



SAUGEEN SHORES POLICE SERVICE 2019 Annual Report



Providing Policing Services to Saugeen Shores

Vision

” To make Saugeen Shores the safest community in which to live, work and play”

Mission

“To serve and protect in partnership with the community”

Values and Ethics

In pursuit of our vision and mission we believe in:

- *Providing quality service in a fiscally responsible manner*
- *Recognizing and communicating the value and contributions of all our members, partners and volunteers*
- *A commitment to continuous learning, training and development*
- *The importance of community policing*
- *Promoting a positive police image by the example we set*
- *Offering fair equitable service and respect for all diverse communities within Saugeen Shores*
- *Maximizing individual and collective skills within the police service*
- *Open, transparent and positive communication that encourages teamwork and public respect*
- *Being sensitive to the needs of victims of crime and other circumstances*
- *Working with the public to resolve complaints and being responsive to community input.*

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It is my Honour and Privilege to continue to serve as a member and for 2019/20 as Chair of the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board

Saugeen Shores is the fastest growing community in our region, with many people choosing to make their homes and raise their families' here every month. The choice to live in Saugeen Shores is made easier knowing that we are also one of the safest, and lowest crime areas in the province. This is in no small part due to the dedicated men and women of the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

We live in an era where the Police must stay ever vigilant of trends in policing and changes in the nature of crime. Be it the Opioid crisis, cyber crimes, human trafficking, road safety or property crime we the Board of directors must ensure that our Police Service stays modern and has the tools and resources it needs to meet these challenges head on.

In the second half of 2019 we were very excited to see our Police Service move into its new modern facility on Mackenzie Rd. This state of the art building will enable our constables and senior officers to do their jobs to the highest effect and efficiency for decades to come. We encourage you to visit the facility if for no other reason than to say Hello and fill your water bottle. There is also a feature known as an exchange area in the parking lot where exchanges of goods or wards between individuals can be done in a safe and video monitored area.

A police service is only as good as its leadership, we are pleased to have added in the past year, a new Chief, a new Inspector, several new Sergeants and a newly constituted Board. With this leadership in place we enjoy a reputation amongst our peer and neighbouring municipalities for being a proactive, forward thinking, and highly effective Service, that is seen to provide good value to the taxpayers of our community.

The Saugeen Shores Police Service Board meets monthly at the police headquarters, and the meetings are open to the public to observe. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend, and we would be happy to see you there. Meeting dates and times are available on this website.

Thank you for taking interest in Saugeen Shores Police Service and I hope that you find the 2019 annual report interesting and informative.

Sincerely,

David Myette
Chairman, Saugeen Shores Police Service Board

Message from the Chief of Police



I am proud to present the Saugeen Shores Police Service 2019 Annual Report.

The 2019 Annual Report is but a snapshot of the dedicated service the men and women of the Saugeen Shores Police Service provide the community of Saugeen Shores each and every day. We continue to collaborate with community members and agencies to provide a high-quality police service and to achieve our mission of being acknowledged as an innovative and professional Police Service.

To ensure the Service meets the needs of our community and our members we continue to look for positive ways to enhance service delivery to the community. In 2019, we continued working together with community stakeholders on a number of significant programs and initiatives, including:

- High School Resource Officers
- K.I.D.S program
- Opioid Strategy
- Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy
- Violence Prevention Grey Bruce

As the Chief of Police for Saugeen Shores I couldn't be prouder of the civilian, sworn and volunteer members of our Service for their dedication, professionalism and hard work. It is evident that because of their hard work we continue to garner the community's trust and confidence. Appreciation is also given to the Saugeen Shores Police Services Board, for their guidance and support to improve community safety.

On behalf of the men and women of the Saugeen Shores Police Service, I would like to thank the community of Saugeen Shores for the unwavering support they have shown the Service over the years, and look forward to working with our community partners to provide the best quality service deserved by this extraordinary community.

Sincerely,

Mike Bellai
Chief of Police

Saugeen Shores Policing History

In 1995 Southampton and Port Elgin Police Services amalgamated to form the first amalgamated services of this kind in Ontario. In 1997 Southampton-Port Elgin Police Service started policing Saugeen Township under contract. Upon amalgamation to form Saugeen Shores in 1999 the Police Service became known as the Saugeen Shores Police Service.

