



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Regional Council  
From: Selection Committee for the Durham Regional Police Services Board  
Community Member Appointment  
Report: #2023-A-3  
Date: February 1, 2023

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**Subject:**

Community Member Appointment to the Durham Regional Police Services Board

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**Recommendation:**

That Karen Fisher be appointed as the community member on the Durham Regional Police Services Board for the term of Council or until such time as their successor is appointed.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To recommend a community member for appointment to the Durham Regional Police Services Board.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

2.1 Report #2022-A-18 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services was approved by Regional Council on June 14, 2022 providing for the adoption of a Durham Regional Police Services Community Member Appointment Recruitment and Selection Policy. This policy provides information about the Region's processes for citizen members who are interested in applying to serve as the community member to the Durham Regional Police Services Board, and provides a guide for Council members and Regional staff. The process included placing an advertisement in local newspapers and on the Regional website, the review of applications by a Selection Committee, interviews of qualified applicants by the Selection Committee, and a recommendation by the Selection Committee for consideration by Regional Council within 4 months of the start of each new term of Regional Council.

### **3. Durham Regional Police Services Board**

3.1 The Durham Regional Police Services Board is a seven member board made up of the following:

- a) the head of the municipal council or, if the head chooses not to be a member of the board, another member of the council appointed by resolution of the council;
- b) two members of the council appointed by resolution of the council;
- c) one person appointed by resolution of the council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality; and
- d) three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

3.2 An advertisement (Attachment #1) inviting residents having an interest in serving on the Police Services Board was placed in local newspapers on August 23, 2022. Individuals were required to submit their applications to the Regional Clerk no later than October 27, 2022.

3.3 In total, 17 applications were received (Attachment #2). The applications were reviewed by the Selection Committee and 4 candidates were selected for an interview.

### **4. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Goal 5: Service Excellence. Objective: To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.
  - 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
  - 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 Based on interviews that were held on January 19, 2023, it is the Selection Committee's decision that Karen Fisher be recommended for appointment as the community member on the Durham Regional Police Services Board.

5.2 This report is respectfully submitted by the Selection Committee to the Members of Regional Council for their consideration and subsequent appointment.

### **6. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Newspaper Advertisement

Attachment #2: Listing of Applications Received

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Henry, Regional Chair

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Councillor Roy, Chair  
Health & Social Services Committee

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Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair  
Planning & Economic Development Committee

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Councillor Barton, Chair  
Works Committee

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Councillor Leahy, Vice-Chair  
Finance & Administration Committee



## The Regional Municipality of Durham is Accepting Applications for the Appointment of a Community Member to the Durham Regional Police Services Board

The Regional Municipality of Durham is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving as a community member on the Durham Regional Police Services Board.

Responsibilities include monthly board meetings, attending training sessions, zone meetings, conferences and sub-committee meetings. This will involve more than 20 hours per month. The term of this appointment is four years and coincides with the term of Regional Council.

To be eligible for appointment, the public member must be at least 18 years of age, be a resident of the Regional Municipality of Durham, and meet the eligibility requirements in the Region's [Recruitment and Selection Policy](#).

The successful candidate should demonstrate the following qualifications:

- an interest in and commitment to public safety and responsible police governance
- an understanding of the role of a police services board
- senior executive or board of director experience
- administrative and budgetary experience
- previous community and professional involvement
- availability to attend meetings
- a flexible schedule to meet time commitments of the position

Application forms can be obtained from the [Region of Durham website](http://www.durham.ca) (www.durham.ca), or by contacting the Legislative Services Division by email at [appointments@durham.ca](mailto:appointments@durham.ca).

Further details regarding the Durham Regional Police Services Board can be obtained by visiting the [Durham Regional Police Services Board website](http://www.durhampoliceboard.ca) (www.durhampoliceboard.ca).

Completed applications must be submitted to the Regional Clerk by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2022**, at the address shown below or by email to [appointments@durham.ca](mailto:appointments@durham.ca):

Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East, P.O. Box 623  
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3  
Phone: 905-668-7711, extension 2097

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services at 1-800-372-1102, extension 2097.

**Durham Regional Police Services Board  
Community Member Appointment  
Applications Received**

<b>Application #</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>
1	Ball, Stephanie
2	Case, Pita Garth (PG)
3	Chornobay, Yvonne
4	Cliché, Pierre
5	Fisher, Karen
6	Holmes, Mark
7	Howey, Cearra
8	Kayilas, Thushyan
9	Mercier, Vera
10	Moenster, Steven
11	Nazar, Bradley
12	Nicholson, Hugh
13	Ram, Malvina
14	Richards, Michael
15	Watt, John Michael
16	Wilsdon, Suzanne
17	Wilson-Beier, Gail