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Statement from the Police Services Board

The Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board recognizes and acknowledges that society has work to do in order to realize the fair treatment of all persons in our communities.

All forms of bias, discrimination, marginalization and injustice harm people, our institutions and our society.

The Police Services Board, is responsible for the governance of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service. We are also caring active members of our Community and commit to educating ourselves by listening and learning as we would encourage all citizens to do so that everyone in society receives equal treatment.

The Board is in full support of our Police Service in its everyday operations. We stand with Chief Mitchell when he states that: “we are here to listen, to reflect, to understand to be accountable and to take action against racism.”

It has been the practice of the Police Services to solicit feedback from the community regarding its preferred future for policing. The Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board continues to welcome such feedback, and would support a study examining the fundamental duties of the police within our community, the province and across the nation. If the results of this study identified current police duties that could be assigned to other organizations, it would certainly commit to the development of a collaborative plan for the implementation of any adjusted service delivery.

The Kawartha Lakes Police Services Board supports the on-going health, safety and training of its police members in their role to serve and protect our community.



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