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Police Governance and Human Rights Report: Summary

The Peel Police Service Board's report on Community Consultations focuses on incorporating human rights principles into policing and police governance. It includes feedback from residents, advocacy groups, and experts to address systemic discrimination and improve community-police relations.:

Background

The Board's Governance and Human Rights Committee held community consultations to better understand concerns about policing in Peel Region. These discussions focused on issues like discrimination, accountability, and public trust.

Key Insights

1. Police Accountability

- Community members want more transparency, like public access to data on policing.
- Clear oversight and accountability are seen as essential for trust.

2. Systemic Discrimination

- Concerns about racial profiling, Islamophobia, and anti-Black racism were raised.
- Recommendations include bias awareness training and culturally sensitive policies.

3. Building Trust

- Communities want meaningful engagement with police through partnerships and regular dialogue.
- Trust can grow when community members have a voice in decision-making.

4. Mental Health Crisis Response

- Many want non-police-led responses for mental health crises, involving trained professionals instead.
- Training officers in trauma-informed practices was also emphasized.

5. Hate Crime Prevention

- Better ways to report hate crimes are needed, along with stronger legal protections.
- Tools like AI could help monitor online hate speech.

What's Next

The Board plans to:

- Use community feedback to update its policies and strategies.
- Continue hosting consultations to stay responsive to community needs.
- Focus on practical steps like updated training, more accessible information, and a commitment to greater openness and transparency.

How to Get Involved

The full report is available at peelpoliceboard.ca. Community members are encouraged to read it and share their thoughts to contribute to the future of policing in Peel Region.