Saugeen Shores Police Service polices Southampton, Port Elgin and Saugeen Township. This area is encompassed from the Saugeen town line at North Bruce north to the north boundary of Southampton west to Lake Huron and east to Bruce County Road #3 to the bridge just north of Paisley.



Saugeen Shores Policing Boundaries

Population:	15,000
Area:	170.58 square kilometers
Total kilometers of roads:	432 kilometers, including Hwy 21 and county roads.

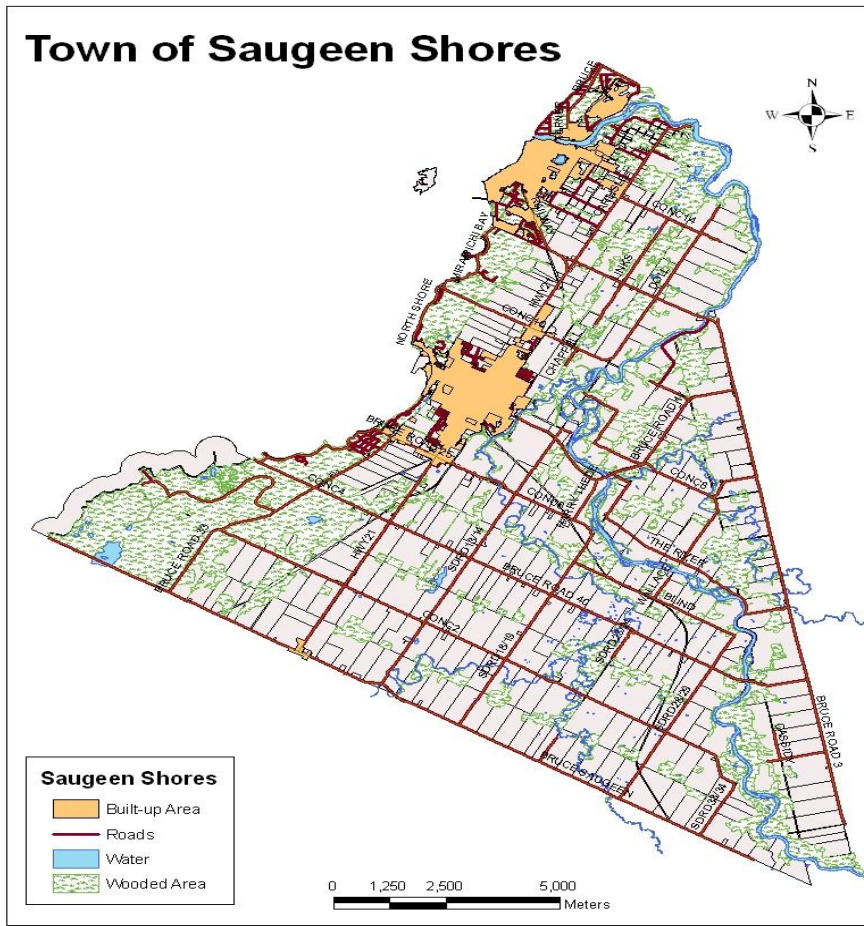
Saugeen Shores is on the Lake Huron coastline in Bruce County and covers 170 square kilometers. Provincial Highway 21 runs through Saugeen Shores. Saugeen Shores is the amalgamated municipalities of Port Elgin, Saugeen Township and Southampton.

Port Elgin is home to half of the municipality's population. The community of Port Elgin has a thriving commercial core and service sector industries.

Southampton accommodates a well-established cottage community. The cultural and artistic heritage of the town is highlighted in Southampton with the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, historical Chantry Island Lighthouse and Southampton Art School.

The agricultural lands of Saugeen Township and the Saugeen River all combine to showcase the community of Saugeen Shores. The Lake Huron shoreline has attracted summer residents for generations resulting in a vibrant cottage community.

Map



New Saugeen Shores Police Service Flag now displayed at the Ontario Police College.



Police Service Profile (2019)

Chief of Police

Inspector

4- Sergeants

16- Constables

4- Part-Time Special Constables

1 Full time Special Constable

3- Full Time Civilian Support members

8- Auxiliary Officers

Police Chaplin

6 Jail Guards



Police Services Board

The Police Services Act requires each municipality to have a Police Services Board (PSB). The PSB has a responsibility to provide adequate and effective policing for the municipality it serves. In 2019 our board consisted of Chair Councilor Dave Myette, Deputy Mayor Dom Matheson, provincial appointees Pat O'Connor and Doug Freiburger, town appointed member Deanna Buckland and board secretary Georgina Elliott.

