



The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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POLICE SERVICES BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIR & RE-ELECTS VICE CHAIR

NEWMARKET – At its meeting on January 25, 2012 the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board appointed Mayor of the Town of Markham Frank Scarpitti as the Board Chair for 2012. Mr. Scarpitti was first elected as Regional Councillor in 1985 and was subsequently re-elected to Regional Council. In 2006, he became the Mayor of Markham and was re-elected as Mayor in 2010 for a further four-year term. Mayor Scarpitti has served on the Board since 2007. This is his first year as Chair.

In accepting the position as Chair, Mayor Scarpitti stated, “I am honoured to serve on the Board of one of the leading police services in the country. My involvement with York Regional Police dates back many years. Chief Jolliffe and I worked together on a variety of initiatives, including the construction of #5 District headquarters in Markham in 1989. We also worked closely with the Chinese Consultative Committee and with the Markham African Caribbean Association, building partnerships in the community. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board for their support and look forward to working with everyone.”

The Police Services Board re-elected Barbara Bartlett as Vice Chair. Mrs. Bartlett was first appointed to the Board in 2008 and was elected as Vice Chair in November 2010 and in January 2011. Vice Chair Bartlett has held long-standing leadership positions with many community agencies including serving as President of the Community Living Newmarket/Aurora and District Board.

After accepting the position as Vice Chair, Mrs. Bartlett stated, “I would like to thank the Board for its support and look forward to continuing to serve with my colleagues on the Police Services Board.”

The Board paid tribute to Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler for his years of service on the Board and as Chair since 2007. York Region Chairman Bill Fisch indicated that Councillor Wheeler has made an outstanding contribution to the Board, to the Police Service and to the citizens of this Region. Chair Scarpitti stated, “I appreciate the manner with which you carried out your role as Chair and would like to thank you on behalf of the members of our Board.” Councillor Wheeler expressed his gratitude for the Board’s support over the last 10 years. He stated, “The strength of the Board has remained consistent and I thank the Board for its leadership, guidance, integrity and courage.”

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board is a seven-member civilian Board that governs the York Regional Police. Four members are appointed by Regional Council and three by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. In accordance with Section 28 of the Police Services Act and the Board's Procedure By-Law, the Board elects its Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting each year.

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