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A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

Passing of Former Board Member and Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler

Sadly, former member of the Police Services Board and Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler passed away on November 1, 2016. Councillor Wheeler was appointed to the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board in January 2002 and served as Chair from 2007 to 2012.



During his 10-year tenure on the Board, Councillor Wheeler was involved in the hiring of two Chiefs of Police and three Deputy Chiefs of Police, supported the growth of York Regional Police to reflect the

changing needs of the communities, was involved in strengthening police governance and as a member of the Board advocated for legislative changes to important safety issues. Mr. Wheeler was a valued member of the Board and made a significant impact on the safety and security of the citizens of York Region. Details on Memorial

Semi-Annual Crime Statistics in York Region

The overall crime rate in York Region increased by 1.2 percent during the first half of 2016 when compared with the first half of 2015. The rate of property crimes increased by 2.9 percent during that same period while the rate of violent crimes decreased. Most of the crime categories continue to experience decreases. York Region continues to have one of the lowest crime rates when compared with our national and provincial counterparts. For a full copy of the crime statistics, please visit our website.



We've launched our new website!

See it here: www.yrpsb.ca 2016 Board Meeting Dates

January 20

February 17

March 23

April 27

May 27

June 22

September 21

October 26

November 23

Public Board

meetings begin at

9:00 a.m. in Committee Room A

in the York Region Administrative

Centre

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2017 Board Meeting Schedule

	January 25, 2017	April 19, 2017	September 20, 2017
	February 15, 2017	May 24, 2017	October 18, 2017
	March 22, 2017	June 28, 2017	November 15, 2017

Four-Year Collective Agreement

The Board ratified a four-year collective agreement with the York Regional Police Association. The term of the new Agreement ends in 2019. Details include an average annual wage increase of just under two percent over the term of the four-year contract. A three-month retirement gratuity was eliminated for future hires and limits were set on certain benefits where there were none before. The new agreement includes increases to various health-related benefits for members like psychological services and chiropractic care.

The Board has reached a settlement that recognizes the hard work and commitment of the members of York Regional Police while ensuring that the rising policing costs are controlled and that York Region residents can continue to receive high quality cost-effective services.

Public Complaints Against Police

In the first six months of this year, 59 public complaints were received, by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director, against York Regional Police officers compared with 80 during the same time in 2015. Thirty-five complaints were deemed to be not in the public interest, frivolous, or more appropriately dealt with under another Act or law; one complaint was not dealt with due to the six-month time limitation; two complaints were unsubstantiated, nine public complaints were withdrawn by the complainant; four complaints were resolved informally and one with informal discipline. The remaining seven complaints are currently under investigation. For full copies of public complaint reports, please visit our website.

Business Plan Consultation Study

The development of the 2017-2019 York Regional Police Business Plan relies heavily on consultation with internal and external stakeholders including members of the public. York Regional Police conducted over 50 consultation sessions and 15 surveys engaging over 1,300 YRP members and 7,300 community members. The top issues that were highlighted by the public are: review and enhance service delivery and police officer visibility; increase the use of social media to enhance communication with the public and more effective community engagement and safety education initiatives to the public.



≽ POLICE SERVICES BOARD OFFICE HAS MOVED!

The York Regional Police Services Board office is now located on the 3rd floor, at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario.