



Public Safety Appeal Board

**Annual Activity Report
2017-18**

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REFERENCE PERIOD

**This report covers the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018,
the fiscal year of the Public Safety Appeal Board.**

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Chairperson's Message

As Chairperson of the Public Safety Appeal Board, I am pleased to submit the Annual Activity Report for 2017-18. This report is prepared in compliance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, which categorizes the Board as a Category Three government entity and requires the Board to submit an annual report. The Board is accountable for the preparation of this report and for the results reported.

There were no appeals received during this period. Thus, there is no progress to report for this fiscal year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Bartlett". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Harry Bartlett
Chairperson

Overview

The Public Safety Appeal 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, and meets only when an appeal has been filed pursuant to section 26 of the Act. Board members for 2017-18 were:

- Robert G. Forbes – Chairperson
- Alberta Marche
- Harry Bartlett
- John Dunne
- Thomas Keough

Mandate

The Board is an independent, quasi-judicial body which 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.

Primary Clients

The Public Safety Appeal Board’s clients are the manufacturers, operators, and/or installers of various systems, such as electrical, boilers/pressure vessels and compressed gas systems, elevating devices, and amusement rides, who believe they have been aggrieved by a decision of the Chief Inspector.

Revenues and Expenditures

In fiscal year 2017-18, the Public Safety Appeal Board had no revenues or expenditures. The board is funded through the operating budget of the Government Services Branch of Service NL. The Public Safety Appeal Board is not required to submit audited financial statements.

Activities

The Public Safety Appeal Board meets only when an appeal has been filed pursuant to section 26 of the *Public Safety Act*. No appeals were filed in fiscal year 2017-18.

Objective One: By March 31, 2018, the Public Safety Appeal Board will have processed all appeals it has received in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Indicators:

- Notice of appeal forwarded from the person who receives it to the Chairperson within 15 days of receipt of appeal.
- Appellant given at least 10 days' notice regarding hearing of appeal.
- Appeals commenced not more than 90 days after notice in writing has been received by the chairperson under subsection 26(2).
- Appeal considered and decided in a timely manner.
- Decision of appeal communicated to relevant parties in a timely manner.

As no appeals were filed in 2017-18, there is no progress to report for this fiscal year.

The Board will report on the same objective and indicators in 2018-19.