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EXPLORING POLICING MODELS AND MUNICIPAL ROLES IN NOVA SCOTIA

November 27, NSFM Fall Conference Panel

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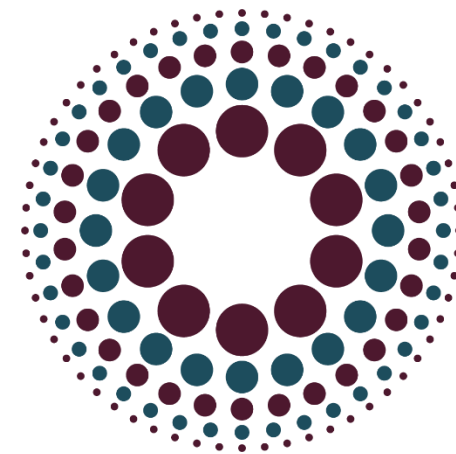


UPDATE ON PROVINCIAL POLICING STANDARDS AND AUDITING



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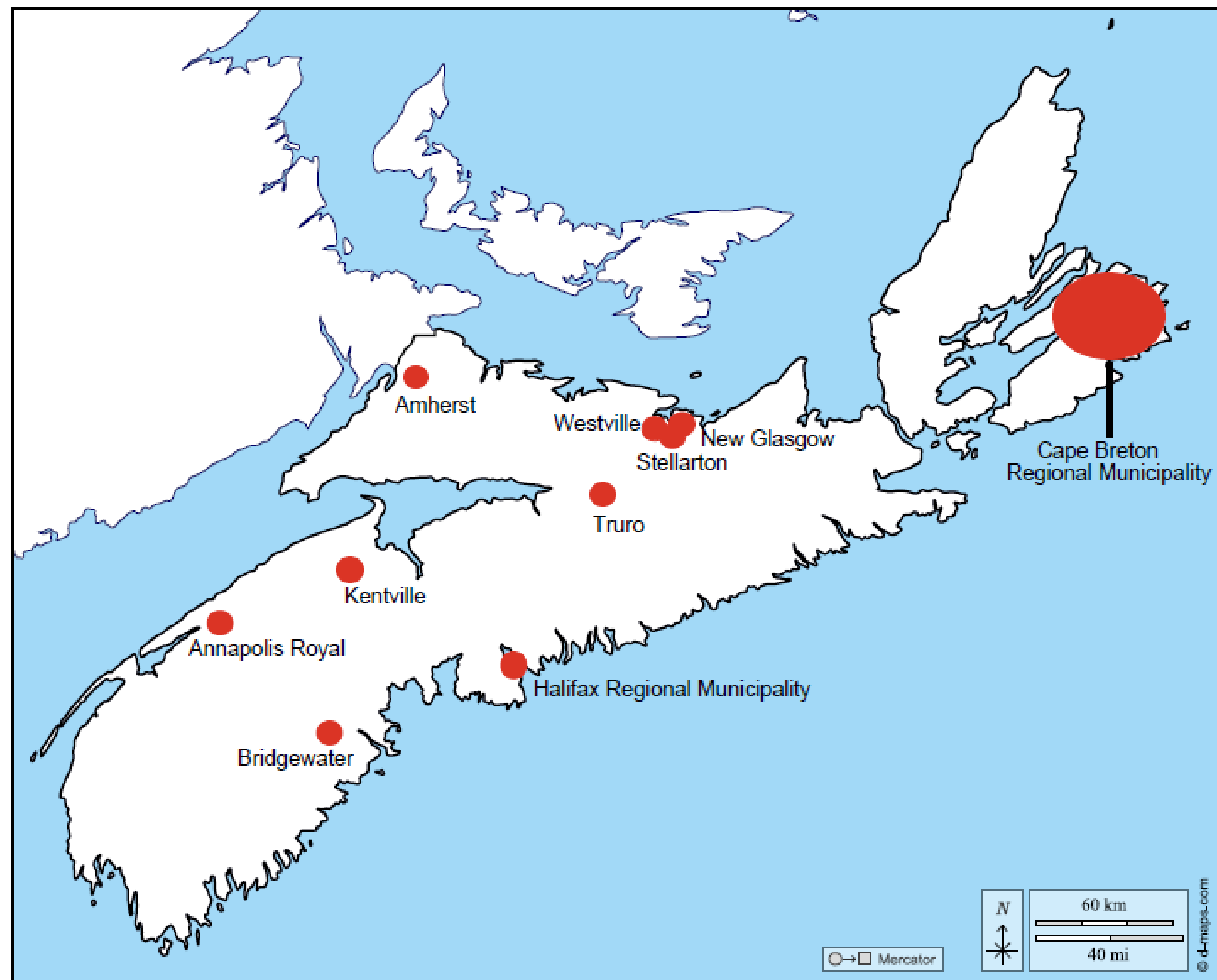
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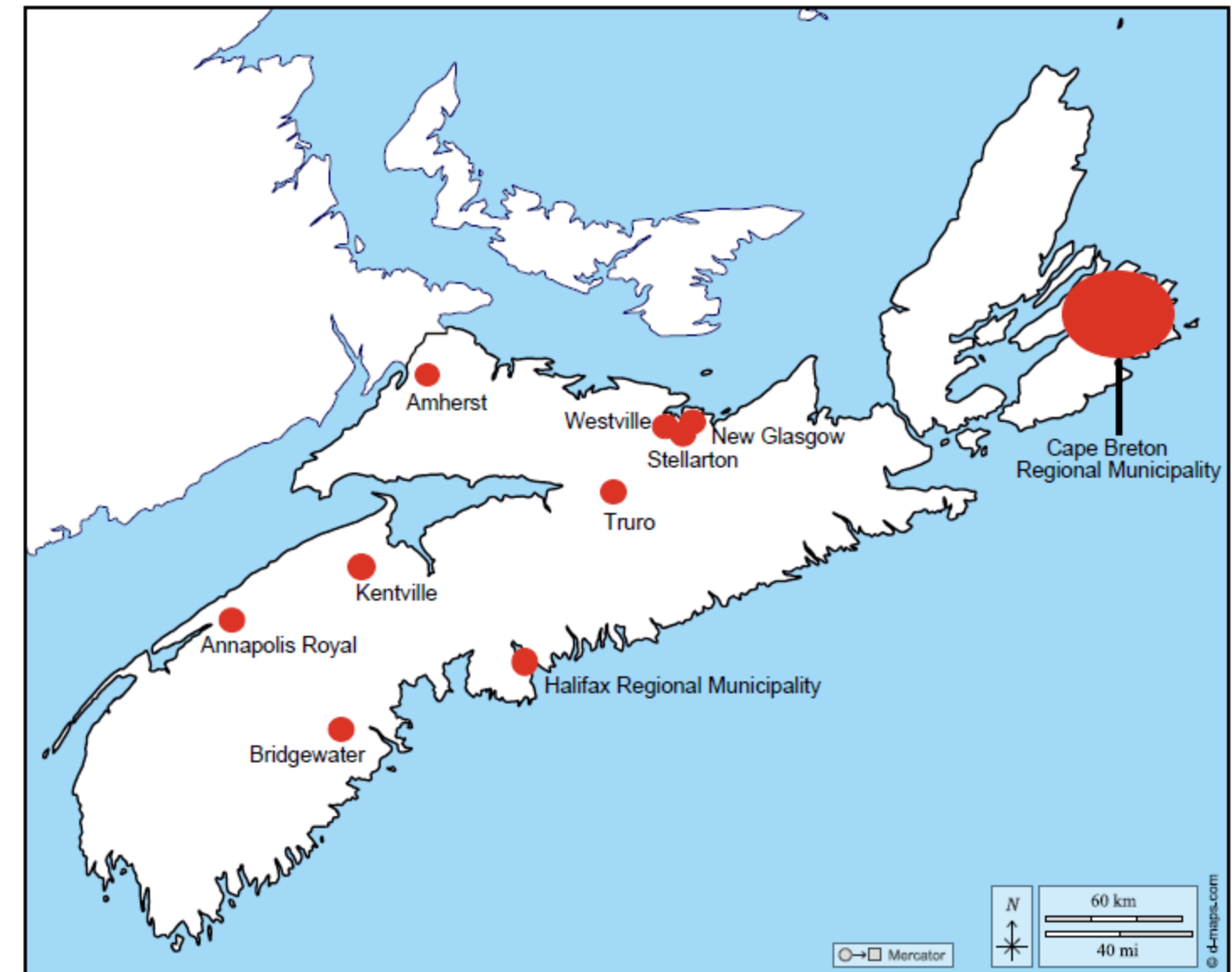
MUNICIPAL POLICE AGENCIES



