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A Newsletter from the Niagara Police Services Board

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MONTHLY EVENTS

January 24, 2013
Crime Stoppers of Niagara
Appreciation Night
6:00 pm, Stella's Restaurant
St. Catharines, ON

January 27, 2013
"Journey to Freedom" Gala
4:00 pm, Carmen's Banquet Hall
Hamilton, ON

February 7, 2013
Police Services Board
Committee Meetings
8:30 am - 2:00 pm, PSB Boardroom,
1st Floor, 110 James Street,
St. Catharines, ON

February 14, 2013
Retirement Celebration
NRPS Inspector Lorne Lillico
6:30 pm, Stella's Restaurant
St. Catharines, ON

February 21, 2013
Police Services Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 am, PSB Boardroom,
1st Floor, 110 James Street,
St. Catharines

February 28, 2013
Retirement Celebration
NRPA President Paul DiSimoni
5:00 pm, Cat's Caboose
St. Catharines, ON

POLICE SERVICES BOARD RE-ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Regional Councillor Henry D'Angela and Mr. Todd Shoalts were the choice of their colleagues to return as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board. The elections were conducted at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board held on January 24, 2013. Regional Councillor D'Angela was re-elected to serve a second term as Chair and Mr. Shoalts was re-elected as Vice-Chair for a third term. "I would like to thank the Board members for their ongoing support, and I look forward to working with Chief McGuire on the many challenging issues facing our communities," said Chair D'Angela. "I am very honoured to continue to serve as Chair and I appreciate the confidence of my colleagues. They are an experienced and dedicated group and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to lead the Board in the important work the Board performs on behalf of the citizens of Niagara, and continuing to work in the best interest of the public."



Regional Councillor Henry D'Angela began his political career when he was elected Commissioner for the Thorold Hydro Electric Commission serving from 1997 to 2000. He served as a Councillor for the City of Thorold from 2000 to 2003 and was a member of the Downtown Redevelopment Task Force Committee, Thorold Community Activities Group, Thorold Chamber of Commerce and the Thorold Non-Profit Housing Corporation. He was elected Mayor for the City of Thorold in 2006 and in this capacity served his first term as a Regional Councillor. During his tenure as Mayor, he established the Mayor's Canada Day Picnic, the Volunteer Recognition Evening and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.

After being elected as Regional Councillor in 2010, Regional Councillor D'Angela was appointed to the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board on December 16, 2010. In addition, he currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Niagara Regional Housing Board, Chair of the Region's Audit Committee, Chair of the Region's Investment Committee and the Property Tax and Assessment Reform Committee, Member and former Co-Chair of the Region's Corporate Services Committee, Vice-Chair of the Region's Budget Review Committee-of-the-Whole, Vice-Chair of Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Implementation Committee, and member of the Public Health and Social Services Committee. Renowned for his tireless and generous community involvement, Councillor D'Angela volunteers for various community groups. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Welland Canal Foundation, Board Member for the Niagara Sports Commission, and is coach of minor league hockey and baseball teams. Councillor D'Angela holds a degree in Arts with a major in Economics from Wilfrid Laurier University and has operated an accounting firm for over 20 years specializing in corporate and personal tax planning. He is a lifelong resident of Thorold and is married to his wife Rina and they have two children, Julie and Kyle.



Mr. Todd Shoalts, the Board's community appointee, was re-elected to serve a third term as Vice-Chair. "I want to thank the members for their support for this third term as Vice-Chairman", says Mr. Shoalts. "It is an honour to serve and work with such a devoted group as this Board, and the leadership of our Chief, Jeff McGuire, and the entire police service. I am very excited about what we can collectively accomplish over the next 12 months to ensure we have safe and healthy communities."

He was first appointed as a community representative to the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board on March 1, 2007. He is a Chartered Accountant with more than 25 years of financial and public accounting experience. He is currently Vice-President and General Manager of Lester Shoalts Limited, a real estate development, construction and property management company based in Port Colborne. In this position, he is involved with all aspects of construction and property development, including design and construction management, financing and tenant leasing issues. Mr. Shoalts has been recognized as a specialist in investigative and forensic accounting, and also holds an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Mr. Shoalts currently resides in Port Colborne with his wife and three children. He is an active member of the community having participated and served with a number of groups, including as a past member of the Port Colborne Physician Recruitment Committee, past Board member of the Port Colborne Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society and ICAO Income Tax Clinics, and Executive and Coach of youth basketball in Port Colborne.

