



**The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board**  
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**Board Meeting Highlights**  
**January 20, 2016**

## Elections of Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board re-elected Mayor of the City of Markham Frank Scarpitti. 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 for their support and looks forward to continue working with them in serving the public interest.

The Board 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 and is honoured to have been elected as its Vice Chair. Mayor Hackson thanked her colleagues on the Board and looks forward to ensuring that public safety and strong police governance continue to be the Board's priorities.

## New Citizen Appointee

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.



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Mr. Usman has been recognized for his community services by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. He has been awarded the Medal of Good Citizenship in 2011 by the Lt. Governor of Ontario, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Community Service Award. The President of Pakistan awarded him the Tamgha-e-Khidmat recognizing his services in Pakistan and Canada.

### **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 the recipients' commitment to positive social change in our community. 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.

### **Accessibility Plan Update**

York Regional Police provided its annual update 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 report, please visit the Board's website.

### **2014-2016 Business Plan Implementation on Target**

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.



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## Board Supports Yellow Brick House

The Board approved sponsorship in support of Yellow Brick House 10th Annual Mending Hearts - Creating Dreams Gala to be held on March 4, 2016. The Yellow Brick House is a non-profit charitable organization that provides emergency shelter, counselling and supportive services to abused women and children.

## Board Supports Character Community

The Board approved sponsorship in support of the 10th Annual Character Community Awards Celebration to be held on April 27, 2016. The Character Community Foundation of York Region is committed to making York Region a Character Community by nurturing positive character attributes and enhancing York Region as a desirable place to live, learn, work and play.

## Next Police Services Board Meeting

The next Police Services Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:00 am. Location: York Region Administrative Centre, Committee Room A, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. A copy of the agenda will be posted on the Board website five days before the meeting.

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