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MUNICIPAL POLICE AGENCIES

- 10 municipal police agencies serving 11 municipalities
- 8 towns and 2 regional municipalities = 42% of the provincial population at night
- Provide services to urban hubs



CONTRACT POLICING WITH THE RCMP

- Royal Canadian Mounted Police are the Provincial Police as set out in the Nova Scotia Police Act
- 34 municipalities are under Provincial Policing Service Agreement = 53% population
- 5 municipalities have Municipal Policing Service Agreements = 4% population



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DISTINCTIONS IN GOVERNANCE

Municipal Police Agencies

- Board of Police Commissioners
- Typically meet monthly
- Develop Strategic Plan and Business Plan
- Develop annual budgets
- Hire and provide direction to Chief
- Not involved in day-to-day operations



DISTINCTIONS IN GOVERNANCE

Contract Policing

- Police Advisory Boards
- Typically meet quarterly
- Provides advice to council
- Meet with a Detachment Commanding Officer or their designate
- Not involved in budgeting
- Not involved in operations or internal management
- Additional terms of Contract Policing in PPSA and MPSAs



FINANCIAL DISTINCTIONS

Municipal Police Agency

- Develop budgets as part of annual budgeting process
- Tend to have more officers
- 24/7 service
- **Per officer cost** of whole operation and capital costs (not just officer salary)
- 2024/25 per officer costs range from \$129,000 to \$209,000
- 2024/25 **median** per officer cost: \$193,000



FINANCIAL DISTINCTIONS

Contract Policing

- Costs shared with other orders of government that hold authority
- MPSAs <15,000 = 70/30
- MPSAs >15,000 = 90/10
- MPSA Per Officer **municipal cost:**
\$225,000 to \$256,000
- PPSA = 66% of 70%
- PPSA Per Officer **municipal cost:**
\$202,671 (+ additional costs for “Shared Services”) = \$212,000

MPSA: Municipal Policing Service Agreement
PPSA: Provincial Policing Service Agreement





CLOSING REMARKS



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REPORT ON NSFM SURVEY OF MUNICIPAL POLICE AGENCIES

- Sent to all municipalities receiving policing services from a municipal police agency on April 12th
- Complemented by an in-person meeting on May 15th
- 91% Response Rate
- Complements NSFM research gathered with a general survey on policing services in 2023



FINDINGS

Challenges

Salary and Service Enhancements
Availability of and Access to Training
Population/Service Centres
Downloaded Responsibilities
Outdated Supports
Growing Scope of Work
Relationship with RCMP and Dep. of Justice

Solutions

Update the AOP and Other Supports
Invest in Social Support and Crisis Response
Clearly Defined Roles and Responsibilities
Don't Download Responsibilities Without \$\$
Service Expansion to Surrounding Area
Create Liaison with the Dep. of Justice
Nurture Culture of Collaboration



WHY THESE FINDINGS MATTER

- NSFM seeks a bearing on issues and solutions
- This bearing is member-driven
- Ongoing Dialogue with Department of Justice
- Upcoming Discussions on Service Exchange, Provincial Policing Review, and Compliance with Standards



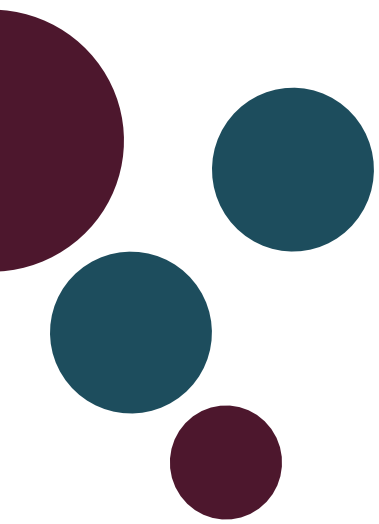


QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



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CONVERSATION NETWORKING TABLES

COMMONWEALTH A, 3:00 P.M.



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