



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Service Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Semi-Annual Report – Internal Complaints Regarding Misconduct of Police Officers- January 1, 2026, to May 31, 2026

Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Service Board

Report Date: 2026-06-29

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Service Board (Board) receives the report for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with statistics in respect of internal complaints for the period of January 1, 2026, to May 31, 2026, pursuant to By-Law 514-2024 – a By-Law to Establish Policy for Internal Complaints System Regarding Misconduct of Police Officers.
- Internal complaints are processed in accordance with the provisions of Part XI, XII, and the Regulations of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA).
- The Complaints Director is notified of internal complaints in accordance with Section 197 of the CSPA and decides on the investigative process.
- Internal complaints and public complaints are investigated by the Professional Standards Unit (PSU).

Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained in this report.

Analysis

Aggregate Disciplinary Measures under Part XII:

During the reporting period 5 officers were found guilty of misconduct. A total of 79 hours were forfeited by officers through a combination of annual leave, float bank, and working without pay. Additionally, 2 officers were ordered to review the applicable General Orders (GOs). This compares to 5 officers found guilty of misconduct in 2025 resulting in a total forfeiture of 24 hours.

Referrals to Complaints Director:

There were six notifications made to the Complaint Director during the reporting period. Four were referred to the PSU for investigation, one was deferred by the Complaints Director due to criminal proceedings. This compares to two notifications made to the Complaints Director in the previous reporting period.

Number of Internal Complaints Determined to be Unsubstantiated After Investigation:

There was one complaint determined to be unsubstantiated after investigation during the reporting period, compared to four complaints unsubstantiated during the previous reporting period.

Number of Hearings and Findings from the Hearings Held Pursuant to Sections 201 and 202 of the CSPA:

There were zero hearings held during the reporting period. There were zero hearings held in the previous reporting period.

Number of Complaints Resolved or Dealt With on Consent of the Member:

There were zero complaints resolved in this fashion during the reporting period compared to zero hearings held in the previous reporting period.

Summary of the Penalties Imposed Pursuant to Sections 200, 201, and 202 of the CSPA:

- One officer received a penalty of 6 hours forfeiture of annual leave and additional training that included a review of Niagara Regional Police Service (Service) GOs;
- One officer received a penalty of 12 hours forfeiture of annual leave and additional training that included a review of Service GOs;
- One officer received a penalty of 39 hours of Float Bank;
- One officer received a penalty of 4 hours of work without pay; and
- One officer received a penalty of 18 hours of Annual Leave.

This compares to 2025 where 1 officer forfeited 24 hours without pay.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

Not applicable.

Relevant Policy Considerations

This report is submitted to provide the Board with the necessary and required information pursuant to By-Law 514-2024 – A By-Law to Establish Policy for Internal Complaints System Regarding Misconduct of Police Officers.

Other Pertinent Reports

8.8 – 2025.07.24 – Semi-Annual Report – Internal Complaints Regarding Misconduct of Police Officers – January 1 to May 31, 2025.

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Appendices

Not applicable.