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Chief of Police Selection Process – Launch of Online Survey

The Durham Regional Police Services Board is pleased to announce that an online survey is now available to allow citizens to provide their views on policing in Durham Region and the qualities the Board should seek in its next Chief of Police. Environics Research Group is leading the community consultations on behalf of the Board and the survey is available on its web site at https://survey.environics.ca/11225_drps/.

"We are hoping to receive as much feedback as possible from a wide range of the population," said Chair Bobbie Drew. "The next Chief of Police will shape the future of policing and community safety in Durham Region, and a wise and informed choice will need to be made to instill even higher levels of public confidence in the DRPS."

The community consultation phase is a key component of the Board's Action Plan to Enhance Trust and Confidence in the DRPS that was adopted in the Spring of 2021. Priorities of this Plan include enhanced transparency and communication, improved equity and inclusion practices, and better service delivery related to mental health.

Consultation sessions with employees, community partners and stakeholders on the selection criteria for the next Chief of Police are occurring throughout the month of November, and the public survey will be available until December 15. Environics will provide a final report on the consultations to the Police Services Board in early 2022.

The Durham Regional Police Services Board is the civilian governing body of the Police Service. Its responsibilities include establishing objectives for policing in consultation with the Chief of the Police, setting policies for the effective management of the Police Service, and hiring and monitoring the performance of the Chief of Police. The Board consists of seven members, three appointed by the Province of Ontario and four chosen by Regional Council.

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