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A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board



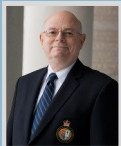
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2017 Police Budget

The Board approved the 2017 York Regional Police Operating Budget of \$310.9 million which is a 4.5 percent increase over the 2016 operating budget. The budget includes the addition of 31 police officers and 12 civilian personnel to address population growth and intensification, continued sustainable and effective police services to the communities and increasing demands for service. Most of the 31 police officers will be assigned to front-line policing. The 2017 police budget continues to maintain the lowest policing cost per capita in Canada among comparable police services (with populations of over 1 million residents). For financial planning purposes, the Board approved an outlook to 2018 of \$324 million which includes the addition of 22 police personnel.

Operating Budget	\$310.9 million
Capital Budget	\$22.4 million

The Board also approved the 2017 Police Capital Budget totaling \$22.4 million with a Capital Spend Authority of \$29 million. The expenditures include funds for facilities, vehicles, information technology and specialized equipment. Financing for the capital budget is a combination of contributions from reserves, debenture proceeds repaid from development charges, debt reduction reserve funding, development charge collections and external funding.

The 2017 Police Budget was approved by Regional Council in December. A copy of the budget is on the Board's website.

Board Submission to the Independent Police Oversight Review

The Ontario Government has appointed the Honourable Michael H. Tulloch to carry out a review of police oversight bodies in the Province namely: the Special Investigations Unit; the Office of the Independent Police Review Director and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission.

Justice Tulloch's general mandate is to determine whether the oversight bodies are carrying out their work as efficiently and effectively as possible and to make recommendations that would enhance transparency and accountability, including whether SIU reports should be made public. Our Board

2017 Board Meeting Dates

January 25

February 15

March 22

April 19

May 24

June 28

September 20

October 18

November 15

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made a submission to Justice Tulloch as part of the consultation process and also had a meeting with Justice Tulloch and his team to convey its suggestions.

The Board's submission included responses to questions posed by Justice Tulloch in his review including our Board's position that the quality of police governance and oversight in Ontario needs to be strengthened and more vigorously supported by the Province. Our Board believes that the separation between police services boards and other oversight bodies be clearly maintained and that the public be made aware of the role of civilian oversight bodies in Ontario.



The Board's submission to the Independent Police Oversight Review can be located [here](#).

2017 Presentation Topics

Presentation topics for 2017 meetings include Our People: Sharing is Caring, How Technology is Changing Community Policing in York Region, Achieving our full potential: Business Intelligence for Smarter, more Efficient and Effective Policing and the 2018 draft Police Budget and Priorities. Please refer to the 2017 Meeting Schedule on the Board's website for more information or click [here](#).

Board Launches new Website

The Board launched its new website in the Fall. The website is a more user-friendly and accessible and meets the *Accessibility for Ontarians Disabilities Act*. It provides information on Board meetings, agendas, minutes, Board members, the Board's mandate, reports and publications such as the Board's newsletter, annual reports, statistical information as well as the Business Plan, police budget, public complaints and the Board's policies and procedures. The site is fully responsive to mobile devices.



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Public Board meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room A in the York Region Administrative Centre

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