



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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## Police Services Board Meeting Highlights November 12, 2014

<p><b>Board Recognizes Retirement of Chairman and C.E.O Bill Fisch</b></p>	<p><b>Board Chair Frank Scarpitti</b> acknowledged the vast contributions of <b>York Region Chairman and C.E.O. Bill Fisch</b> who will be retiring after his term in office ends on November 30, 2014. Chairman Fisch is completing a 19-year tenure on the Board and 26 years of public service including 17 years as the Regional Chairman. Chairman Fisch has overseen substantial changes to the Region's police service including a significant expansion to the organization's resources while ensuring one of the lowest cost per capita in Ontario. He has supported the construction of several police facilities to meet the growing population and safety demands of the citizens. His leadership has enhanced the role of civilian police governance in Canada, and his advocacy has helped with changes to various issues. As a board member, he has been responsible for the hiring of four Chiefs of Police, an acting Chief and seven Deputy Chiefs of Police. Chairman Fisch has supported numerous organizations during his tenure on the Board. Since his appointment, York Regional Police is more transparent, efficient and community-oriented. He has been a leader and a mentor, and his legacy will be felt for years to come. Chairman Fisch stated "It has been an honour and a pleasure to have worked with all of you. I can say with certainty that this is the best police service in Canada because of all your hard work. I am very proud to have been part of this process."</p>
<p><b>Board Congratulates John Molyneux on receiving Notable Honour</b></p>	<p><b>Board Chair Frank Scarpitti</b> acknowledged <b>Board Member John Molyneux</b> who was recently honoured with the re-dedication of the Aurora and Newmarket fire Station 4-2 on McCaffrey Road in Newmarket. John, who is a former fire chief, was instrumental in the creation of the Central York Fire Services. We congratulate Mr. Molyneux on receiving this distinguished honour.</p>
<p><b>How to Avoid Online Scams</b></p>	<p><b>Detective Constable Michael Hopkins</b> and <b>Detective Constable Paul Jodoin</b> presented on "<b>How to Avoid Online Scams – Fraud Alert</b>". Fraud has become North America's fastest growing crime and has cost consumers \$58 billion since 2013. It is estimated that less than 5% of all mass marketing fraud is reported. The top five on line scams are Phishing and Spoofing, Microsoft Technician, Canada Revenue Agency, Grandparent Scams and Romance Scams. Social media has</p>



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	<p>increased opportunities for fraud. Online information is almost impossible to be deleted and allows opportunity to steal information and profiles for criminal activity. Victims of fraud can experience depression, anger, substance abuse, family breakdown, sense of betrayal, home foreclosure and suicide. Prevention and education are the best ways to curb these thefts. We can take more care to protect our identities by shredding documents with personal information, erasing information from electronic devices before disposal, regularly changing passwords and checking accounts for suspicious activity.</p> <p>A copy of this presentation can be found on our website by clicking <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>Board Appoints 18 New Police Officers</b>	The Police Services Board appointed 18 police officers assigned as Cadets-in-Training. The new officers bring a vast array of life skills and linguistic abilities.
<b>Board Provides Support to "Patch for Patch"</b>	The Police Services Board supports correspondence to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services from the Durham Regional Police Services Board on its "Patch for Patch" initiative. The program addresses a way to reduce addictions and deaths related to the abuse of Fentanyl. The correspondence to the Minister also refers to the development of a strategy to address the proliferation of prescription drug abuse.
<b>Next Police Services Board Meeting</b>	The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on <b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015</b> at the York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, in Committee Room A at 1:00 p.m.

For further information please contact Executive Director, Mafalda Avellino at 905-830-4444 or 1-877-464-9675 extension 77906 or email: [psb@yrp.ca](mailto:psb@yrp.ca). Please visit the York Regional Police Service Board website by clicking [here](#) for a copy of the presentation, Board Reports and Minutes from the Board meeting.

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