-camera at any time on 24 hours notice by the Chairperson or any two members or at any time with unanimous consent of all members.
  - c) The Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police of the Bridgewater Police Department shall, whenever requested by the Chairperson of the Board, attend meetings of the Board, whether public or in-camera.
  - 7) a) The Board shall submit to the Council all proposed union or collective agreements for Council's approval of all financial matters contained therein, prior to the execution thereof, by the Board.
  - b) The Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief of Police shall be members of any committee appointed for the purpose of negotiating a collective agreement with any union representing members of the Town's police force.
  - c) All capital equipment proposed to be purchased by the Board, not provided for in its budget as approved by Council, shall be submitted to the Council, together with the written recommendation of the Board for purchase consideration.
  - 8) The positions of Deputy Chief shall be appointed, promoted, suspended, dismissed, or reinstated by the Board within the financial resources allocated by the Council. The officers and other employees of the police force, shall be appointed, promoted, suspended, dismissed or reinstated by the Chief of Police within the financial resources allocated by the Council.
  - 9) a) No member of the Board is entitled to remuneration for acting as such.
  - b) Each member of the Board is entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses actually incurred on the business of the Board (including training) as per the expense reimbursement policy of the Town of Bridgewater.