



BOARD FORUM

A Quarterly Newsletter from the
York Regional Police Services Board

Newly-Elected Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Board elected Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury Virginia Hackson as its Chair until January 2018. Chair Hackson has served on the Board since 2012 and as Vice Chair since 2014. She was elected Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury in October 2010 and re-elected in 2014 for a further four-year term. Prior to her election Mayor Hackson served as a Councillor of East Gwillimbury for three terms, joining Town Council in 2001.

The Board also elected Mr. John Molyneaux as its Vice Chair until January 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.

New Board Member

The Board welcomed Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua of the City of Vaughan at its October meeting. Mayor Bevilacqua was appointed to the Board by Regional Council and is currently serving his second term as Mayor. Mayor Bevilacqua was a Member of Parliament for 22 years and has served in several roles. He is currently the Vice Chair of York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, Chair of the Integration Committee for Alectra Inc., Co-chair of the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital's \$250 million Exceptional Care Belongs Here Campaign and is a member of the Board of Directors at Versa Bank. He serves on a number of local boards including the Advisory Council for the Certificate in Business Administration for the School of Continuing Studies at York University and is a member of the Global City Leaders Advisory Board for the World Council on City Data.



Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua



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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 York Region Administrative Centre

Recognition of Former Board Members

Mayor Frank Scarpitti's term on the Board ended in October. He has served on the Board for 10 years and as Chair for the last five years. During Mayor Scarpitti's tenure, the Board has overseen substantial changes to York Regional Police including an expansion to the Service's resources while ensuring one of the lowest policing costs per capita in Ontario. Mayor Scarpitti has been a strong advocate for change. With his leadership, the Board advocated for changes to the medical marijuana access laws, provincial funding to combat guns and gang violence in York Region and more recently for police funding to enforce the *Cannabis Act*. In 2015, Mayor Scarpitti supported the Board's resolution



(Right to Left) Mayor Scarpitti and Chair Hackson



Brad Rogers

that called on the federal government for an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

The Board also recognized former member Brad Rogers for his dedicated and committed service to the Board and to the citizens of York Region. Mr. Rogers' term on the Board ended on September 30. Mr. Rogers has supported the Board's mandate and demonstrated his commitment to good governance and community safety. He was involved in some significant board decisions including the budget approval processes and the approval of the current Business Plan and was a member of the Board's bargaining committee during the last round of bargaining.

Report on Public Complaints Against Police

In the first six months of this year, 77 public complaints were received by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) against York Regional Police officers compared with 70 during the same time in 2016. Thirty-six complaints were deemed to not be in the public interest, frivolous, or more appropriately dealt with under another Act or law; one complaint was unsubstantiated; 11 public complaints were withdrawn by the complainant; nine complaints were resolved informally and 19 complaints remain under investigation. The OIPRD is responsible for the intake, processing and management of public complaints in Ontario. The OIPRD has the authority to screen incoming complaints and can refuse to accept a public complaint for a number of reasons. Click [here](#) for the full report.

Equity and Inclusion Policy

The York Regional Police Services Board is committed to providing policing services to citizens that are equitable, inclusive, fair and without discrimination and harassment. The Board approved a policy on equity and inclusion which is one of several Board policies that addresses discrimination, harassment, human rights, accessibility and inclusivity. The Board is committed to providing police services in a manner that adheres to the principles in the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Further, the Board is committed to ensuring that all York Regional Police members and volunteers work in an environment without discrimination and harassment.

Semi-Annual Crime Statistics in York Region

The semi-annual crime statistics report provides an overview of incidents that were reported between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 and provides a comparison of the rates recorded in the previous year for the same period.

The overall crime rate in York Region increased by five percent during the first half of 2017 when compared with the first half of 2016. The rate of violent crimes increased by 11.6 percent while the rate of property crimes increased by 1.9 percent during that same period. The rate of sexual violations increased by 4.5 percent to 336 violations. Most of the crime categories, however, continue to experience decreases. York Region continues to be a safe community with one of the lowest crime rates in Canada. Click [here](#) for the full report.



2018 Board Meeting Schedule

January 17	February 14	March 21
April 25	May 30	June 27
September 26	November 7	December 5

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