



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 3rd 2023 from 8am to 9am

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

An important part of each Annual Meeting of the AAPG is the consideration of Resolutions prepared by the membership. To ensure adequate time for review, and in order to comply with the AAPG Bylaws, Resolutions must be forwarded to the Alberta Association of Police Governance at:

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or PO Box 36098, Lakeview Post Office, Calgary, Alberta T3E 7C6
no later than Monday May 8th, 2023.

Following review, Resolutions will be distributed to members. Voting on Resolutions will take place as part of the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 at 8:00am. Although Resolutions may also be accepted from the floor at that time, it is preferred that they be submitted as above to facilitate distribution before the AGM.

Please present each Resolution in the following sample format:

RESOLUTION 2016

Review the Alberta Police Act

Submitted by the Calgary Police Commission
To the Alberta Association of Police Governance

The Police Act has been largely unchanged since its implementation; and

WHEREAS Policing in Alberta has advanced and continues to evolve correspondingly with case law, tribunal decisions, community expectations and developments in labour relations; and

WHEREAS Efficiency, integrity, fairness and transparency of police oversight systems are fundamental to public confidence and trust in the police

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Association of Police Governance urges the Government of Alberta to consult with police agencies and stakeholders to identify areas of the Police Act that require amendments, and to initiate a timely and thorough review of the Alberta Police Act and Regulations to make the amendments necessary to enhance and preserve public confidence and transparency in Alberta policing.

Background

The Alberta *Police Act* is the foundational guiding document which defines the duties and obligations of police officers, the relationship expected between the police and community, as well as standards of professional conduct and public transparency. Subsequent incremental amendments have not substantially altered the *Police Act's* structure and approach.

One of the most challenging aspects of the Act and related Regulations is the approach mandated for the investigation of public and internal complaints of police conduct, as well as the discipline of police officers. The purpose of the complaints and discipline process is to protect the public interest, ensure procedural fairness for citizens and officers, and build public confidence through the transparency and integrity of the system.

In recent years, the complaints and discipline system, mandated by Part 5 of the Act, has become increasingly complex, legalistic, plagued by delay, and expensive to administer. While the system may deliver integrity in the result, a lack of timeliness undermines public confidence in policing, erodes complainant and officer confidence in the disposition of their complaint, and reduces opportunities for timely and meaningful correction of officer conduct and performance where required.

As such, a comprehensive and timely review of the *Police Act* is now required, including appropriate stakeholder consultations, to make the amendments necessary to preserve and enhance public confidence and trust in Alberta policing.