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BOARD FORUM



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Board Appointments

At its meeting in December, Regional Council re-appointed three members to the Police Services Board - Mayor Frank Scarpitti, City of Markham and Mayor Virginia Hackson, Town of East Gwillimbury for the 2014-2018 term of Regional Council and citizen appointee Barbara Bartlett for a further one-year term.

Newly-appointed Regional Chair & C.E.O Wayne Emmerson has also elected to serve on the Police Services Board. Chairman Emmerson is a fifth generation resident of The Regional Municipality of York and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and has a breadth of knowledge and political experience in the Region and in all levels of government. Chairman Emmerson has served on a number of standing committees and has served as a Board member for a number of organizations including Markham-Stouffville Hospital, GTA Mayors' Committee, Greater Toronto Services Board and the Greater Airport Authority Association.



Chairman Emmerson has played a large role in community safety. He was instrumental in the development of York Region's Community Safety Village - a 10,000 square foot interactive, educational facility where children learn about fire, traffic and personal safety. He was officially sworn in at the Board meeting on January 21.

2015 Police Budget

The 2015 Police Operating Budget is \$287 million representing a 3.2% increase from 2014 which is the lowest increase in 19 years and includes the addition of 33 sworn officers and 13 civilian staff. The planned additional sworn officers and civilian staff will join various areas including: investigative services, risk and accountability, continuous improvement and civilianizing police positions. York Regional Police has one of the lowest cost per capita ratios among its policing comparators. The 2015 Capital Budget is \$42.1 million which includes facilities renovations, radio system, vehicles, information technology and specialized equipment.

The York Regional Police Services Board oversees the York Regional Police. Under the <u>Police Services Act</u>, the Police Services Board is responsible for recruiting and appointing the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police; assessing the Chief's performance; approving annual operating and capital budgets for the police service; establishing policies and by-laws for the effective management of the police service and preparing a business plan for the police service every three years.

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

2015 Board Meetings and Presentation Topics

January 21, 2015

2015 Police Budget and Priorities

February 18, 2015

Police Encounter with People in Crisis

March 25, 2015

Preventing and Investigating Property Crimes

April 22, 2015 Combating Organized Crime

May 20, 2015

Keeping Our Children Safe

June 24, 2015 Police Canine Unit

September 23, 2015

Road Safety and Traffic Enforcement

October 14, 2015

Assisting Victims of Crime

November 18, 2015

2016 Police Budget and Priorities

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A Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

How can I become a member of the Police Services Board?¹

If you wish to serve on a Police Services Board, you must apply through the Public Appointments Secretariat, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. You can access the Application for Appointment at <u>www.pas.gov.on.ca</u> or by calling 416-327-2640. If you wish to serve as a Citizen Appointee, you can contact the Regional Clerk's Office, Region of York, at 905-830-4444 ext. 71320.

What to Expect as a Member of the Board?

- •The Police Services Board: appoints members of the police force, recruits and appoints the chief of police, and deputy chief, determines objectives and priorities for police services, prepares a business plan at least once every 3 years, monitors the performance of the chief of police, participates in collective bargaining and working agreement processes as the employer.
- As a Board member you will be expected to: complete training that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services may provide or require, elect a Chair at the first meeting in each year; and may also elect a vice chair, conduct yourself according to the Members of the Police Services Board Code of Conduct, attend meetings as determined by the Board, no fewer than four each year.

What do I need to Qualify?

You must:

- Be a resident of the municipal area served by the Board. Consideration may be given to applicants who reside outside of the municipal area served by the Board, where there are no qualified applicants.
- Pass a comprehensive background check
- Understand the role of the Board as set out in the Police Services Act
- Have volunteered for community organizations
- Have good written and verbal communication skills
- Previous experience on Boards or committees will be considered an asset.

Additional Information

- Remuneration is determined and paid by the municipality.
- Provincial members of Boards are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, by Order in Council.
- Provincial appointees reflect the diversity of the people of Ontario and deliver services and decisions in a non-partisan, professional, ethical and competent manner with a commitment to the principles and values of public service.
- For more information please see the *Police Services Act*, RSO 1990 c. P-15 and associated Ontario Regulation 421/97.

Note: You cannot become a member if you are a judge, justice of the peace, police officer or person who practices criminal law as a defense counsel.

¹ Works Cited: Memorandum Anthony Tessarolo, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division, Ministry of Community Safety and Corrections Services. Police Services Board Vacancy Information Sheets. January 13, 2015. Website: Click <u>Here</u>

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