



# BOARD FORUM

A Quarterly Newsletter from the  
**York Regional Police Services Board**

## 2018 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Board re-elected Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury Virginia Hackson as its Chair for 2018. Mayor Hackson has served on the Board since 2012 and also served as its Vice Chair. She was elected Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury in October 2010 and re-elected in 2014 for a further four-year term. Mayor Hackson represents the Town on York Region Council, is currently the Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of both the Broadband Strategy and Seniors Housing Strategy Task Forces. Virginia is also a member of the Board for the Housing York Region, Cedar Centre, and the Royal Oak Seniors Board. Mayor Hackson has been recognized for her significant contributions to the community including the Queen's Jubilee Medal for Community Service, In Celebration of Women and the Rural Government Award.

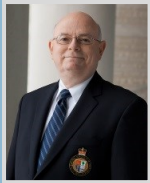
The Board re-elected Mr. John Molyneaux as its Vice Chair for 2018. Mr. Molyneaux has served on the Board since November 2010 and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards as well as St. John Ambulance - York Region. Mr. Molyneaux was appointed Fire Chief of the Town of Newmarket Fire Department in 1994 and was appointed Fire Chief of the Central York Fire Services in 2002. In 1997, Regional Council appointed Mr. Molyneaux as the Regional Fire Coordinator. He held that position until his retirement in 2009. Mr. Molyneaux 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.

## Board Adopted Resolution on Financial Implications of the *Cannabis Act*

The Board adopted a Resolution calling on the federal and provincial governments to allocate sufficient funding to municipalities to offset the incremental costs associated with the legalization of cannabis. The Board is asking for the federal and provincial governments to provide sufficient funding on an ongoing basis at a rate of approximately two percent of the police operating budget per year to meet the increased demands related to enforcement and for reducing drug-impaired driving. Click [here](#) to access the Resolution.



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VIRGINIA  
HACKSON



**VICE CHAIR**  
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MOLYNEAUX



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**January 17**

**February 14**

**March 21**

**April 25**

**May 30**

**June 27**

**September 26**

**November 7**

**December 5**

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

## **2018 Police Operating and Capital Budgets**

The Board approved the 2018 York Regional Police Operating Budget of \$323.5 million which is a 4.1 percent increase over the 2017 operating budget. The budget includes the addition of 14 sworn officers and eight support staff to address population growth and intensification, continued sustainable and effective police services to the communities and increasing demands for service. The additional 14 sworn officers will be assigned to the Investigative Services, Organized Crime and Intelligence Services and District Operations. The 2018 police budget continues to maintain the lowest policing cost per capita in Canada among comparable police services (with populations of over 1 million residents).

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| Operating Budget | \$323.5 million |
| Capital Budget   | \$22.6 million  |

The Board also approved the 2018 Police Capital Budget totaling \$22.6 million with a Capital Spend Authority of \$46.9 million. The expenditures include \$11.9 million for facilities, \$4.4 million for vehicles, \$3.1 million for information technology, \$3.1 million for specialized equipment and \$0.3 million for communication 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 2018 Police Budget was approved by Regional Council in December. Click [here](#) for a copy of the Budget.

## **York Regional Police Named a Top Employer in the GTA for 2018**

York Regional Police has been named one of the Greater Toronto Area top employers for 2018, marking the 12th annual edition of the Greater Toronto's Top Employers Competition. The competition has become a benchmark in the GTA for workplace best-practices. This is the third consecutive year that YRP has received this honour. Some of the winning criteria includes retirement planning assistance, investment in long-term career development, provisions of up to 50 weeks of paid leave for employees who are new mothers, as well as parental leave top-up for fathers and adoptive parents of up to 35 weeks, with the option to extend their leave into an unpaid leave of absence, comprehensive employee and family assistance program, job sharing opportunities and internal support networks.

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