

**Report to / Rapport au:**

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
COMITÉ DES POLITIQUES ET DE LA GOUVERNANCE**

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**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FALSE ALARM BY-LAW NO. 1 OF 2010**

**OBJET: REVISION DU REGLEMENT SUR LES FAUSSES ALARMES NO 1 DE  
2010**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Policy and Governance Committee receive this item for information.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité des politiques et de la gouvernance de la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance de ce point.**

**BACKGROUND**

As a general rule, the Board conducts a review of its policies and bylaws every three years through its Policy and Governance Committee. The Board's False Alarm By-law was last reviewed and amended in late 2017 therefore a review of the bylaw is overdue. The routine review of the By-law was delayed primarily due to workload issues within the Board office. A review of the By-law was included as part of the Board's 2023 workplan.

**DISCUSSION**

Attached as Document 1 is False Alarm Reduction By-law No. 1 Of 2010, last amended in 2017 by By-law No. 2 of 2017.

Board staff, as well as staff at the Ottawa Police Service, have reviewed the By-law in full to determine whether any updates or amendments are required. After a thorough review, staff have determined that no amendments are required as the By-law language remains current.

Although not an amendment to the By-law itself, staff are however recommending that the title page of the By-law include when it was last reviewed so the document does not appear out of date.

Pending any further input from the Committee, the review of the By-law will be considered completed.

### **CONSULTATION**

Not applicable.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1: False Alarm Reduction By-Law No. 1 Of 2010

### **CONCLUSION**

The Policy and Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing the Board's policies and bylaws at least once every three years to assess their continued appropriateness. After a thorough review by staff, no changes are being recommended for the Board's False Alarm Reduction By-Law No. 1 Of 2010, pending any input from the Committee. Should the Committee agree with the assessment by staff, the review of the By-law will be considered complete.