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A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board re-elected Mayor of the City of Markham Frank Scarpitti as its Chair for 2017. Chair Scarpitti has served on the Board since 2007 and as Chair since 2012. In accepting the position, Mayor Scarpitti thanked the members of the Police Services Board, the Executive Command Team and Board staff for their support and hard work and looks forward to continue serving the interests of our many communities.

Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury Virginia Hackson was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Board for 2017 for the second consecutive year. Mayor Hackson has been on the Board since her appointment by Regional Council in 2012. Mayor Hackson thanked the Board for their support and looks forward to ensuring that public safety and strong police governance continue to be the Board's priorities.

2017–2019 Business Plan

The Police Services Board approved the 2017-2019 Business Plan for the York Regional Police. The goals and objectives in the Plan were developed through extensive consultation with York Region residents, businesses and community partners. The Board aims to provide high quality, affordable police services to its residents in a way that is transparent, accountable and inclusive. Some key priorities in the Business Plan include building trust in the communities, enhancing youth and community engagement, modernizing business processes and leveraging technologies and maximizing police resources to ensure safer schools, roads and neighbourhoods. A copy of the 2017-2019 Business Plan is available on the Board's website.



2017 Board Meeting Dates

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January 25 February 15 March 22 April 19 May 24 July 10 September 20 October 18 November 15

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

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Phone: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77906 Fax: 905-895-5249 Email: psb@yrp.ca Website: yrpsb.ca **Board Member Re-Appointed to the Board**

Mr. John Molyneaux was re-appointed to the Police Services Board for a further period of one-year by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Mr. Molyneaux has served on the York Regional Police Services Board since November 2010 and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards. Mr. Molyneaux was appointed Fire Chief of the Town of Newmarket Fire Department in 1994 and was appointed Fire Chief of the Central York Fire Services in 2002. He also served as Regional Fire Coordinator from 1997 until his retirement in 2009. He is the proud recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Federal Exemplary Fire Service Medal and the Provincial Fire Service Long Service Medal recognizing 35 years of service. In 2013, Mr. Molyneaux was appointed by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston as a member of the Order of St. John.



Changes to Service Fees and Charges

The Board amended its Service Fees and Charges Bylaw to reflect changes to the fees for Motor Vehicle Collison reports and changes to the fees for paid duty officers. The changes will be effective as of April 3, 2017. A copy of the new schedule is available on the Board's website.

Annual Report on Public Complaints

The York Regional Police Annual Report on Public Complaints from the Chief of Police was received by the Board. There were 137 public complaints made against York Regional Police last year. This represents a nine percent decrease in public complaints from 2015. Seventy-six (76) complaints were screened out by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) because they were determined to be frivolous, vexatious or made in bad faith; could be better dealt with under another statute; were not in the public interest and were over six-months old. Sixty-one (61) public complaints were investigated by York Regional Police with none resulting in discipline towards the officer. Over 60 percent of the complaints were related to police procedures while 22 percent related to verbal abuse, six percent related to physical assault and four percent for misuse of authority. Eleven complaints were resolved by informal resolution, 27 were withdrawn and three were determined to be unsubstantiated. Eighteen complaints are still under investigation.

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