



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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To Make a Difference in the Community

MEDIA RELEASE Police Services Board Meeting Highlights

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| <p>Board presents its 2009 Award for Civic Leadership</p> | <p>At the November 25, 2009 meeting of the Police Services Board, Chairman Danny Wheeler presented Barbara L. McDonald, Elder and Teacher of the Chippewas of Georgina Island with the Police Services Board's 2009 Award for Civic Leadership in recognition of her remarkable leadership in the community, her strong partnership with York Regional Police and her commitment and dedication to the Aboriginal teachings and to the Ojibway language. Chief La Barge praised Ms. McDonald as a friend and mentor of York Regional Police and as a dedicated community leader. The Board created its Award for Civic Leadership in 2006 to recognize the highest level of excellence in civic leadership. Recipients of the Award for Civic Leadership are stellar leaders in their fields who enhance community safety and promote positive relations between the citizens and York Regional Police. Previous recipients of the Board's highest honour include Ms. Illeen Pat Howell, Ms. Margaret Williams, Mr. Leo McArthur, and the late Mr. Kamil Sadiq.</p> |
| <p>Engaging Our Youth</p> | <p>Chief Armand La Barge and his team – Superintendent Paul Pedersen and Sergeant Christine Irvine-Leitch presented to an audience of over 70 people an important presentation on Engaging Our Youth. In 2008, over 120,000 youth were involved in York Regional Police presentations and programs including the Youth Council, the Whole School Approach program and youth coalitions. More youth are being diverted to pre-charge programs in York Region. Some key things parents can do: monitor and supervise your kids, accentuate the positive and encourage extracurricular activities. See yrpsb.ca for full presentation.</p> |
| <p>Accessible Customer Service Policy</p> | <p>The Police Services Board adopted the Accessible Customer Service Policy. The policy includes ways to provide customer service to persons with disabilities while complying with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), Accessible Standards for Customer Service.</p> <p>The policy provides direction on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The use of assistive devices that enable a person with a disability to access Board services;• The use of service animals and support persons;• How the Board will notify the public if there is a temporary disruption of services or disruption to facilities;• How the public can provide feedback on the Board's delivery of services to people with disabilities; and• How the Board will respond to feedback received by the public. <p>The AODA was enacted to ensure that all Ontarians with disabilities have full and equal access to services, accommodations and employment. The Board's Accessible Customer Service Policy can be accessed on the Board's website.</p> |



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| Board donates \$5,000 to Victim Services of York Region | The Board authorized a contribution of \$5,000 to Victim Services of York Region toward the development of a drop-in program for victims of domestic violence . The funds will be used for a 14-week pilot project for women who have experienced intimate partner violence. The project will provide an accessible and informal opportunity for women to gain support, information and referrals to support agencies. |
| Next Police Services Board Meeting | The next Police Services Board meeting will be on <u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010</u> in Committee Room A, Region of York Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street at <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Chief Armand La Barge will make a presentation on <u>2010 POLICING PRIORITIES</u> . <u>Note:</u> All reports and correspondence on the public agenda are posted on the Board's website at yrpsb.ca prior to the Board meeting. |

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