



A Quarterly Newsletter from the York Regional Police Services Board

Police Services Board hosts CAPG Conference

The Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) held its 26th Annual Conference in York Region. The theme of the conference was "Get Connected" which highlighted the importance of stronger governance through partnerships and representation from our many communities. Topics included policing in a diverse community, raising the voice of the victim, human rights and police work and violence against Aboriginal women and girls. The CAPG is the only national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance in Canada. One of its goals is to improve the effectiveness of civilian bodies that govern local police services.



Pictured above (from left to right): Chair Frank Scarpitti, Mr. Stephen Lewis, Keynote Speaker and Ms. Cathryn Palmer, Past President.

Resolution on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls

At the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG), the York Regional Police Services Board put forward an emergency resolution that the CAPG call on the Federal Government to hold a national inquiry with set objectives and timeframes into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls and further to develop processes to ensure the investigations into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls are conducted. The resolution was passed.

The York Regional Police Services Board is the governing body of York Regional Police. Under the *Police Services Act*, the Police Services Board is responsible for a number of duties including recruiting and hiring the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police; assessing and monitoring the Chief's performance; approving annual operating and capital budgets for the police service; establishing policies and by-laws for the effective management of the police service and preparing a business plan for the police service every three years.

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Draft 2016 Police Budget

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2016 Board Meeting Schedule



January 27	April 27	September 21
February 17	May 25	October 19
March 23	June 22	November 23

In 2016, public Board meetings will begin at **9:00 am** in Committee Room A, Administrative Centre, York Region, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. Special topic presentations will occur quarterly. Agendas and reports are posted on the Board’s website the week prior to the Board meeting.

Semi-Annual Crime Statistics in York Region

During the first half of 2015, the overall crime rate in York Region increased by 8.6 percent compared with the same period last year. The rate of violent crimes increased by 12.4 percent (or 418 incidents), and the rate of property crimes increased by 11.3 percent (or 1,158 incidents). Sexual assaults increased by 29.7 percent over the same time last year. York Regional Police reported decreases in drug violations and in other federal violations category. For a full copy of the statistical report, please visit our website.

Public Complaints against Police

In the first six months of 2015, there were a total of 80 public complaints against York Regional Police officers compared with 58 complaints for the same period last year. Thirty-eight complaints related to police procedures, five complaints related to physical assault, 16 related to verbal abuse, seven related to misuse of authority and 14 related to policy/service. Of the 80 public complaints received by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), 61 were not accepted (29 were deemed to be not in the public interest, frivolous, or more appropriately dealt with under another Act or law, eight public complaints were withdrawn by the complainant, three were not dealt with due to the six month limitation, 12 complainants were not directly affected and nine complaints were resolved informally.) The remaining 19 complaints are currently under investigation as compared to 16 in 2014.

The Office of the Independent Police Review Director is an independent police oversight agency that receives, manages and oversees all public complaints about police in Ontario.

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