



The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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MEDIA RELEASE Highlights

Police Services Board Meeting

January 22, 2014

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair	<p>At its meeting on January 22, 2014 the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board re-elected Mayor of the City of Markham, Frank Scarpitti as the Board Chair and Mrs. Barbara Bartlett as Vice Chair for 2014. Mayor Scarpitti has served as Chair since 2012. In accepting the position as Chair, Mayor Scarpitti thanked the members of the Police Services Board for their support and looks forward to continue working with them and with the Executive Command Team.</p> <p>The Police Services Board re-elected Barbara Bartlett as Vice Chair of the Board for 2014. Mrs. Bartlett was first appointed to the Board in 2008 and was elected as Vice Chair in 2010, 2011, 2012 and again in January 2013.</p>
Next Month's Presentation: Conducted Energy Weapons	<p>The Board changed its February 19, 2014 presentation to Conducted Energy Weapons. Members of the public will have a chance to provide their feedback on the expansion of the Taser program.</p>
Organized Crime and Gangs in York Region	<p>Detective Sergeant Duncan MacIntyre, Detective Constable Andrew Gordon and Detective Constable Drew Leonard presented on Organized Crime and Gangs in York Region. The mandate of the Organized Crime Bureau is to detect, disrupt and dismantle criminal groups by investigating organized crime and its elements, performing targeted enforcement and providing investigative support in relation to guns, gangs and related crime. Organized crime is defined as three or more persons who commit serious offenses within criminal networks for financial gain, wealth, power, drugs and respect. Social media has created a new way for gangs to communicate which can be used to advertise, recruit and attract gang members and creates a platform for gang fights and disrespect over the internet. Motorcycle gangs also pose a risk as they often own or operate businesses, can communicate without being detected by police and often conduct business outside of municipal boundaries over their "territory". York Regional Police established the York Region Against Guns & Gangs Strategy (YRAGG) in 2006 which provides support and education to at-risk-youth. The community can help through education, prevention and intervention by being gang aware, joining educational programs, encouraging children to stay in school, help children be socially and physically active and seek professional help.</p>
2014-2016 Business Plan	<p>The Board approved the 2014-2016 Business Plan for York Regional Police. A copy of the plan will be available on the Board's website. www.yrpsb.ca.</p>



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Board appoints 13 New Police Officers	The Police Services Board appointed thirteen (13) police officers assigned as Cadets-in-Training. The new officers bring a vast array of life skills and linguistic abilities including: French, German, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu.
Reclassification of 25 Officers	The Board approved the reclassification of twenty-five (25) officers. The officers are deployed on the front-lines and are responsible for patrolling our neighborhoods, roads and business areas.
Public Complaints Statistics	In 2013, there were a total of 122 public complaints against police officers in York Region. One-third of the complaints involved neglect of duty and 25 involved verbal abuse. Fifty-three (53) public complaints were investigated with one resulting in discipline towards an officer. Thirteen (13) complaints were formally resolved, eight were withdrawn, 19 complaints still under investigation by the Office of the Independent Review Director (OIPRD) and 12 determined to be unsubstantiated. Fifty-six (56) complaints were not accepted by the OIPRD either determined to be frivolous, vexatious or made in bad faith; could be better dealt with under another statute; were not in public interest and were over six months old.
Board Supports Character Community Foundation of York Region	The Board approved sponsorship in support of the 8th Annual Character Community Awards Celebration to be held on April 30, 2014 in Richmond Hill, ON. The Character Community Foundation of York Region is committed to making York Region a Character Community by nurturing positive character attributes and enhancing York Region as a desirable place to live, learn, work and play. This year they will be honouring Regional Chairman & C.E.O Bill Fisch as their 2014 Character Champion for his ongoing support over the years.
Next Police Services Board Meeting	The next Police Services Board meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 , Committee Room A, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket at 1:00 p.m.

For further information please contact Executive Director, Mafalda Avellino at 905-830-4444 or 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77906 or psb@yrp.ca. Please visit www.yrpsb.ca for a copy of the presentation, Board Reports and Minutes from the Board meeting.

Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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