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A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

Elections of Chair and Vice Chair



In January, the Police Services Board re-elected Mayor Frank Scarpitti as its Chair. Mayor Scarpitti has served on the Board since 2007 and as Chair since 2012.

The Board also elected Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury Virginia Hackson as Vice Chair of the Board for 2016. Mayor Hackson has served on the Board since 2012. In accordance with the Board's procedure by-law, the elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair are conducted at the first public meeting of the board each year.

New Board Appointment

The Board is pleased to welcome its newest member Mr. Khalid Usman. Regional Council appointed Mr. Usman to the Police Services Board in December. Mr. Usman brings a wealth of business and community experience to his role on the Board. Mr. Usman, who is a chartered accountant, served as a Municipal Councillor in the City of Markham for nine years (1997-2006). He sits on many corporate as well as non-profit boards in various capacities including as the past Chair of Markham-Stouffville Hospital Foundation, former Chair of the Unionville Home Society Foundation and the former Chair of the Committee of Adjustment, City of Markham.

He is a dedicated community leader who devotes his time and effort to many charitable and community causes. Khalid sat on the Liaison Committee for The Canadian Federation of Intercultural Friendship. He also serves as the Chair of York Region's Peace Tree initiative which aims to promote peace and togetherness in the Region.

Accessibility Plan Update

The Police Services Board and York Regional Police provided their annual updates on compliance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* and the Region's Accessibility Plan. The Board and York Regional Police are committed to creating services and facilities that meet the needs of people with disabilities. For a full copy of the reports, please click [here](#).

Community Award

2015 Award for Civic Leadership

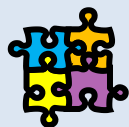
The Board presented Ms Patricia Bebia Mawa and Mr. Moses Mawa with the 2015 Award for Civic Leadership in recognition of their commitment to positive social change in our community. Ms Bebia Mawa is the President of Planet Africa and Executive Vice Present of Silvertrust Media. Mr. Mawa is the President and CEO of Silvertrust Media and Chairman of Planet Africa. The Board created its Award for Civic Leadership in 2006 to recognize the highest level of excellence in civic duty. Recipients of this award are stellar leaders in their fields who enhance community safety and make a difference in their community.



Facts and Figures

Public Complaints Statistics

In 2015, there were a total of 150 public complaints against York Regional Police officers. This represents a 30% increase in public complaints from 2014. Eighty-one public complaints were investigated with one resulting in discipline towards an officer. Eighteen complaints were informally resolved, 22 were withdrawn, nine determined to be unsubstantiated. Over 40% of the complaints were related to police procedure while 23% were related to verbal abuse; 11% were related to physical assault and 11% were related to misuse of authority.

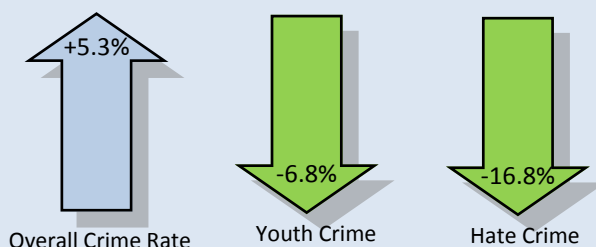
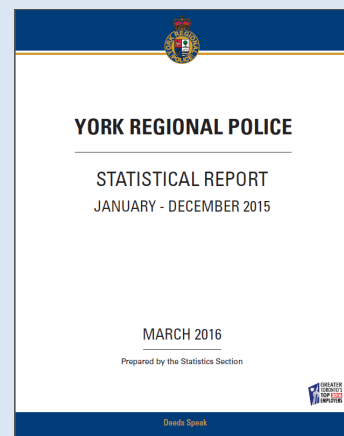


DID YOU KNOW? The Board is re-designing its website to be more accessible and to provide more information to the public. We will launch our new site in the spring. Check back often for updates at www.yrpsb.ca

Crime Statistics

The overall crime rate in York Region increased by 5.3 % in 2015. The property crime rate increased by 8.2 % and the violent crime went up by 4.2%. We have seen decreases in certain crime categories. The youth crime rate decreased by 6.8 % and the total number of hate crime occurrences decreased by 16.8 % in 2015. The total number of 9-1-1 calls decreased by 7.2%. There were also fewer fatalities on our roads in 2015.

York Region still remains one of the safest communities in Canada in which to live, visit and conduct business.



For a full copy of the Public Complaints Report and the Statistical Report ,please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

January 20

February 17

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 22

September 21

November 23

Public Board
meetings begin at
9:00 a.m. in
Committee Room
A in the York
Region
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2014-2016 Business Plan Update

The implementation of the 2015 goals and actions in the Board's Business Plan is on track. Highlights include an updated Victim's Assistance pamphlet, the establishment of a Mental Health Co-Responder Model, a new Traffic Management Strategy, mental health training to all police members, a new police website with a translation feature, incorporation of the Professional Code of Ethics in the

Police Training Strategy, development of a cadet program to assist with police duties and further collaboration with the York Region Bully Prevention Partnership to name a few. The goals and objectives in the Business Plan are set following extensive consultation with the community. For a full copy of the Business Plan, please visit our website.



Business Survey Results

As part of the 2017-2019 Business Planning process, York Regional Police randomly surveyed businesses across York Region. Fourteen percent of the sample responded to the survey. Some key findings include: 93% of the survey respondents were either very or reasonably satisfied with York Regional Police's overall service. Eighty percent agreed or somewhat agreed that York Regional Police were fair, respectful, courteous, competent and respectful. Businesses were most concerned with break-ins, fraud, cybercrime and graffiti. Opportunities for improvement include increasing awareness of reporting online and increasing awareness of business prevention programs offered by York Regional Police.

The York Regional Police Services Board is the governing body of York Regional Police. Under the *Police Services Act*, 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.

Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.