

Fairness and Independence

The Commission

The New Brunswick Police Commission is an independent board of citizens. Created in 1977 under the Police Act, the Commission oversees complaints about police officers and the policies and services of police forces. The Commission watches over seven municipal police forces and two regional police forces in New Brunswick.

Members

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoints the chair, vice-chair and members of the Commission. Members of the Commission are appointed to provide fair, independent and trusted citizen oversight of policing in New Brunswick. The term of office for members is limited to ten years.

The Commission has a support team of three employees (Executive Director, Associate Director, Administrative Assistant).

Types of complaints

The Commission receives about 68 complaints annually. Types of complaints include:

- Service or policy complaints,
- Conduct complaints,
- Both a service or policy complaint and a conduct complaint.
- Combination of all the above.

Who can make a complaint?

Any person can make a complaint against the police. The complaint must be made in writing on a form approved by the Commission and filed with the Chair of the Commission or with the local chief of police or civic authority.

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New Brunswick Police Commission

Marc Léger, Chair

Lynn Chaplin, Vice-Chair

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Robert (Bob) Eckstein, Member

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Sandy Ward, Member

Executive Director

Jennifer Smith

Mission

To safeguard the public interest in New Brunswick Policing.

Values

Quality Service - We provide services that are dependable and consistent.

Integrity - We act with honesty and fairness.

Accountability - We take responsibility for our policies, decisions, actions and products.

Objectivity - We make balanced and unbiased decisions.

Transparency - We foster a structure and culture that encourage access to information within the law.

Municipal Police Forces Overseen

Bathurst, Edmundston, Grand Falls, Woodstock, Fredericton, Saint John, Miramichi

Regional Police Forces Overseen

BNPP Regional Police Force (Beresford, Nigadoo, Petit Rocher, Pointe-Verte)

Kennebecasis Regional Police Force (Rothesay, Quispamsis)