



## Community Safety Results

Once again, the DRPS is ranked favourably in most crime categories when compared to similar-sized police services.

The DRPS has the third lowest Crime Severity Index amongst its eight comparator services at a rate of 41.4 in 2017. The CSI is a measure of the more serious crimes in a community.

It also moved up one spot to #3 in terms of Total Criminal Code Clearance Rate, to 44.8 per cent. This is the rate of clearing, by charge or otherwise, all criminal code incidents reported to or substantiated by the police service in 2017.

In terms of the Weighted Clearance rate, the DRPS had the second best score amongst the eight other police services. That means the DRPS is one of the top police services in terms of solving the more serious crimes.

Regarding the overall Criminal Code Crime Rate, DRPS sits fourth best, experiencing only 2,949 incidents per 100,000 citizens. So far in 2018, the DRPS has responded to emergency calls in under eight minutes 54 per cent of the time. It responds to all emergencies under 12 minutes 79 per cent of the time, consistent with past years.

## Requesting Funding to Fight Crime

Like other GTA police services, Durham Region will also be asking the province for additional funding to fight gun and gang violence.

The Board and the Service will send a letter to the Province asking for additional funding for projects like DRAVIS (the Durham Region Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy) which is a proactive approach to preventing street-level violence. Since July 10<sup>th</sup>, the DRPS has responded to seven stabbing incidents (involving nine victims) and five separate shooting incidents.

...from the September 11, 2018 meeting



**Thank You, Allan:** Board Chair Randy Wilson, left and Chief Paul Martin, right, thank retiring board member Allan Furlong for his 10 years of service. Wilson praised his efforts over the years, bringing his extensive legal experience and knowledge to the work of the board.

## Board Bids Adieu to Long-Serving Member

Board Chair Randy Wilson recognized retiring board member Allan Furlong at today's meeting for his 10 years of outstanding service.

"We've learned a great deal from you and what an honour it's been to have your friendship over these past few years on the Board," Wilson said.

A lawyer since 1973, Furlong has been an active member of the community and even served as the Oshawa M.P.P. for several years.

Wilson praised him for his knowledge and interest in labour and employment matters. He has served as an arbitrator on numerous boards of arbitration in Ontario in both rights and interest disputes. As Counsel, he has negotiated several local collective agreements and has appeared before administrative tribunals including the Labour Relations Board, Ontario Municipal Board, Workers Compensation Board and the Canada Pensions Appeal Tribunal.

A new provincial appointee is expected to be named soon.

...2

Members of the Board also passed a motion asking the Province to extend the term of Chair Randy Wilson past November 2018. Wilson declared a conflict of interest on this issue and did not participate in the voting.

Wilson was elected the Chair in March 2018 after the death of former Chair Roger Anderson. The Board wants his term extended, as many significant issues will be dealt with in the coming months, from the recruitment of a new Deputy Chief and the negotiation of new collective agreements to the approval of the 2019 police budget and the development of a new three-year strategic business plan.

### **Budget Expenditures in Line**

Business Services Director Giles le Riche reported that current budget expenditures in the police budget are in line with estimates. He anticipates a break even position at the end of this year.

As of the midway point in 2017, most expense categories in the \$198.9 million police budget are at the 50 per cent spent level. Although the budget right now shows an overspend of about \$800,000 it is expected to even out to a balanced budget by year end.

### **Missing Person Cases**

A detailed review of how the DRPS conducts Missing Person cases is well underway as the organization focuses on improving its efficiency and effectiveness in this important work area.

Supt. Dave Brown informed the Board that the DRPS investigates about 2,000 Missing Person files each year – that’s about five every day. In most cases, the person is found and returned to their homes. Many cases involve teenagers in temporary accommodation or elderly people with varying levels of dementia.

If unresolved after 30 days, the file is placed in the PowerCase system, where it can be accessed by other police services. Any suspicious files are forwarded to the Homicide Unit for their review and investigation.

### **Preparing for Cannabis Legislation**

The Chief advised the board of ongoing efforts to prepare for the legalization of recreational marihuana on Oct. 17, 2018.

The Service recently hosted a training workshop which attracted 40 police leaders representing 16 police services from across Canada. They discussed the issues and challenges of preparing for the legislation and what training is taking place at the federal and provincial levels.

The DRPS currently has 125 officers with Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) training and five officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). They will also be purchasing six Draeger 5000 roadside measurement devices now that they have been approved by the federal government. A meeting has already taken place with local by-law enforcement officers to discuss community responses post-legalization and a further one is planned with municipal leaders before the “go live” date.

### **Investing in Local Agencies**

The board will be supporting fundraising initiatives to help citizens and special events in Durham Region. They agreed to a \$15,000 donation to support the 2019 Ontario Parasport Games in Durham Region.

They also supported Special Olympics Ontario and its 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run (\$2,500) as well as Victim Services of Durham Region (\$4,250).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., Regional HQ, 605 Rossland Rd., Whitby, Ontario. ■