

# **Constitutional questions**

### **Context**

This policy describes how the Board responds when an application to a Court is made regarding constitutional matters in accordance with the Act and the Administrative Tribunals Act (ATA).

## **Applicability**

This policy applies to:

- · Applications before the Board
- Hearings

### **Policy**

The Board does not have jurisdiction to decide constitutional matters, and it does not have jurisdiction to refer constitutional questions to the Court.

Where a constitutional question is raised on a matter that is before the Board, the Board will proceed with the normal Board process, unless an applicant makes application to a Court in the nature of a prohibition to prevent the Board from considering the application.

Where the Board receives notice that such an application has been made to a Court, the Board may adjourn its proceedings pending the outcome of the Court application.

# Legislation

#### **Act**

- 6 (3) The following provisions of the Administrative Tribunals Act apply to the board:
- (I) section 44 [tribunal without jurisdiction over constitutional questions];

#### **ATA**

44 (1) The tribunal does not have jurisdiction over constitutional questions.