



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Data Collection Pilot Project – Inspectorate of Policing, Centre for Data Intelligence and Innovation

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board

Report Date: 2024-03- 14

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board (Board) receives this report for information and approves participation in the Data Collection Pilot Project.

Key Facts

- This report is submitted to the Board to advise that the Centre for Data Intelligence and Innovation (CDII) Branch of the Inspectorate of Policing is seeking the participation of police services in a Data Collection Pilot Project.
- The Data Collection Pilot Project is directly associated with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and the Inspector General.
- The CDII is collaborating directly with the public safety sector to promote data-informed approaches in support of improving outcomes and relationships with communities.

Financial Considerations

No Financial implications.

Analysis

The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, will come into force on April 1, 2024. Within the Act is the Inspectorate of Policing (IOP), a new division, established to meet the legislative mandate of the Inspector General of Policing under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA). In addition to many objectives, the IOP is responsible for taking a proactive role on the consistent application of policing across the province.

Within the framework of the IOP, assisting the Inspector General, is the CDII Branch. The CDII is looking to begin collecting information from Police Services and Boards and is implementing a data collection pilot project to inform the best methodology to gather the data. The pilot project includes use of a data collection tool and incorporating technology to ensure efficiency, timelines and consistency.

This data collection and related analytics will help shape the future of police service delivery and police governance. Key initiatives include fostering continuous improvement, measuring and improving performance, and ensuring public confidence and accountability.

The types of data collected will include the number of members and related demographics, training courses, the types of units and their staffing levels, technology utilized, and equipment issued.

Participating in the pilot program will allow the Service to assist CDII and the IOP in the creation of a data collection method that could be implemented province wide.

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) has recently been advised of the pilot project by Executive Director Lisa Darling as reported by Rekha Chetlur, Acting Director of CDII. The pilot project was reported to be well received by the OAPSB.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

This report is being provided for approval for participation in the project. Participation is directly related to the Service's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Public Safety in the collection of data to inform actionable intelligence; and Goal 2: Community Engagement and Collaboration in improving relationships with communities.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Community Policing and Safety Act, 2019

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable.

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Appendices

Not applicable