



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Annual Report – Illegal Gaming
January 1 to December 31, 2023

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2024-02-22

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board (Board) receive this report for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to advise the Board that the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) is in compliance with By-Law 224-2000 – Illegal Gaming.
- The Chief is required to make an annual written report to the Board concerning illegal gaming.
- This report is submitted to provide the Board with the necessary and required information, pursuant to the By-Law, relating to illegal gaming investigations.

Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations relating to the recommendations contained within this report.

Analysis

In accordance with By-Law 224-2000, the Chief shall make a written report to the Board on or before August 30 of each year in respect of investigations into illegal gaming. The report shall include:

- a) A summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into illegal gaming; and
- b) The status of Service compliance with the said procedures.

The following is a detailed response to each of the above-noted requirements:

- a) *“...a summary of the written procedures concerning investigations into illegal gaming...”*

General Order (GO) 162.08, Illegal Gaming Investigations addresses the requirements of Provincial Adequacy Standard (LE-032) and the Board By-Law 224-2000.

- Section 2.0 deals with definitions of Gaming Terminology and Ontario Gaming governing bodies;
- Section 3.1 deals with Information Sharing and details on how information will be shared and with whom;
- Sections 3.2 - 3.4 deal with Primary Investigation Function, member's duties and responsibilities;
- Sections 3.5 and 3.6 deal with Licensing of certain lotteries by municipalities;
- Section 3.7 deals with Provincial Gaming Licenses;
- Section 3.8 deals with First Nation Communities Licensing;
- Sections 3.13 – 3.16 deal with Carnivals, Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions Licensing; and
- Section 3.17 – 3.19 deal with Monte Carlo Applications at the divisional level.

b) *“...the status of Service compliance with the said procedures...”*

GO 162.08, Illegal Gaming Investigations, was established in order to comply with the Provincial Adequacy Standards and the Board By-Law. The Order provides clear guidelines for officers who become involved in illegal gaming complaints. All illegal gaming investigations in Niagara will be addressed through the Special Investigative Services (SIS) Unit. In the event that an investigation requires gambling and gaming expertise, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation will be consulted.

There were no illegal gaming investigations conducted by the Service in 2023. Although gaming investigations are directed to the SIS Unit, the Unit has not had a dedicated Illegal Gaming investigator since December 2009, when the Service terminated their secondment position with the Ontario Provincial Police.

These procedures and a biennial review of GO 162.08 – Illegal Gaming Investigations ensure the Service is compliant with the Board By-Law 224-2000 – Illegal Gaming as well as Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation LE-032 – Illegal Gaming.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

To comply with the provisions of Police Services Board By-Laws, and to maintain compliance with the Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulations.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Board By-Law 224-2000 – Illegal Gaming
General Order 162.08 – Illegal Gaming Investigations
Provincial Adequacy Standards Regulation, Law Enforcement 032 – Illegal Gaming

Other Pertinent Reports

8.8.2023.03.23 - Annual Report – Illegal Gaming - January 1 to December 31, 2022

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Appendices

Not applicable.