



Board Forum

Swearing-In of New Deputy Chiefs of Police



From Left to Right: Chief Eric Jolliffe, Deputy Chief Brian Bigras and Board Chair Virginia Hackson.



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The newly appointed Deputy Chiefs Brian Bigras and Jim MacSween were sworn in on May 15, 2019 by Justice Amit Ghosh at the York Regional Police Headquarters in Aurora, Ontario. With the recent departure of Deputy Chief Tom Carrique to lead the OPP, the opportunity to expand the Executive Command Team allows for enhanced leadership and strategic focus, timely communications, risk mitigation and a balanced workload associated with high demand areas and complex work portfolios. Both Deputies have extensive experience in operations and administration. Deputy Chief Brian Bigras has served with York Regional Police for 29 years in numerous operational and criminal investigation areas. He has dedicated his time to community engagement working closely with various organizations including YRP Integrated Strategic Community Advisory Council and B'nai Brith. Deputy Chief MacSween has served with York Regional Police for 30 years beginning his career as a constable at #2 District in Richmond Hill. During his tenure he has worked in a number of different operational capacities including criminal investigations, front-line and training. Deputy Chief MacSween volunteers his time with Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and St. John Ambulance. Both Deputy Chiefs bring extensive knowledge, skills and experience to the role.

2018 Use of Force Report

The Use of Force Report is a province-wide standardized method of collecting information from individual police services on use of force incidents. When a police officer deploys a use of force option in the course of his or her duties including when a firearm is drawn in the presence of a member of the public, pointed at a person, when a firearm is discharged, or when any other weapon is used by a police officer, a report must be submitted. A report is also required when a conducted energy weapon is unholstered and displayed in the demonstrated force presence mode, pointed or discharged at a person, or when physical

force is used causing injury which requires medical attention. The report is submitted to an internal review committee and to the Chief of Police. The 2018 statistics for York Regional Police show a decrease of 4.27 percent in the number of Use of Force reports from the previous year. Some of the findings in the report are: firearms were pointed at a person 222 times in 2018 compared with 206 times in 2017; 42.5 percent of use of force incidents occurred on a roadway and 60.5 percent occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. There was a 29.5 percent increase in the use of conducted energy weapons from 2017 to 2018. The YRP Training and Education Bureau monitors information provided by the internal review committee in order to adapt practical skills and training where required. This is often conducted through firearms skills, defensive tactics and scenario-based training exercises that emphasize de-escalation and increased communication. Please see [here](#) for the Report.

2019 Board Meeting Dates

January 30
February 27
March 27
April 17
May 15
June 26
September 25
October 30
November 27

Farewell to Deputy Chief Tom Carrique



From Left to Right: Superintendent Graham Beverly, Board Chair Virginia Hackson, Deputy Chief Tom Carrique and Chief Eric Jolliffe.

Last month, over 400 members, citizens and community partners bid farewell to Deputy Chief Tom Carrique and celebrated his 29-year career with York Regional Police. The new OPP Commissioner served in a number of portfolios throughout his career with YRP including the Organized Crime Bureau, Staff Services and the Traffic Bureau and was appointed Deputy Chief in 2011 by the York Regional Police Services Board.

York Regional Police Business Plan Update

A status update on the implementation of the 2017-2019 Business Plan for York Regional Police show the Service is on track for the successful completion of its objectives and goals for the term. The 2018 policing priorities such as the construction of the King Community substation, new e-learning sessions, enhanced response to opioid-related occurrences and a mental health strategy have been completed. Activities scheduled to be completed in 2019 such as implementation of a youth strategy and delivery of equitable and inclusive services are



in progress and on track. The Business Plan was developed through extensive consultation with residents, community partners and members of York Regional Police. Please see [here](#) for the report.

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board is a seven-member civilian Board that oversees and governs the York Regional Police and is comprised of one member as Head of Municipal Council, three members are appointed by resolution of Regional Council and three by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.