Criminal Investigations Unit

Inspector Kevin Zettel is responsible for the investigative unit. Criminal Investigations officers are responsible for investigating major investigations, sexual assaults, drug offences and other investigations that may require special training or many dedicated hours of work.

The unit is responsible for the Sexual Offender Registry, Crime Stoppers, ViCLAS (Violent Crime Linkage System), Major Case Management and Powercase, all major investigations, suspicious deaths, drugs and high-risk offenders.



Support Services

Saugeen Shores Police Service has members trained to specialize in different areas. All members are expected to perform community service functions and several members have specialized training in such functions as:

- 5- Intoxilyzer Technicians
- 1- Forensic Identification Officers
- 3- Scenes of Crime Officers
- 2 -Use of Force Trainers
- 1- Ground Search and Rescue Officer
- 1- Police Service Chaplin
- 2- C.S.O. Community School Officers
- 5- Major Crime Investigators
- 1- Community Watch Liaison Officer
- 1- Drug Investigation Officer
- 2- K.I.D.S. program Officers
- 2- Drug Recognition Expert (D.R.E.)

New Police Facility

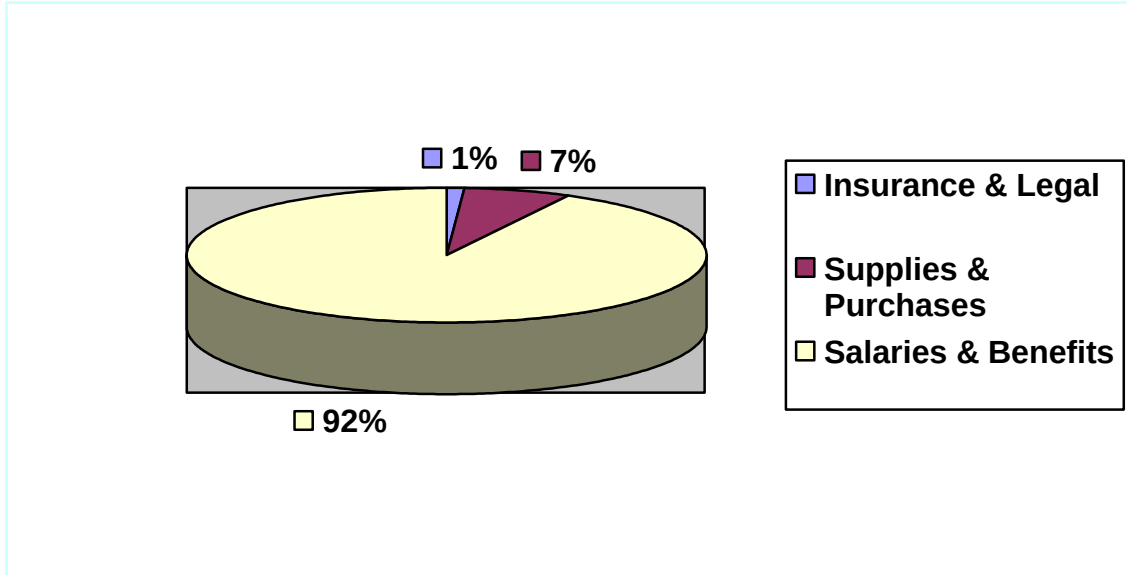
The Town of Saugeen Shores approved the build in a new police facility in 2017. In May of 2018 the construction of the new police facility began at 1240 McKenzie drive. On September 25th 2019 the Grand Opening of the new facility took place. The management team consisting of Jamie Hastings, Dave Smith, Grant Diemert, Les Camm and Chief Mike Bellai have worked endless hours to ensure the new facility was on time and under budget.



