



Nova Scotia

Solicitor General  
Province of Nova Scotia

PO Box 2599, Station M  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J 3N5

902 424-7400

Our file no:

May 19, 1992

Mayor

Dear Mayor

The Report of the Nova Scotia Advisory Group on Race Relations recommended that "all municipal police commissions be encouraged to reflect the racial diversity of the communities they serve."

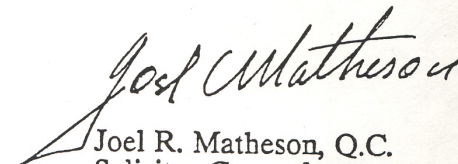
The Nova Scotia Police Act provides that municipal councils appoint from two to six persons to serve on their municipal board of police commissioners and that the Province appoints one individual.

I have made it known that when vacancies arise, representatives of visible minority groups will be considered for provincial appointment.

Although appointment of the municipal designates on the boards is clearly the responsibility of municipal councils, I would strongly encourage the consideration of visible minorities.

As you know, boards of police commissioners have a pivotal role to play in the establishment of policing policy. It is critical, therefore that they be sensitive to the policing needs of all members of the community.

Yours truly,

  
Joel R. Matheson, Q.C.  
Solicitor General