



## The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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April 2, 2019

Mr. Christopher Raynor  
Regional Clerk  
The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
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Dear Mr. Raynor:

**Re: Armorial Bearings**

At its meeting on March 27, 2019, the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board received the attached report of the Chief of Police entitled "Armorial Bearings" and adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the Board receive this report.
2. That the Board pass a resolution giving permission to York Regional Police to pursue the Grant of Armorial Bearings in a joint submission with The Regional Municipality of York to the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

The Board further directed that the report of the Chief of Police be forwarded to Regional Council for its support of the application to the Canadian Heraldic Authority. I am also attaching the extract of the minutes of the March 27, 2019 public meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mafalda Avellino".

Mafalda Avellino  
Executive Director

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Copy to: Eric Jolliffe, Chief of Police

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK  
POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**Extract of the March 27, 2019 Public Session Minutes**

**95      Armorial Bearings**

*It was moved by Chairman Emmerson, seconded by Mr. Cooper that the Board adopt the following recommendations contained in the Report of the Chief of Police:*

1.    That the Board receive this report.
2.    That the Board pass a resolution giving permission to York Regional Police to pursue the Grant of Armorial Bearings in a joint submission with The Regional Municipality of York to the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

*And further, that the Board forward the report of the Chief of Police to Regional Council and seek Regional Council's support of the application to the Canadian Heraldic Authority.*

**CARRIED**



## Deeds Speak

Eric Jolliffe  
Chief of Police

Thomas Carrique  
Deputy Chief of Police

André Crawford  
Deputy Chief of Police

Robertson Rouse  
Deputy Chief of Police

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### THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

#### REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

MARCH 27, 2019

#### Armorial Bearings

#### RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Board receive this report.
2. That the Board pass a resolution giving permission to York Regional Police to pursue the Grant of Armorial Bearings in a joint submission with The Regional Municipality of York to the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

#### SYNOPSIS

In Canada, the Canadian Heraldic Authority (CHA) manages the official creation of coats of arms, flags and badges. A grant of armorial bearings is an honour conferred within the Canadian Honours System in recognition of service to the community.

York Regional Police seeks authorization, in conjunction with The Regional Municipality of York, to make an application to the Canadian Heraldic Authority to be given permission in the form of a Grant of Armorial Bearings. York Regional Police has the St. Edwards Crown on its crest which was trademarked in 1985 and The Regional Municipality of York has included St. Edwards Crown on its coat of arms which was first produced in 1842. The image of St. Edwards Crown as with all heraldic images of a Royal Crown is the property Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Both York Regional Police and The Regional Municipality of York have not been granted permission by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to use the image of the St. Edwards Crown. This outstanding permission would be conferred through the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

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## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost for the application is approximately \$7,000.00. There may be further costs associated with this process once the Grant has been issued. If changes are required, shoulder flashes, car decals and signage can be replaced as existing items expire naturally. The cost of replacing existing badges, flags, shoulder flashes etc. would be modest as there is no established timeline with the Canadian Heraldic Authority. This process can take several years and has been done by numerous police services in the past.

## BACKGROUND

In anticipation of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of York Regional Police in 2021, it is requested that the Police Services Board pass a resolution, which authorizes York Regional Police to make an application to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for the granting of Armorial Bearings. This is the process by which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II grants permission to entities in Canada to use the St. Edwards Crown to represent them on their flags, badges and coats of arms.

On December 11, 1985, York Regional Police had its badge trademarked with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. This badge consists of the shield and St. Edwards Crown from the coat of arms used by the Regional Municipality of York with the crown placed atop a garter, which reads York Regional Police.



Since that time, York Regional Police has been using the St. Edwards Crown without the expressed permission of the Sovereign of Canada, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. York Regional Police met with the Regional Municipality of York and have agreed to make a joint submission to the Canadian Heraldic Authority. This will provide the men and women of York Regional Police a meaningful link to our past as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Through a joint application with The Regional Municipality of York, this will also express to the communities we serve the sound relationship between the police and the region.

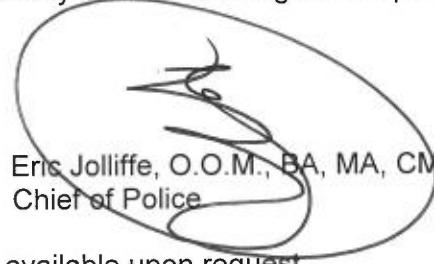
The application process takes place over 12-18 months and is comprised of five steps:

1. Opening of the file: Duration 2 – 4 weeks
  - a. A copy of a resolution by the organization's governing body approving the request for a grant of heraldic emblems;

- b. A copy of the document by which the organization was incorporated (or otherwise legally established) in Canada, including the date and, if applicable, the organization's name in English and French;
  - c. Background information on the organization's history and an outline of its current activities;
  - d. A recent annual report or financial records;
  - e. The chief herald of Canada reviews the request and makes a recommendation to the deputy herald chancellor, who then signs a warrant permitting the grant to be made.
  - f. An invoice for the processing fee is sent.
2. Research and written concept: Duration 1 to 3 months
- a. A herald works with York Regional Police to determine the themes to be included in our emblems.
  - b. The chief herald of Canada reviews and approves the concept developed by the herald.
  - c. A written proposal, including all of the design elements and their significance, is sent for approval.
3. Preliminary Artwork: Duration 2 to 3 months
- a. York Regional Police sign a contract with an artist of the CHA.
  - b. The CHA artist creates a colour illustration of our arms, flag and/or badge.
  - c. This preliminary artwork is sent for approval, along with the artist's invoice.
4. Final art and calligraphy of the grant document: Duration 3 to 4 months
- a. York Regional Police choose one of two formats for the grant document.
  - b. York Regional Police sign two contracts for artists of the CHA to do the final painting and the calligraphy on the grant document.
  - c. The artist paints the heraldic emblems; the artist's invoice is sent.
  - d. The calligrapher adds the text to the grant document; the calligrapher's invoice is then sent.
  - e. The chief herald of Canada signs and seals the document.
5. Mailing and Publication
- a. The grant document, symbolism page and photographs of the emblems are mailed once all payments have been made.
  - b. In the following 6 to 12 months, a notice of the grant is published in the Canada Gazette and the emblems are added to the online version of the Public Register of Arms, Flags and Badges of Canada.

York Regional Police have established a committee to work co-operatively with The Regional Municipality of York and the Canadian Heraldic Authority in order to navigate this process.

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Eric Jolliffe, O.O.M., BA, MA, CMM III  
Chief of Police

Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.