Financial Information

Operational Expenditures

Sageen Shores Police Service- 2013



Salaries & Benefits -	92 %
Salaries, benefits, overtime, Part-time, special events,	\$ 3,524,212
Insurance & Legal -	1%
	\$ 30,000
Supplies & Purchases -	7%
Office, vehicles, training, uniforms Building maintenance & operations,	<u>\$ 296,916</u>
Total Operational Budget	\$ 4,010,763
Revenues	<u>\$ 159,635</u>
Total Budget after revenue	\$ 3,851,128

Grants

The figures above are total operational expenditures and capital amounts. The operating expenses are offset by revenues of \$159,653 for the following grants and other revenues:

- Police Effectiveness and Modernization Grant \$65,000.00
- R.I.D.E. grant, (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) \$8,800 used to put extra officers on the street to conduct RIDE checks all year.
- \$85,853 in other revenue comes from records checks etc.

Projects and Partnerships

In 2018 and over the past few years our service played a role in numerous Community Organizations through which the delivery of local information and program initiatives was enhanced.

1. Crime Stoppers
2. High School Resource officers
3. Grey Bruce Court Co-ordination Committee
4. Victim Services – Bruce Grey Perth Owen Sound
5. Violence Prevention Grey Bruce
6. Community Watch
7. Special Olympic Torch Run
8. Community Living
9. MADD-Mothers Against Drunk Driving
10. Cannabis Strategy
11. Opioid Strategy
12. Drug and Alcohol Strategy Grey Bruce
13. Port Elgin Rotary Club
14. Saugeen Youth Coalition
15. Tim Horton's Camp Day
16. Christmas Food Drive
17. Shop with a Cop
18. 1st Annual Christmas Toy Drive.



K.I.D.S. Program

In 2019 the Saugeen Shores Police Service began to plan to move towards the K.I.D.S. Knowledge, Issues, Decisions and Supports.

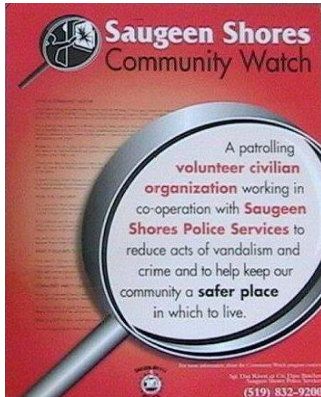


Co-op and Police Foundations Placement

We participate in the Saugeen District Secondary School co-op program. This placement gives potential future officers the opportunity to do placements in the field they want to pursue.



Community Watch



Community Watch program in Saugeen Shores was created in 2002. This program provides the police with extra eyes and ears on the streets. Local volunteers assist the local police service in the deterrence of unlawful activity within the community.

Community Watch members supplement police patrols and help reduce acts of vandalism and crime by keeping a watch over their communities. We are constantly looking to recruit volunteers for this valuable partnership with the community.

An SSPS officer is assigned as our Community Watch Liaison Officer and works with the program coordinator, Kent Milroy to recruit, train and schedule volunteers. Joe also organized a Community Watch Appreciation dinner in the fall of 2018 to show our gratitude.

Police Auxiliary

Currently Saugeen Shores Police Service has eight (8) active Police Auxiliary Constables. Constables Mike Cuillerier and Susan Briggs provide initial and ongoing training to our Auxiliary as well as updating our procedure and training. Auxiliary members are unpaid members of our community who wish to be more involved and volunteer their time. They participate in functions such as parades, fairs, Pumpkinfest and do “ride alongs” with officers. Our Auxiliary officers are a valuable asset to our police service and to our community.



Traditional Programs

The Saugeen Shores Police Service continues to provide the following services to the community:

- Crime Prevention talks to local service groups and businesses
- Media releases, providing information and crime tips
- Halloween Safety
- Elementary and Secondary school drug education lectures
- Safety lessons at local pre-schools
- DARE program, drug awareness
- Boy Scouts / Girl Guides / Beavers
- Talks to seniors' groups
- Guest lecturers to speak on important topics, i.e. drugs, internet, traffic safety, counterfeiting
- Talks to driver education classes
- Cops for Cancer
- Bicycle rodeos

Road Safety Initiatives

(R.I.D.E.) Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere lanes are funded in part by the provincial government. Your officers work hard to get impaired drivers off our streets. Officers of the Saugeen Shores Police Service conduct many RIDE lanes outside of the grant initiative and partner with the area O.P.P. to supplement the number of RIDE lanes we can run.

