



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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### MEDIA RELEASE Highlights

### Police Services Board Meeting

**March 26, 2014**

<b>Keeping our Seniors Safe</b>	<b>Inspector Russ Bellman and Sergeant Greg Connolly</b> presented on <b>Keeping our Seniors Safe</b> . The senior population is the fastest-growing age group, with nearly five million seniors residing in Canada with that number expected to double by 2031. Currently seniors represent 12% of York Region's population but are expected to increase to 21% by 2031 with most residing in the southern parts of the Region including Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan. Community focus is the cornerstone of success with many initiatives in place including crime prevention through community engagement, victim support through community partnerships, volunteerism, diversity and inclusion, communications and public trust and confidence. The York Regional Police respond to approximately 500 calls per month from seniors. Common crimes against seniors include physical and sexual assault, financial assault, thefts and neglect. Often seniors are dependent on their abusers with over 90% of the abusers being a family member. Liaising with the community, creating awareness of senior safety and creating an ability for seniors to easily connect with police along with collaborative partnerships are the most effective way to work together to keep seniors safe in our community.
<b>Reward for Homicide Investigation</b>	<b>The Police Services Board</b> approved a reward of <b>\$50,000</b> for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Yvonne Leroux who was murdered in 1972. The reward will expire after a period of one year. If there is an investigative need to extend the availability of the reward beyond one year, the Chief of Police will seek the approval of the Board in a subsequent Board report.
<b>Board Supports Annual Community Living Tribute Dinner</b>	The Board purchased Silver sponsorship in support of the <b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Tribute Dinner</b> honouring York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch to be held on April 24, 2014. The 2014 Community Service Award is an honour bestowed to an individual who exemplifies a lifetime of excellence in community service.
<b>Board Supports 2015 CIRG Symposium</b>	The Board approved being a Sponsor for the <b>CIRG Second Bi-Annual Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Symposium 2015</b> taking place on April 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 in Richmond Hill, ON. The event is for all within the Region and beyond with a particular focus on encouraging and/or enhancing promising practices in all organizations whether private or public.
<b>Board Supports Clubs for Cancer</b>	The Board approved a Hole Sponsorship for the <b>Clubs4Cancer 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament</b> taking place May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 at Coppinwood Golf Club in Claremont, ON. Clubs4Cancer was established to generate awareness to Cancer and to commemorate 7 young lives that lost their battle to cancer.



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<b>Board Supports the Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE)</b>	The Board approved the purchase of one table in support of the <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Ball</b> to be held on May 10, 2014 by the <b>Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE)</b> . <b>ABLE</b> is an association of law enforcement professionals and associated community members who are committed to the betterment of the communities in which we live and work.
<b>Board Supports 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wayne Snooks Golf Classic</b>	The Board approved Gold sponsorship in support of <b>Crime Stoppers of York Region's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wayne Snooks Golf Classic</b> to be held at the Cardinal Golf Club in Kettleby on June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2014. Through the Crime Stoppers Program, the citizens of York Region are encouraged to assist the police in solving crimes.
<b>Next Police Services Board Meeting</b>	The next Police Services Board meeting will be on <b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014</b> , 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](mailto:psb@yrp.ca). Please visit [www.yrpsb.ca](http://www.yrpsb.ca) for a copy of the presentation, Board Reports and Minutes from the Board meeting.*

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