The Niagara Police Services Board is the civilian body established by provincial legislation that provides governance and oversight of the Niagara Regional Police Service. It is accountable to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission. If you are interested in viewing past issues of the "Board Report" newsletter or other information about the Niagara Police Services Board, please visit www.nrps.com/psb

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REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

The Board received reports on the following topics at the January 24th meeting that may be of interest to you. All reports can be accessed on-line at www.nrps.com/psb

- **Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD) 2011-2012 Annual Report** – The OIPRD's 2nd Annual Report for the period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. A copy of the full report can be accessed online at www.oiprd.on.ca
- **Brock University Special Constables** – Presents quarterly information on complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests made during the fourth quarter of 2012.
- **Marked Patrol Vehicles** – Annual report on marked general patrol vehicles, including a summary of procedures, total number of police vehicles and kilometers travelled, acquisition of police vehicles and status of compliance with legislative guidelines.
- **Public Complaints** – Quarterly report on complaints made by members of the public against the NRPS and statistical yearly comparison.
- **Special Fund** – Monthly report summarizing the transactions and fund activities for December 2012.
- **Regional Council Resolutions** – Notification of information received by the Region on police-related matters at the January 17, 2013 meeting.
- **Communications & Dispatch** – Revised Annual report on communications and dispatch, including a summary of the procedures, organizational chart of the communications unit and training provided with associated costs to ensure compliance with legislative guidelines.
- **Capital Project, NRPS IT Equipment Replacement and Network Infrastructure** – Approval to initiate the 2013 capital budget allocation for IT equipment replacements and network infrastructure and to secure Compugen as a Vendor of Record for the procurement of desktop management and network services and products.
- **Purchasing - Hewlett Packard (HP) Server Hardware and Software Maintenance Contract** – Approval of the hardware and software maintenance support contract from HP for the purpose of extending technical support service to the NRPS server equipment.
- **NRPS 2013 Vehicle Replacements** – Approval to initiate the capital project relating to vehicle replacements for the purchase of 29 police vehicles in accordance with the annual fleet replacement schedule.
- **Voice Radio System Replacement** – Initiation of the public safety voice radio system capital project and request for proposal for the development and migration onto a new industry-wide standard and interoperable voice radio system.
- **Police Sponsorship – International Police Hockey Tournament** – The Board is proud to financially support the NRPS Men's and Women's Hockey Teams and donated \$500 to each team to compete in the 2013 International Police Hockey Tournament being held on March 7-8, 2013 in Aurora, Ontario.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Niagara Regional Police Service has a total of 349 police vehicles. This includes surveillance, general marked patrol, new, replacement and deployed vehicles. The total annual distance traveled by the NRPS is in excess of 8.3 million kilometers.



In Remembrance of Monika George

On January 29, 2013, Monika George passed away in her 48th year after a brief and courageous battle with Cancer. Monika has been a proud member of the Niagara Regional Police Service since 2001 first holding the position of Finance Coordinator, then Manager and since 2006 she has been the Director of Business Services. The Chair and Members of the Niagara Police Services Board offer our deepest condolences to Monika's family and share our sorrow with her many friends and colleagues in the Niagara Regional Police Service and across the Niagara Region who were privileged to have had the opportunity to know and work with her.

NRPS 2013-2015 BUSINESS PLAN

On January 24, 2013 the Police Services Board approved the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) three-year Business Plan for 2013-2015.

Moving forward over the next three years, the NRPS will build upon the successes it has seen over the previous Business Plans. The Police Service has made significant progress towards meeting its targets; each goal, objective and performance metric outlines what the Police Service will do and how it will be done, providing a road-map for the next three years.

In developing the Plan, the NRPS made a concerted effort to engage all staff, stakeholder groups and the community in the planning process. Extensive consultation was done through surveys and face-to-face meetings. The result is a 40-page document which emphasizes the NRPS values of integrity, professionalism, accountability and respect, and it contains major goals that focus on improving public safety, bettering relationships with community partners that help victims and the at-risk population, improve communications with the community, enhance human resource management and complete the long-term facilities project. The Board ensures Service accountability by monitoring of key performance indicators.

The 2013 – 2015 NRPS Business Plan will be available to the public on our website at www.nrps.com

NRPS OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

Homicides – Three compared to two same period in 2011 further compared to three in 2010 and six in 2009/2008.

Traffic Fatalities – Year to date, 21 collisions with 24 deceased, compared to 15 collisions with 15 deceased for 2011, further compared to 14 collisions and 14 deceased for 2010 and 23 collisions with 25 deceased for 2009.

Life Threatening Injury Collisions – 26 compared to 22 for same period in 2011; further compared to 32 in 2010/2009.

Marijuana Grow Operations – Year to date, NRPS seized illegal drugs totaling a street value of over \$16.958 million and \$230,500 in equipment.

Robberies – In December, NRPS solved seven of 16 reported robberies, nine remain under investigation. Year-to-date, there was a 16% increase in the number of robberies across the Region from 186 to 216.