When a member of the public makes a complaint of a traffic issue a log is created outlining the problem. Officers do selective enforcement in these areas to educate and hopefully eliminate the problem. Community members assist the police in identifying the problem areas. Those of you who have been around the area for some time do recognize as commercial development and subdivisions have been built different traffic patterns emerge. Different enforcement and education initiatives need to be developed to deal with these changing patterns.

Police Services in Bruce and Grey Counties share a roadside portable radar device that displays a vehicle speed. This is a visual reminder to motorists as to what speed they are traveling. The sign is deployed in high traffic areas, high complaint areas or areas as identified by the public and police.

Public Works and the police service each purchased a portable radar device for placement in problem areas or areas of concern. Each sign can be a visual reminder to motorists of the speed they are traveling, provide date, time and speed of vehicles as well as traffic counts. This allows for police to use their resources at the most appropriate times.



Police Canine Unit

In 2019 the Saugeen Shores Police service began a new Canine Unit. Cst Erik Luscombe was selected as the Canine Handler and the community voted on the new name of our Police Service Dog “Riker”!

Cst Luscombe and Riker attended the Toronto Police Canine Unit and received certification, thank-you to the TPS Canine Unit.

The Canine Unit was funded by community donations which we are very thankful for. A sincere thank-you to Abby Bolton who has taken on the responsibility of fundraiser for the SSPS Canine Unit to ensure sustainability.





SAUGEE SHORES POLICE CRIME STATISTICS 2018-2019					
	2019*	2018			
<u>VIOLENT CRIMES</u>					
Homicide	0	0			
Sexual Assault	20	8			
Sexual Assault w/weap or B Harm	0	0			
Sexual Interference	1	3			
Invitation to Sexual Touching	0	0			
Luring a Child via a Computer	0	1			
Aggravated Assault Level #3	1	0			
Assault w/ Weapon or Bodily Harm	11	11			
Assault Level #1	103	68			
Assault Police	6	4			
Assault Police w/ Weapon or Bodily Harm	2	0			
Crim Negligence c/ Bodily Harm	0	0			
Other Assaults	1	0			
Robbery	1	2			
Forcible Confinement/ Kidnapping	1	1			
Abduction Under 14	0	0			
Criminal Harassment	29	19			
Uttering Threats	36	24			
Threatening/ Harassing Communications	18	20			
Other Violent Violations/ Voyeurism/ Non-Consensual Distrib of Intimate Images/ Intimidation of non-justice participant	5	0			
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	235	161			
<u>PROPERTY CRIMES</u>					
Break and Enter	30	24			
Possess Stolen Property	2	11			
Theft of Motor Vehicle over \$5000	0	0			
Theft of Motor Vehicle under \$5000	0	0			
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	19			
Theft Over \$5000	2	0			
Theft Under \$5000	148	98			
Theft Over from Motor Vehicle	0	0			
Theft Under from Motor Vehicle	18	54			
Shoplifting	47	23			
Fraud	36	39			
Identity Fraud	9	3			
Identity Theft	2	0			
Mischief	73	93			
Arson	1	0			
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME VIOLATIONS	377	364			

	2019*	2018					
<u>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS</u>							
Counterfeiting	0	0					
Possession of Weapons	14	6					
Unsafe Storage of Firearms	0	0					
Child Pornography	1	0					
Firearms Documentation/ Admin	1	0					
Disturb the Peace	32	28					
Escape Custody	0	1					
Fail to Comply with Order	138	71					
Fail to Appear	47	23					
Breach of Probation	24	18					
Offences Against Administration of Law	2	1					
Indecent Acts	0	1					
Public Morals/ Corrupting Morals	1	0					
Obstruct Police	4	1					
Trespass at Night	0	2					
Utter Threats to Property/ Animal	0	0					
Other Firearms	0	0					
Offences against Person and Reputation	1	0					
Offences against Right of Property	1	1					
Willful Acts against Property/ Attempts, Conspiracies	1	1					
Advocating Genocide	0	0					
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATIONS	267	154					
TOTAL IMPAIRED DRIVING	39	35					
Impaired (Alcohol) Operation of Motor Vehicle	28	31					
Operation While Impaired (alcohol and drugs)**	9	0					
Impaired Causing Death	0	0					
Impaired (Drug) Operation of Motor Vehicle	2	4					
Impaired Fail or Refusal to Comply with Demand	2	0					
Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle	6	13					
Drive While Prohibited	4	0					
Other Criminal Code Violations	0	1					
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	51	49					

