



Recognizing Chair Anderson

The Board will rename its annual bursary with both the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Durham College in honour of former Board Chair Roger Anderson.

At today's meeting, the Board also voted in favour of installing a plaque in the PSB Boardroom at Headquarters in Whitby in dedication to his memory. Anderson passed away in March 2018 having served on the Board for 15 years, the last seven years as Chair of the board.

Busy Month

In his monthly update to the Board, Chief Paul Martin highlighted examples of great police responses and major incidents that occurred since the last meeting:

- Discovery of the body of Melanie Vachon by the Whitby shoreline on June 2nd
- Shots fired at Pickering Ribfest June 2nd, four people attended hospital with non-life threatening injuries
- Homicide #8 occurred June 6th after the body of 26-year-old Kyle BAKER was located in residence on Bloor Street East in Oshawa

The Chief praised his officers for managing these complex files and continuing to respond to issues in a timely and professional manner. Board Chair Randy Wilson also praised officers for their great work.

Occupational Injuries

A monitoring report revealed the jeopardy officers face while doing their job. A total of 217 occupational injuries were reported in 2017, which was a decrease from 228 reports in 2016.

The biggest category was "Struck Against or Contact With" which resulted in 27 per cent of the injuries. This includes cases where suspects strike officers with objects; pushed them against walls, etc. The next biggest category is Exposure (noise, fumes, smoke, etc.) which was responsible for 17.5 per cent of injuries.

...from the June 12, 2018 meeting



Questions and Answers: Board members Stindar Lal, left, and Bobbie Drew listen intently to a deputation at the PSB meeting held June 12, 2018 at Regional Headquarters in Whitby.

NextGen Radio System Update

The NextGen multi-partner radio system has performed admirably and now involves 23 regional groups/agencies and 3,311 individual users.

Launched in September 2014, the radio system used by the DRPS now includes the nuclear power plants in Darlington and Pickering and Durham Transit.

Neighborhood Watch Going Social

The Neighbourhood Watch program is adapting to the social media world, especially Facebook. Durham Region currently has 96 Watches and 33 in development. Many citizens have created community Facebook pages where they share information about local events.

Community Investments

The Board will invest \$6,000 in the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation, Grandview Kids and the 2019 Ontario ParaSport Games (being held in Durham Region) through the Pickering Mayor's Annual Gala. Also, \$2,000 will go to a local Orchestral Literacy Series for children offered by the Ontario Philharmonic. The funds come from the unclaimed property account.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., Regional HQ, 605 Rossland Rd., Whitby, Ontario. ■