



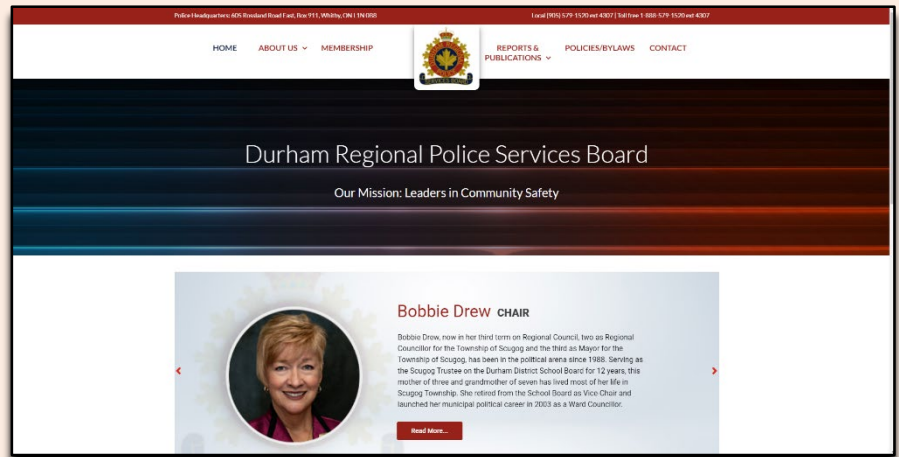
Durham Regional Police
Services Board

Highlights

...from the October 19, 2021 meeting

Durham Regional Police Services Board Launches New Website

The new Durham Regional Police Services Board website was unveiled by Executive Director Bill Clancy. The new website follows the Board's direction of enhancing connections with the community and transparency. It can be viewed at www.durhampoliceboard.ca



Body Worn Camera Update

Deputy Chief Dean Bertrim provided a verbal update on the DRPS Body Worn Camera (BWC) program. The Deputy Chief recognized the BWC team for their hard work and advised the rollout was running smoothly with no operational issues. As of October 14, the BWC E-learning is mandatory for all officers and is open to the entire service.

The BWC program has been communicated externally and members have engaged with many stakeholders including the Diversity and Youth advisory committees. Community presentations are ongoing and members have fielded questions on many topics including privacy, Freedom of Information and transparency.

DRPS has conducted a number of audits and officers have been shown to be compliant. Phase 1 of the rollout continues and 200 BWCs will be in service by the end of October 2021.

Mental Health Occurrences Report

DRPS presently has five Mental Health Support Units (MHSU) with seven-day coverage.

The number of Mental Health Act apprehensions has risen in the last year. Between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021, DRPS made 2,473 apprehensions under the Mental Health Act (an average of 6.77 per day) involving 1,695 individuals with 334 of these being people that had been apprehended previously in a 12-month period.

The Board also received updates on Durham Connect and DRPS mental health training.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

These reports and others can be viewed at www.drps.ca under Police Services Board. Next Meeting: November 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. A link will be shared at www.drps.ca.

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