



Digital Government and Service NL

# Public Safety Appeal Board

Activity Plan  
2023-26

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**REFERENCE PERIOD**

This plan covers the fiscal period of April 1, 2023 through to  
March 31, 2026.

## Chairperson's Message

As Chair of the Public Safety Appeal Board (the Board), I am pleased to submit the Activity Plan for the fiscal years 2023-26. This plan is prepared in compliance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, which requires the Board to prepare a performance-based activity plan based on its categorization as a Category 3 Government entity. In developing this Plan, the Board has considered the strategic direction of Government. The Board is accountable for the preparation of this Plan and for the achievement of its objectives.

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. I look forward to achieving these objectives throughout the 2023-26 planning period.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Dugal". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alex Dugal  
Chairperson

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## 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.

## 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.

## Vision

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

## Primary Clients

The Board's clients are persons who may be aggrieved by a decision of one of the Chief Inspectors under the Act and its associated regulations: the **Amusement Rides and Elevating Devices Regulations**; the **Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Compressed Gas Regulations**; and the **Electrical Regulations**.

## **Objective**

The following objective represents the focus of the Board in each year of this Plan and includes performance measurement information to assist the entity and the public in monitoring and evaluating success. The Board's principal function is adjudicative. The Chairperson and the members fulfill this function.

By March 31, 2024, 2025, and 2026, the 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.



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