



# The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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## Board Meeting Highlights

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### Construction Update on Police Training Facility

The construction of the York Regional Police training facility is well underway with a completion date set for April 20, 2017. The facility will include an 18-lane firing range at 50 meters – which can be expanded in the future, firing range support area and areas for defensive tactics, fitness training and dynamic scenario simulation training and will also include 10 classrooms and administrative areas. It will be a LEED silver building encompassing about 73,000 square feet. The facility is located on Bales Road in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

### Strategy for a Safer Ontario – Board Proposal

The Board confirmed its submission to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the Strategy for a Safer Ontario. The Strategy is the blueprint for a new policing services mandate which will include sweeping changes to the *Police Services Act* and its regulations.

The Board's position includes areas that have been long-standing issues of advocacy and concern including labour matters that have been significant drivers in the escalation of the costs of police services. The Board's submission includes proposals that will enhance community safety, improve the public's trust in the police, continue to build bridges with our many communities, strengthen civilian governance and bring policing in Ontario into the 21st century in a manner that is sustainable and makes financial sense to the property taxpayer.

### Proceeds of Crime Report

For the provincial fiscal year ending on March 31, 2016, York Regional Police turned over \$1,740,478 in seized cash and assets to the Ontario government under the Ontario *Civil Remedies Act (2001)* and federal legislation. Property and proceeds of crime seized by



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York Regional Police in recent years include money, residences used in the cultivation and/or production of illegal drugs and the production of counterfeit documents, vehicles operated by drunk drivers, drug traffickers, robberies and airplanes used to traffic drugs.

The *Civil Remedies Act* allows for the disbursement of the proceeds of crime to victim compensation, cost recovery and grants to various organizations including police. Between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016, York Regional Police received \$533,098 from the Proceeds of Crime grant.

## MADD York Region Golf Tournament

The Board approved sponsorship of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MADD York Region Golf Tournament to be held on August 25, 2016 at Cardinal RedCrest Golf Club in King, Ontario. Mothers Against Drunk Driving is a charitable grassroots organization that is committed to stopping impaired driving.

## Next Police Services Board Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 22, 2016** at **9:00 a.m.** Location: York Region Administrative Centre, Committee Room A, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. A copy of the agenda with reports will be posted on the Board's website five days before the meeting.

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