

Table GA:X – Policy Number GA:X – Adequate and Effective Policing

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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE / AUTHORITY**

Section 38(1)(c) of the *Community Safety and Police Act* states that a police service board shall establish a policy respecting the provision of adequate and effective policing in accordance with the needs of the population of the area for which it has policing responsibility.

**BOARD POLICY**

The Ottawa Police Service Board’s policy is to ensure that adequate and effective policing is provided within the area under the Board’s jurisdiction.

Adequate and effective policing must meet the needs of the population and have regard for the diversity of the population in the area.

1. **Essential Functions.** The Board shall ensure that the following policing services are adequately and effectively provided:
  - (a) Crime prevention.
  - (b) Law enforcement.
  - (c) Maintaining the public peace.
  - (d) Emergency response.
  - (e) Assistance to victims of crime.

(f) Other functions as prescribed by regulations.

**2. Essential Functions to do not include:**

(a) Enforcement of municipal or First Nation by-laws, except for those specifically prescribed.

(b) Provision of court security.

**3. Standards.** The Board will ensure that the policing will be delivered with regard to:

(a) Adherence to the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

(b) Adherence to the *Ontario Human Rights Code*;

(c) Avoidance of conflicts of interest.

**4. Exceeding Standards.** The foregoing does not preclude the possibility of the Board ensuring that policing or other services are provided which exceed the standards or essential functions for adequate and effective policing, including providing enforcement of by-laws.

**5. Prescribed policing providers.** In consultation with the Chief of Police, the Board may consider the use of prescribed policing providers to deliver specialized policing functions. The Board shall ensure that prescribed policing providers deliver these specialized functions in strict adherence to the standards established for adequate and effective policing.