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Winnipeg Police Board invites public input on use of force policy

The Winnipeg Police Board has approved a consultation draft Use of Force Policy and is asking the public for feedback.

The Board has a duty to establish policies for the effective management of the Winnipeg Police Service. The Board has formally established two such policies to date, and has determined that a policy on use of force should be its next priority.

“Policies are an important means to ensure policing is done in a way that reflects community values,” said Councillor Jeff Browaty, Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board. “A Policy on Use of Force is required as an important component of the governance framework established by *The Police Services Act*.”

The proposed Use of Force Policy sets out direction to the Police Chief to ensure that the Winnipeg Police Service is accountable for the use of force by its members in a manner that is consistent with community needs, values and expectations and in alignment with the Service’s core values and policing best practices. The Policy will also assist in ensuring that police members are given the appropriate training, equipment and decision making skills needed to fulfill their responsibilities while maintaining their own safety.

The consultation draft of the proposed policy can be found on the Board’s website at <http://winnipeg.ca/clerks/boards/WpgPoliceBoard/Policies.stm>. The Board will consider comments in writing on the consultation draft received before 4:30pm on Friday, December 9, 2016, (by e-mail, through the Board’s website, or by mail) and will hear delegations on the draft document at its public meeting at 9:30am on the same date.

More information on the Board’s mandate and policy role is available on its [website](#).

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