



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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Police Services Board appoints new Executive Director

NEWMARKET – Chairman of the Police Services Board and Regional Councillor **Danny Wheeler** of the Town of Georgina is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms Mafalda Avellino** as the new Executive Director to the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board effective October 1, 2009.

Since July 1999, Ms Avellino has worked as a Planner with the York Regional Police. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Criminology from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from McGill University in Montreal and has completed courses at the Schulich Executive Education Centre at York University.

Trilingual (English, French and Italian), Ms Avellino brings extensive professional experience to her new position. She served as a research consultant with the Guelph Police Service, the Halton Police Service and the First Nations Chief of Police Association and Human Resources Development Canada. She has also worked as an investigator with the Ontario Human Rights Commission and has undertaken specific projects with the Toronto Police Services Board, Operation Springboard, and the Community Peace Foundation. Ms Avellino has lectured on crime in Canadian society at Sheridan College and while working in South Africa, she developed a Community Policing Training Manual for the South African Police Service.

“Ms Avellino brings a passion for policing and excellent qualifications and experience to her new position. I know that she will make a significant contribution to the Board’s work on behalf of our citizens from all over the world, and we look forward to working with her,” said Chairman Danny Wheeler.

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board is a seven-member civilian Board that governs the York Regional Police. Under the Police Services Act, the Board is responsible for providing adequate and effective police services to over 1 million people in nine municipalities in York Region.

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