

# Town of Truro – Bylaws

<b>Subject:</b>	Board of Police Commissioners
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Bylaw to establish a municipal board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Truro pursuant to S. 19 of the *Police Act* S. 348 Stats. NS.

1. The Municipal Board of Police Commissioners for the Town of Truro is hereby established.
2. The “Board” shall consist of:
  - (1) Not fewer than two nor more than six persons appointed by Truro Town Council;
  - (2) One person appointed by the Solicitor General who shall hold office for a term of three years and may be reappointed.
3. The Chief Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Town of Truro shall receive notices of the meeting of the board and shall be entitled to attend such meetings.
4. A “Board” member may be dismissed:
  - (1) By the Solicitor General where the Solicitor General has appointed the member;
  - (2) By a resolution of the Truro Town Council where the Council has appointed the member.
5. The Board must hold at least one meeting every three months and must meet at least six times per year.
6. The majority of the members of the Board constitutes a quorum.
7. A Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be chosen by the members of the Board at the first meeting of each year.
8. A member appointed by Council shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two three year terms on the Board.
9. Meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, but all matters relating to discipline, personal conduct, contract negotiations and security of police operations may be conducted in private meetings.

10. (1) The function of the Board shall primarily relate to the administrative direction, organization and policy required to maintain an efficient and adequate police force, but shall not exercise jurisdiction relating to complaints, discipline or personal conduct escape in respect of the Chief Officer of the Municipal Force.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of S. 10(1), the Board shall:
  - a) Determine, in consultation with the Chief of Police, priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services in the community;
  - b) Establish, in consultation with the Chief of Police, programs and strategies to implement the priorities, objectives and goals respecting police services;
  - c) Ensure that community needs and values are reflected in policing priorities, objectives goals, programs and strategies;
  - d) Ensure that police services are delivered in a manner consistent with community values, needs and expectations;
  - e) Act as a conduit between the community and the police service providers;
  - f) Provide policies, administrative and organizational direction for the effective management of the police department;
  - g) Review with the Chief Officer information provided by the Chief Officer respecting complaints and internal discipline.
11. The Board is accountable to Council for the financial stewardship of the police department and shall cause to be prepared financial statements, projections, annual budgets as council from time to time requires.