



# NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

## Police Service Board Report

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

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**Subject:** Annual Report – Appointment of Special Constables – Special Constable Employers – April 1 to December 31, 2024

**Report To:** Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

**Report Date:** 2025-01-30

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### **Recommendation(s)**

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

### **Key Facts**

- This report has been prepared in compliance with Board By-Law 466-2024 – Appointment of Special Constables Employed by Special Constable Employers.
- Pursuant to the CSPA, the Chief is required to make an annual written report in February of each year respecting the employment of Special Constables by Special Constable Employers.
- As this is a new annual report, the initial period is from April 1 to December 31, 2024

### **Financial Considerations**

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained in this report.

### **Analysis**

In accordance with Board By-Law 466-2024, Section 7.1 the Chief shall make an annual written report to the Board in February of each year including the following information:

7.1.1 The name of Special Constable Employers who employ Special Constables pursuant to the Certificate of Appointment issued by the Board;

There is currently one Special Constable Employer that is authorized by the Minister and approved by the Board as a Special Constable Employer. The Niagara Parks Commission, Niagara Parks Police Service received authorization from the Minister on October 23, 2024.

Brock University also employs Special Constables, however, is awaiting authorization from the Minister as a Special Constable Employer. Once their status as a Special

Constable Employer is approved, they will be included in future reporting. The number of Special Constables employed by each Special Constable Employer;

The Niagara Parks Commission employs 22 Special Constables.

7.1.2 The number of Special Constables appointed by the Board pursuant to this By-Law for each Special Constable Employer during the preceding calendar year;

During the reporting period of April 1 to December 31, 2024, the Board approved the appointment of 2 Special Constables for the Niagara Parks Commission.

7.1.3 A general description of the duties of the Special Constables employed by each Special Constable Employer;

The duties of Special Constables employed by the Niagara Parks Commission; Niagara Parks Police Service include but are not limited to:

- In relation to Parks, carrying out the functions, powers and duties set out in subsection 95(5) of the CSPA and in O. Reg. 396/23: in cooperation with police officers, enforcement of the Criminal Code of Canada, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and the Cannabis Act; enforcement of provincial/federal statutes including but not limited to the Niagara Parks Act, the Highway Traffic Act, the Liquor Licence and Control Act, the Cannabis Control Act, etc.; investigating and executing warrants for arrest or committal;
- In response to events encountered within the Regional Municipality of Niagara, while performing policing functions in relation to the Parks, including: investigating offences or incidents involving matters of safety of the public and property under the Criminal Code of Canada, Highway Traffic Act, the Liquor Licence and Control Act, the Mental Health Act, and the Trespass to Property Act; assisting the Niagara Regional Police Service with respect to policing functions; providing assistance as authorized under the Customs Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.
- In response to events encountered within the Province of Ontario, while performing policing functions in relation to the Parks, specifically: transporting prisoners; and; attending prescribed or other training.

7.1.4 The number of Special Constables which were terminated for disciplinary reasons during the preceding year;

During the reporting period of April 1 to December 31, 2024, the Niagara Parks Commission did not terminate any Special Constables for disciplinary reasons.

7.1.5 The number of Special Constables which were terminated for non-disciplinary reasons during the preceding year;

During the reporting period of April 1 to December 31, 2024, the Niagara Parks Commission did not terminate any Special Constables for non-disciplinary reasons.

7.1.6 The number of public complaints made against Special Constables in the preceding calendar year, and status/disposition of these complaints;

During the reporting period of April 1 to December 31, 2024, the Niagara Parks Commission did not receive any public complaints against Special Constables.

7.1.7 Confirmation that the Special Constable Employer has followed the requirements of the Authorization from the Minister, the terms of the Certificate of Appointment, the provisions of the CSPA and O. Reg 396/23 as amended, and the Special Constable Agreement, or, if not in compliance, and explanation of any incident(s) of such non-compliance.

The Niagara Parks Commission, Niagara Parks Police Service is in compliance with the requirements of the Authorization from the Minister, the terms of the Certificate of Appointment, the provisions of the CSPA and O. Reg 396/23 as amended, and the Special Constable Employer agreement with the Board.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

Not applicable.

### **Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities**

This report is being provided for information purposes pursuant to Board By-Law 466-2024.

### **Relevant Policy Considerations**

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1. O. Reg 396/23 as amended.

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

Not applicable.

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### **Appendices**

Not applicable