	2019*	2018				
FEDERAL STATUTE VIOLATIONS						
Possession of Heroin	0	1				
Possession of Cannabis	1	1				
Possession of Cocaine	6	2				
Possession Other Controlled Drug	8	10				
Possession of Methamphetamine	13	16				
Trafficking Heroin	0	2				
Trafficking Cannabis	1	2				
Cannabis Production	0	0				
Trafficking Cocaine	5	6				
Trafficking Other Controlled Drug	6	9				
Trafficking of Methamphetamine	0	0				
Other Cannabis Act	1	0				
Youth Criminal Justice Act	4	6				
Canada Shipping Act	0	0				
Excise Act	0	0				
Firearms Act	1	1				
Other Federal Statutes	0	0				
TOTAL FEDERAL STATUTE VIOLATIONS	46	56				
SUMMARY OF VIOLATION TOTALS						
Federal Statute	46	56				
Criminal Code Traffic	51	49				
Other Criminal Code	267	154				
Property Crime	377	364				
Violent Crime	235	161				
TOTAL ALL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS	976	784				
PROVINCIAL OFFENCE TICKETS						
Trespassing	12	10				
Speeding	548	493				
G1 G2 Novice Drivers	15	14				
Moving Violations	362	332				
Unnecessary Noise	12	3				
Equipment/ Seatbelts	143	145				
Insurance Violations	195	183				
Permits/ Licences	409	389				
Liquor Licence Offences	57	55				
Cannabis	7	6				
Other	67	43				
TOTAL PROVINCIAL OFFENCES	1827	1673				
*2019 data is approximate and based on UCR Occurrence Stat report for 2019-01-01 to 2019-12-31						
2018 Data is based on Police Reported Crime Counts provided by Stats Canada for 2018-01-01 to 2018-12-31						

	2019*	2018				
STATISTICS						
Total Calls for Service	10332	7956				
Total Prisoners Lodged in Cells	343	271				
Motor Vehicle Collision Fatalities	0	1				
Public Complaints						
Motor Vehicle Collisions	291	307				
BY-LAW INCIDENTS						
Animal Complaints	185	112				
Noise Complaints	157	138				
Municipal By-Law	339	250				
TOTAL BY-LAW INCIDENTS	681	500				
YOUTH CRIME						
	2019		2018			
	Youth Charged	Youth Not Charged	Youth Charged	Youth Not Charged		
Crimes of Violence	6	18	3	5		
Property Crimes	2	10	11	18		
Other Crimes	1	2	14	7		
Drugs	0	0	4	0		
Other Federal Statutes	4	0	5	1		
Criminal Code Traffic	1	0	2	0		
TOTAL	14	30	39	31		

Resource Planning

Saugeen Shores is a community that has grown in permanent population over the past many years. The community also sees a great number of transient workers and tourists. Investigations are increasingly complex and provincially mandated Adequacy Standards ensure investigations are done fully and properly, but that also takes up time and resources. With a complement of 22 officers we are staffed to the levels other municipal police services have per capita during three seasons. The summer workload brings with it challenges that your officers meet each day.

Saugeen Shores Police have a police officer to population ratio of 1 officer for every 575 citizens or 174 officers per 100,000 persons. Police Resources in Canada 2016 publication reports Ontario has a rate of 195 officers per 100,000 population, Canada 197 police officers per 100,000 populations.

Our staffing levels are calculated on the year-round population of 15,000 not the influx of tourists in the summertime of 20,000 to 25,000 population we provide a service to on a daily basis.

Business Plan

Chief Mike Bellai is pleased to release the 2020-2022 Saugeen Shores Police Services Business Plan on behalf of the Saugeen Shores Police Service Board. The community played an integral part in providing necessary and welcomed comments relating to how the SSPS currently provides policing services and what the community expects from our police service today and into the future. The 2020-2022 business provides the community and the officers of the SSPS the path forward for providing the community of Saugeen Shores the best police service. Thank-you to all residents that provided feedback, and as always, we are here to make Saugeen Shores the safest place to live, work and play.

Our 2020-22 Business plan can be located at the following address:

<https://saageenshorespolice.com/about/reports/>

We hope you found our 2019 Annual Report informative. Please feel free to contact us anytime and to visit our website for any information you may require.