



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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### Police Services Board Meeting Highlights January 25, 2012

<p><b>Election of new Board Chair and Re-Election of Vice-Chair</b></p>	<p>At its <b>January 25, 2012</b> meeting, <b>The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board</b> appointed <b>Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of the Town of Markham</b> as the new <b>Board Chair</b> and <b>Mrs. Barbara Bartlett</b> as <b>Vice-Chair</b> for 2012. Mayor Scarpitti succeeds <b>Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler</b> who has served as Chair since 2007. "In accepting the position, <b>Chair Scarpitti</b> 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. <b>Chief Jolliffe</b> 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 <b>Chinese Consultative Committee</b> and with the <b>Markham African Caribbean Association</b>, 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 <b>Barbara Bartlett</b> as Vice Chair. <b>Mrs. Bartlett</b> was first appointed to the Board in 2008 and was elected as Vice Chair in November 2010 and in January 2011. <b>Vice Chair Bartlett</b> has held long-standing leadership positions with many community agencies including serving as President of the <b>Community Living Newmarket/Aurora</b> and District Board. After accepting the position as Vice Chair, <b>Mrs. Bartlett</b> 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."</p>
<p><b>Board Pays Tribute to Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler</b></p>	<p><b>The Police Services Board</b> and <b>Chief Eric Jolliffe</b> paid tribute to <b>Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler</b>, a Member of the Board for 10 years and its Chair for the last five years. <b>Regional Councillor Wheeler</b> expressed his gratitude for the Board's support. He stated, "The strength of the Board has remained consistent and I thank the Board for its leadership, guidance, integrity and courage. I look forward to continuing to work with many of you on Regional Council." "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," stated <b>Chair Frank Scarpitti</b>. <b>York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch</b> indicated that Councillor Wheeler has made an outstanding contribution to the Board, to the Police Service and to the citizens of this Region. <b>Regional Councillor Wheeler</b> continues to serve on <b>Regional Council</b> and as <b>Deputy Mayor of the Town of Georgina</b>.</p>



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<b>2012 Policing Priorities</b>	<p>Chief <b>Eric Jolliffe</b> and his team presented the <b>2012 Policing Priorities</b> as outlined in the Board's 2011-2013 Business Plan. Thirty-four (34) additional officers will be hired in 2012 including 19 which will be added to the <b>Integrated Domestic Violence Unit</b>. <b>Superintendent Andre Crawford</b> outlined the crime prevention initiatives which will be underway this year including <b>Citizens on Patrol Program</b> and the <b>Empowered Student Partnerships Program</b>. <b>Superintendent Karen Noakes</b> highlighted the Operational Priorities for 2012 such as the addition of a <b>Region-wide Business Watch Program</b> and strategies and initiatives aimed at tackling organized crime. Other 2012 highlights include more training programs and tools for York Regional Police members, a <b>Community Policing Station</b> in Mount Albert, more use of social media to communicate with the public and <b>Community Information Kiosks</b> as presented by <b>Superintendents Robertson Rouse and Bill Faulkner</b>.</p> <p>A copy of the <b>2011-2013 Business Plan</b> and the police presentation can be found on the Board's website.</p>
<b>Board Approves Purchase of Marine Vessel</b>	<p>The Board approved the purchase of a marine patrol vessel similar to the <i>Waawaatesi</i> which is currently the primary vessel used to patrol the lakes in the Region. The new boat will allow for better response times and more capabilities.</p>
<b>Board Supports Yellow Brick House</b>	<p>The Board purchased a corporate table in support of <b>Yellow Brick House Mending Hearts.....Creating Dream Gala</b> to be held on April 27, 2012. The Yellow Brick House is a non-profit charitable organization that provides emergency shelter, counselling and supportive services to abused women and children.</p>
<b>Board Supports Missionaries of the Poor</b>	<p>The Board purchased a table in support of the <b>One Night, One Love Gala</b> which will raise funds for the <b>Missionaries of the Poor</b> - an orphanage that York Regional Police supports in memory of <b>Constable Davis Ahlowalia</b>.</p>
<b>Next Police Services Board Meeting</b>	<p>The next Police Services Board meeting will be on <b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012</b>, Committee Room A, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket at 1:00 p.m.</p>

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