



Digital Government and Service NL

# Public Safety Appeal Board

Annual Activity Report  
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#### **REFERENCE PERIOD**

This report covers the period of April 1, 2023, through to March 31, 2024, the fiscal year of the Public Safety Appeal Board.

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## Chairperson's Message

As Chairperson of the Public Safety Appeal Board (the Board), I am pleased to submit the Annual Activity Report for 2023-2024. This Report is prepared in compliance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, which requires the Board to prepare a yearly report based on its categorization as a Category 3 Government entity. The Board is accountable for the preparation of this Report and for the reported results.

The Board's primary objectives are the fair and efficient processing of appeals and the rendering of decisions that are clear, consistent, and in accordance with the **Public Safety Act** and its associated regulations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Dugal", written in a cursive style.

**Alex Dugal**

Chairperson

## Overview

The Board is established under subsection 25(1) of the **Public Safety Act** (the Act) to hear appeals from persons who may be aggrieved by a decision of one of the Chief Inspectors related to the operations of various technical safety systems (e.g. electrical, boilers/pressure vessels, elevating devices). The Board, after hearing an appeal, may confirm, revoke or vary the notice, order, decision or action of the Chief Inspector.

The Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon recommendation by the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL, and meets only when an appeal has been filed pursuant to section 26 of the Act.

Members of the Board for the 2023-2024 reporting period were:

- Alex Dugal, Chairperson
- Pamela Frizzle
- Gregory Wayne Predham
- Sumit Sharma

## Vision

The Board works to ensure the fair and equitable application of its mandate as outlined in the legislation.

## Mandate

The Board is an independent, quasi-judicial body that has the function of hearing and adjudicating an appeal. It meets when it has received an appeal pursuant to Section 26 of the Act and is empowered to uphold, revise and/or revoke an order or action by the Chief Inspector. Decisions by the Board are based on review of the written and oral submissions and documents. The Board's decisions may be appealed to the courts.

## **Highlights and Partnerships**

The Board did not meet during the 2023-2024 reporting period. Accordingly, there are no highlights or partnerships to note.

## **Report on Performance**

This Report outlines the Board's activities from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, including the objectives achieved as outlined in the 2023-2026 Activity Plan.

### **Objective:**

By March 31, 2024, 2025 and 2026, the Public Safety Appeal Board will have processed all appeals it has received in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

### **Indicators:**

- Pursuant to paragraph 27.1(1)(d) of the Act, appellant given at least 10 days' notice regarding hearing of appeal.
- Pursuant to section 27.2 of the Act, appeals commenced not more than 90 days after notice in writing has been received by the Chairperson under subsection 26(2).
- Appeal decisions rendered and communicated in a timely manner.

### **Results Achieved:**

The Board meets only when an appeal has been filed pursuant to Section 26 of the Act. No appeals were filed in the fiscal year 2023-2024.

## **Opportunities and Challenges**

The Board has the opportunity to provide a venue for appeals to be brought forward, considered and decided on in a timely manner and to maintain and enhance communication with Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

This is in conjunction with advising the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL on the Act and any other topics, challenges and opportunities for improvement across the province.

For fiscal year ending 2024, the Board has experienced no challenges or restrictions that prevented them from completing their mandate.

## **Financial Statements**

The Board is not required to submit audited financial statements. The Board incurred no expenses for this fiscal year.



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