

PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. NAME

- 1.01 This committee shall be named the Public Safety Standing Committee as per section 14.07 of By-law A-19: A Procedural By-law of the City of Fredericton Municipal Council.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.01 The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendations to Council on items related to the Public Safety program result area as outlined in section 3.02 below and monitor the delivery of the services contained within the program.

3. MANDATE

- 3.01 The mandate of the committee is to ensure Council focuses on providing a safe and secure community and to support the *Municipal Plan Community Goals: Safe and inviting public realm*.
- 3.02 General Duties under By-law No. A-19 section 14.11,
- a. Each Standing Committee shall carry out the duties assigned to it herein, and shall carry out such other duties as may from time to time be referred to it by Council.
 - b. Each Standing Committee shall provide stewardship, advice, and recommendations to Council with respect to the program(s) assigned to it and monitor the delivery of the services contained within the program(s).
 - c. Each Standing Committee may receive short and long-term plans, including the fiscal aspects thereof respecting municipal services and may develop policies for consideration by Council
- 3.03 Duties include:
- a. to monitor and support the delivery of the public safety (fire, police and by-law enforcement) and report to Council;
 - b. in liaison with the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief or the Director, provide recommendations to Council on the planning and implementation of public safety programs;
 - c. to make recommendations to Council on the planning and implementation of building code, dangerous and unsightly premises and maintenance and occupancy code enforcement services;

- d. to make recommendations to Council on the planning and delivery of fire services;
- e. to make recommendations to Council of priorities, objectives and policies for police services;
- f. to make recommendations to Council on the planning and implementation of any other programs or policies that affect public safety; and
- g. to act as the Committee of Council to hear appeals and render decisions with respect to a Notice to Owner or Occupier under section 134 of the *Local Governance Act* (Unightly Premises).

4. REPORTING

- 4.01 This committee makes recommendations to Council-in-Committee or Regular City Council as appropriate.

5. COMPOSITION

- 5.01 The Council shall appoint a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and at least four (4) Members of the Council on the recommendation of the Mayor. These appointments shall be made after the Oath of Office of Council and midway through their term of Council.

6. PROCEDURES

6.01 GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- (1) All Committee work will be carried out in accordance with the City of Fredericton Procedural By-law(s), the *Local Governance Act*, and other governing legislation and policies.
- (2) Serve and be seen to serve the welfare and interests of the City as a whole and the community at large in a conscientious and diligent manner and shall approach decision-making with an open mind.

6.02 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR:

- (1) Will ensure the Public Safety Standing Committee is acting in accordance with its approved mandate;
- (2) Shall attend regular meetings, preside at meetings, maintain order, and ensure meetings stay within allotted timeframes, communicate and cooperate with the City Clerks Office and the appropriate Director to create the agenda and all other business items;
- (3) Will represent the Public Safety Standing Committee in the community;
- (4) Shall act as spokesperson/media contact or appoint a designate for this purpose.

6.02 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE-CHAIR:

- (1) In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall act as Chair;
- (2) If the Vice-Chair is not present, the Public Safety Standing Committee shall appoint an Acting Chair from among those members present.

6.03 RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members of the Committee shall:

- (1) Promote the Public Safety Standing Committee's purpose and mandate; and
- (2) Facilitate the gathering of information and advice for consideration by the Public Safety Standing Committee.

7. **GOVERNANCE**

7.01 Meetings shall be governed by by-law A-19 A Procedural By-law of the City of Fredericton Municipal Council (the Procedural By-law).

7.02 VOTING:

- (1) Members of the Committee shall be voting members.
- (2) The Chair shall not be a voting member of the Committee except in the case of a tie. The Vice-Chair shall be a voting member, unless sitting as the Chair.

7.03 RULES OF ORDER:

The "Bourinot's Rules of Order" shall apply to any process or procedure not covered under the Procedural By-law or these terms of reference.

7.04 CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY INFORMATION:

The Public Safety Standing Committee shall abide by and act in accordance with the laws, policies and practices governing all matters related to confidentiality, privacy, and access to information and every Committee Member shall:

- (1) Respect the confidentiality of all matters discussed at a closed session of the Public Safety Standing Committee meetings and keep any information and documentation related thereto confidential, and
- (2) Respect and act in accordance with City of Fredericton policies governing the privacy and access to information to which one may acquire in the Municipality, as a committee member.

7.05 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The Public Safety Standing Committee shall respect and act in accordance with City of Fredericton [By-law No. A-22, A By-law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Members of City Council of the City of Fredericton](#) and all appropriate policies and procedures governing conflict of interest.