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New Board Member Appointed

(BRAMPTON) – Ms. Norma Nicholson, a long time resident and community advocate has been appointed to the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board, says Mr. Laurie Williamson, Chair of the Board. Ms. Nicholson was appointed by the Region of Peel Council on February 12, 2015 as its citizen representative, replacing Mr. Jim Harries who completed a four-year term.

“It’s a great pleasure to welcome Ms. Nicholson to the Board,” says Mr. Williamson. “Her background speaks for itself. Simply put, she exemplifies community service and commitment to the betterment of the individuals we serve.”

Mr. Frank Dale, Regional Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Board echoed Mr. Williamson’s comments.

“I want to commend and thank Ms. Nicholson for putting her name forward to serve on the Board,” says Regional Chair Dale. “Her background and experience will prove invaluable.”

Regional Chair Dale also thanked all the individuals who applied for the citizen appointee position.

“We had a great number of talented and engaged individuals apply to serve on the Board. It bodes well for our Region to have so many people take such a strong interest in contributing to the delivery of police services for our community.”

Ms. Nicholson says she is gratified by her appointment and looks forward to commencing her new role.

“I’m extremely excited about having this opportunity to serve my community in a different way,” says Ms. Nicholson. “The role of the Board, and the police, in our society is extremely important and I am committed to contributing to the very meaningful work that is being done.”

Ms. Nicholson is a published author, educator and youth expert with a special interest in working with at-risk youth. She facilitates community outreach programs for children and families in a variety of environments. She teaches part time at Sheridan College in the Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies and volunteers in the Family Literacy program with the Region of Peel’s Human Services Division. Among other activities, Ms. Nicholson is a Past President of the Alzheimer Society of Peel and Past President of the Registered Nurses Association of Peel.

In 2014, Ms. Nicholson authored and published: 'Young Lives on the Line: You Can Make a Difference', which draws upon her experience as a homeless infant and youth.

Ms. Nicholson had an illustrious career as a Registered Nurse, as demonstrated by being the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions from the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, as well as nursing colleagues, including being a five-time nominee for the Toronto Star's Nightingale Award.

The Board is the governance body for the Peel Regional Police and the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. It is comprised of seven members, three appointed by the provincial government: Mr. Laurie Williamson, Chair, Mr. Amrik Ahluwalia and Mr. John Rogers; three appointed by Regional Council, Regional Chair Frank Dale who is Vice-Chair, Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Mayor Linda Jeffrey and Ms. Norma Nicholson as the Region's citizen representative.

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