

# Manitoba Police Services Act Review Overview and Focus

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# Purpose

- To provide a brief overview of the PSA review, including key activities and timelines
- Discuss how you and your organization can best contribute to the review
- Answer any questions you may have

# Overview

- CSKA is engaged by Manitoba Justice to conduct an independent review of the PSA
- The review focuses on how the *Police Services Act* supports professional, transparent and effective policing services in Manitoba
- The review will take into account:
  - Perspective on the changing context for policing and community safety
  - Jurisdictional scan – other provinces
  - Input from a wide range of stakeholders
- Multi-disciplinary research team supported by a Senior Expert Panel

# Community Safety Knowledge Alliance

- **CSKA is a non-profit organization that supports governments and others in the development, implementation and evaluation of new approaches to community safety and well-being**
- **CSKA was founded by the Government of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council, and Motorola Solutions Canada**
- **CSKA has offices in Saskatoon and Ottawa**



# The *Police Services Act*

- The *PSA* defines the roles and responsibilities of the:
  - Manitoba Government
  - Manitoba Police Commission
  - Independent Investigations Unit
  - Civilian Monitor Program
  - Municipal and First Nation police boards
  - Municipal councils
  - Police services
- The *PSA* also sets out direction for the creation of standards for police services

# Backdrop to the Review

- This review is required by s. 90 of the *Police Services Act*
- There is a recognition that policing in Canada is also in transition, shaped by a number of factors including:
  - Growing societal pressure for greater accountability and responsiveness
  - Expanding and changing service demands
  - An operating environment increasingly shared with others (private, public, non-profit, community-based)
  - Escalating costs
  - New multi-disciplinary approaches to how human and social services are organized and delivered
- The *Police Services Act* should align with both current and future requirements



# Association of Manitoba Municipalities: Key Issues

- **Mandatory police boards**
- **Patient transfers under the Mental Health Amendment Act**
- **By-Law Enforcement and the Community Safety Officer program**
- **Rationalizing funding for smaller municipalities**

# Project Plan

ACTIVITY	DETAILS	TIMESCALE
Literature Review	Focus on changes in police operating environments. Vital element in ensuring review of PSA is aligned with “where the puck is going”	September – November 2019
Legislative Review	Clause-by-clause review of PSA and subordinate Regulations	Nov 2019 – Jan 2020
Peer Review Panel #1	Progress review and discussion on the way ahead	January 2020
Stakeholder Consultations	Focus groups, interviews, survey instruments	October 2019 – February 2020
Analysis		March – April 2020
Peer Review Panel #2	Discuss progress and results of analysis and key findings	April 2020
Reporting	Final report drafting and delivery	May – June 2020



# Key Stakeholder Groups

Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police</li><li>- Association of Manitoba Municipalities</li><li>- Winnipeg Police Association</li><li>- Brandon Police Association</li><li>- Manitoba First Nations Police Association</li><li>- Boundary Trails Police Association</li></ul>
First Nations Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs</li><li>- Southern Chiefs Organization</li><li>- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak</li><li>- Manitoba Métis Federation</li><li>- Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council</li></ul>
Police Services	
Police Boards	
Civil Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- John Howard Society</li><li>- Manitoba Criminal Defence Lawyers Association</li><li>- Manitoba Association for Victim Assistance</li><li>- Universities (criminology and justice)</li></ul>
General Public	



# DISCUSSION



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