

# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Report of the Executive Director – June 25, 2008

## PROTOCOL FOR THE SHARING OF INFORMATION

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board approve the amended *Protocol for the Sharing of Information*; and
2. That the Board forward the amended *Protocol for the Sharing of Information* to Regional Council for its review and approval.

### BACKGROUND

In passing the Adequacy and Effectiveness Regulation, the Province recognized the importance of information sharing between Police Services Boards and their respective Councils as critical to the provision of adequate and effective police services to citizens.

On March 6, 2001, the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board and the Regional Municipality of York entered into a *Protocol for the Sharing of Information* in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 32(1) of Ontario Regulation 3/99 made under the *Police Services Act – Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services*. In 2005, the Protocol between the Board and Regional Council was reviewed and amended.

In consultation with Chairman Danny Wheeler, the Executive Director has reviewed the 2005 Protocol and identified proposed changes for consideration by the Board and Regional Council.

In conducting her review, the Executive Director consulted with Joy Hulton, Regional Solicitor, Chief Armand La Barge, and Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk.

### PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2005 PROTOCOL

#### Current Protocol

##### a. Notice of Public Meetings

The Board provides notice to Members of Regional Council of the dates, times and locations of its scheduled public meetings. The Board does not meet every month so the deletion of “monthly” and the addition of “public” clarify the Board’s intent and responsibility in article 1(a) on page two of the Protocol.

##### b. Provision of Public Agendas and Minutes to Regional Council

The current Protocol requires that the public agenda 1(b) and the minutes of the public meetings 1(c) be provided to Members of Regional Council. This practice is no longer necessary as all public agendas and minutes are posted on the Board’s web site at [www.yrpsb.ca](http://www.yrpsb.ca) for easy viewing. Furthermore, the Board extends, through the offices of the Regional and Town Clerks, an invitation to all Mayors, Regional and local Councillors in York Region to attend our public interest meetings. This process works well as demonstrated by the frequent attendance of some members of Councils at the Board’s public meetings.

c. Community Consultation Sessions

Within every three-year business planning cycle, the Chairman of the Board and the Chief of Police make presentations to Regional and local Councils and other community forums and actively seek the input of elected officials, citizens and business owners into policing priorities.

In view of the aforementioned (a), (b), and (c), it is proposed that the Board approve:

1. the addition of "public" and deletion of "monthly" to 1(a) on page two of the Protocol so that it reads "scheduled public meetings"; and
2. the deletion of articles 1(b) and (c) on page two of the Protocol to be replaced with an amended article 1(b) to reflect electronic access to public agendas and minutes; and
3. the changes to article 4 on page three of the Protocol to reflect the current practice of the Board and the Chief of Police in carrying out community consultations sessions during each three-year business planning cycle.

**SUMMARY**

In accordance with the Adequacy and Effectiveness Regulation, the Board entered into a Protocol for the Sharing of Information with the Regional Municipality of York on March 6, 2001. The parties amended this Protocol in 2005.

Sufficient time has passed to warrant a review of this Protocol both by the Board and Regional Council to ensure that it remains current and useful to both parties and satisfies the informational needs of our citizens. Three recommendations are made that will not affect the substance of the information shared between the Board and Regional Council. Rather, the proposed changes will reflect the greater efficiency of electronic sharing of information and the current practice of the Board and the Chief of Police in carrying out community consultation sessions during its business planning cycle every three years.

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