



BOARD FORUM

A Quarterly Newsletter from the
York Regional Police Services Board

Province Appoints New Board Member

The York Regional Police Services Board welcomed its newest member, Mr. Robin Doobay, at its Board meeting yesterday. Mr. Doobay was appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario for a two-year term commencing on March 7, 2018. Board member Doobay is originally from Guyana and moved to Canada in 1975. He received a computer science degree from the University of Waterloo and has a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wales (UK). He has worked as a faculty lecturer and computer hardware planner for Canadian General Electric and as a control technician for Ontario Power Generation.



Mr. Doobay is currently retired and donates his time to numerous organizations including Voice of the Vedas Academy of Learning and Montessori School in Richmond Hill and as a teacher at the Bal-Vihaar (Sunday School) and as Director of Voice of the Vedas Cultural Sabha Inc. Mr. Doobay also volunteers his time at the Canadian Museum of Indian Civilization and sits on the York Region Interfaith Advisory Committee.

Business Plan 2017-2019: Year 1 Status

The 2017-2019 Business Plan for York Regional Police aims to provide high quality, affordable police services to its residents in a way that is transparent, accountable and inclusive. Most Year 1 priorities like sector-based policing and new e-learning sessions have been completed, and activities scheduled to be completed in 2018 and 2019 are in progress. Priorities for 2018 include King Community substation, enhanced response to opioid-related occurrences and the development of a strategy on gender equity. A copy of the 2017-2019 Business Plan is available on the Board's website. Click [here](#) for a copy.



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

Annual Report on Public Complaints

The Board received the 2017 Annual Report on Public Complaints from the Chief of Police. There were 126 public complaints made against York Regional Police in 2017 compared with 137 in 2016. Sixty-three (63) 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-four (64) public complaints were investigated by York Regional Police with none resulting in discipline towards the officer. Seventeen complaints were informally resolved, 19 withdrawn and 11 determined to be unsubstantiated. Fifty-six (56) percent of the complaints were related to police procedures while 21 percent were related to verbal abuse, six percent related to physical assault and 10 percent for misuse of authority.

Board Submission on Bill 175, *Safer Ontario Act*

In March, the Board made a submission to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy urging the Ontario Government to pass Bill 175 and make long-awaited changes to policing and governance in Ontario. The Board has been very involved in the consultation process with multiple written submissions and meetings with Ministers Lalonde and Naqvi and Justice Michael Tulloch. The Board's submission also urged the Ontario Government to allocate appropriate funding to police services boards to ensure boards are set up to succeed. Boards need to have access to appropriate resources and expertise to adequately fulfill their mandate. The Board's submission focused on mandatory training for police services boards, board direction to the Chief, civilianization and outsourcing, and labour relations. The new Bill offers Boards the opportunity to make significant policy changes that will enable more effectiveness, accountability and transparency. The *Safer Ontario Act* was passed in early March.

Funding for Enforcement of Cannabis Legislation

The Board adopted a Resolution calling on the federal and provincial governments for specific funding to offset additional expenses which will be incurred by the Board as a result of the legalization of marijuana. The Board also called on the federal and provincial governments to provide sufficient ongoing funding at a rate of approximately two percent of the police operating budget per year. The funding will support police services in receiving the required training to enforce and prevent drug-impaired driving. Click [here](#) to access the Resolution.

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