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New Member of the Police Service Board – Regional Chair Kevin Ashe

The Durham Regional Police Service Board welcomes Durham Regional Chair Kevin Ashe to the Police Service Board as Head of Durham Regional Council.

“I am honoured to have the opportunity to serve once again as a member of the Police Service Board,” said Regional Chair Ashe. “Community safety is an important priority for the citizens of our Region, and I look forward to helping position the DRPS to continue to deliver excellent policing services across all of Durham as a member of the Board.”

“Mr. Ashe’s knowledge and experience will add to the strength of the Board’s governance and oversight,” added Chair of the Board, Shaun Collier. “Having already served on the Board for a decade, he understands the importance of policing as a pillar of community wellbeing and prosperity, and his ideas and perspectives will support the Board in fulfilling its important responsibilities.”

Mr. Ashe was a member of the Police Service Board from 1997 to 2003 and from 2018 to 2022, serving as Vice-Chair for two years and Chair for an additional two years. He will replace Board Member Willie Woo who served on the Board as former Regional Chair Henry’s designate. The Board extends its gratitude to Mr. Woo for his exceptional contributions since his appointment in 2022.

Biographical notes for Mr. Ashe are attached.

The Durham Regional Police Service 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 adequate and effective policing and the administration 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.

Biographical Notes – Kevin Ashe

Kevin Ashe has been a resident of Pickering for over 55 years and comes from a family deeply rooted in local politics and community service. His late father, George Ashe, served as the first Mayor of the then Town of Pickering, in 1973, paving the way for Mayor Ashe's own civic engagement.

Prior to sitting on Pickering City Council, Mr. Ashe served as a Trustee on the Durham Catholic District School Board, representing Pickering from 1985 to 1997, and served as Chair of the Board in 1994. Mr. Ashe was first elected as Ward 1 City Councillor in 2003 and was re-elected by Ward 1 residents in 2010 and 2014. In November 2015, he was appointed as Regional Councillor for Ward 1, re-elected in 2018, and remained in that role until he was elected as Mayor in 2022, and again in 2026. He was appointed Regional Chair by the Province of Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in November 2026.

Mr. Ashe has played pivotal roles in various organizations, including the Rouge Valley Health System Foundation, Ajax Pickering Big Brothers and Sisters, and the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise. He is a passionate advocate for raising awareness on mental health issues.

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