

HELLO HALTON RESIDENTS: Get to Know YOUR HALTON POLICE BOARD

haltonpoliceboard.ca
Follow us on [@HPBoard](#)

The Halton Police Board is a 7 member board that provides strategic governance to the Halton Regional Police Service; a provincially mandated legal entity that operates independently from Regional or Municipal Council. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure the residents of Halton Region receive adequate and effective police services in accordance with policing standards issued by the Province. The Board is the trustee of public interest regarding the provision of all police services in the community.

The Board exercises its governance and oversight functions through the development of policies. The Chief of Police reports to and is directly accountable to the Police Services Board for adherence to and compliance with the Board's policies.

The composition of the Police Services Board is determined by the Police Services Act. In accordance with the population of the Region, the Halton Police Board consists of:

- The Regional Chair, or if the Regional Chair chooses not to be a member of the Board, another member of the Council appointed by resolution of Council.
- Two members of Regional Council appointed by resolution of Council.
- One person appointed by resolution of Regional Council, who is neither a member of the Council nor an employee of the Region.
- Three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.



Mayor Rob Burton - Oakville

has been acclaimed by Halton Regional Council for three terms on the Halton Police Board since 2011 and elected every year since 2014 by the Board as their chair.

Chair Burton's priorities are for the Halton Police Board to keep Halton Canada's safest large community; to keep Halton Police Service Canada's most effective and efficient, and to keep Halton Canada's leader in the Sir Robert Peel Principles of Community Policing.

Chair Burton has served as Mayor of Oakville since December 2006. He has focused his mandate as Mayor and Member of Halton Region Council to control growth, debt, and taxes, protect green space and the environment, keep community facilities in line with the needs of the community, and make Halton Canada's most sustainable region. Before being elected to public office, Chair Burton had a successful career as a director and producer in journalism, film, and television. He is best known for starting YTV, Canada's youth-oriented television network. He and his wife Wendy live in Oakville where they raised their three children.



Councillor Jeff Knoll - Oakville

was appointed by Halton Regional Council to the Halton Police Board in 2012. Councillor Knoll has served as Oakville's Ward 5 Regional and Town Councillor since he was first elected in 2000.

As a local entrepreneur and employer, Councillor Knoll is also the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Film.Ca Cinemas in Oakville.

In addition to serving as a member of the Police Board, Councillor Knoll serves as Chair of the Oakville Public Library and is the President of the Halton Community Housing Corporation.

Previously he has served on the boards of several local organizations including Halton Health Care Services Corporation, the Halton Children's Aid Society and the Oakville & Milton Humane Society.

Outside of his Council responsibilities, he is a member of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and an active volunteer with the Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre where his wife Michelle is the Executive Director. Councillor Knoll is long-time member, former chairman and the current group sponsor of the 1st Trafalgar Scouts, and a founding member and volunteer with the Trafalgar Township Historical Society, a Member of the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 114.

Jeff and his wife, Michelle, live in Oak Park. They have five children and five grandchildren.



Curt Allen - Oakville

was appointed by the Province of Ontario to the Halton Police Board on May 10, 2019. Mr. Allen retired from Scotiabank in February 2015 where he was Vice President and Chief Security Officer.

Before this role, he served as Royal Canadian Mounted Police deputy commissioner for Ontario and Quebec, deputy commissioner national headquarters, and deputy commissioner national police services and technical infrastructure, following his work as RCMP chief human resources officer. Among his many professional associations, Allen was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the Conference Board of Canada Security Executives Council.

Mr. Allen is dedicated to volunteering and community involvement and has served on many boards, committees, clubs, and organizations. He currently serves on the Ontario Human Resource Professional Association and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.

He lives in Oakville with his wife. Curt supports several community organizations including youth hockey and has been very active supporting baseball leagues and children's hospitals.

PEELIAN PRINCIPLES

Halton's Police Service is founded upon and operates by the Nine Peelian Principles of Community Policing. These Principles focus on community development, relationship building, and prevention rather than a reaction to social problems.

Sir Robert Peel, considered the father of modern policing, developed these principles with the focus on the prevention of crime rather than catching criminals. He argued that this must be done through earning the support of the public by putting in the hard work to build a reputation.

The Nine Peelian Principles are:

1. "The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder."
2. "The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions."
3. "Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public."
4. "The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionately to the necessity of the use of physical force."
5. "Police seek and preserve public favour not by catering to the public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law."
6. "Police use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of persuasion, advice, and warning is found to be insufficient."
7. "Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."
8. "Police should always direct their action strictly towards their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary."
9. "The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it."



Clark Somerville - Halton Hills

was appointed by Halton Regional Council to the Halton Police Board on December 19, 2019. Councillor Somerville was first elected to Council in 1996, representing Ward 1 in Acton. After two terms as a local councillor, he was elected to Regional Council in 2003, where he continues to represent Acton as well as the Halton Hills rural community as the Regional Councillor for Wards 1 & 2. This is his

second appointment to the Halton Regional Police Services Board where he previously served from 2003 – 2006. Clark was also elected to the board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in 2008 and continues to serve the board. He was elected as the 81st President of FCM in 2016. He has served on several FCM committees and is active on the Rural Forum, increasing women's participation in municipal government, Executive, and other committees. Through his work with community groups such as Poverty Free Halton, Clark has advocated for accessible and affordable housing, transit passes for low-income earners, and inclusive neighbourhoods. He has actively promoted engagement for youth, new Canadians and women in municipal government. Clark received the Queen Elizabeth II, Diamond Jubilee Medal, for his work on FCM and his national advocacy on free and fair trade.



Navneet Sekhon - Milton

was appointed by the Province of Ontario to the Halton Police Board on June 15, 2020. Ms. Sekhon has over 30 years of experience in strategic initiatives in consulting, design, and development of regulatory and compliance systems and policies for start-up and multi-national health products companies. Her expertise with start-ups and experiences with a broad range of health products, and having successfully

delivered hundreds of projects in regulatory affairs, quality compliance, pharmaceutical process validation, clinical affairs, and even device software validation ultimately inspired her to found AXSource Consulting Inc. Navneet previously held a position as Chair of the non-profit Canadian Association of Professionals in Regulatory Affairs Board of Directors and also served on the Executive Advisory Board where she lent her expertise. She has served and chaired several trade association councils, technical and regulatory steering committees/boards including MEDEC, Pharmaceutical Sciences Group, Electro-Federation of Canada Medical Imaging Council, RAPS, Parenteral Drug Association, American Society of Quality Assurance & International Society of Quality Assurance. In 2016 and 2017, she was nominated for the prestigious RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards. Ms. Sekhon is married with two children. She resides in Campbellville with her family and in-laws.



Donald Foster - Burlington

was appointed by the Province of Ontario to the Halton Police Board on January 20, 2020. Recently retired, Donald Foster was the Founding Partner of Phillips, Foster Boucher Inc., a global retail marketing consulting firm which serviced Fortune 500 companies.

He comes from a long family line of community-service involvement; his grandfather and two uncles served as police officers in the area. He has fulfilled many lifelong volunteer roles for which the United Nations appointed him Goodwill Ambassador for the Golden Rule. He served as Fundraising Chair for Heart & Stroke in Mississauga, a member of the Corporate Committee for the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation Board, member of the Mississauga Arts Council, a founding member of the Compass Food Bank, and Chair of the Secondary School Councils of Peel. He also received the Service of Distinction honour from Scouts Canada. He supports several local community organizations including Joseph Brant Hospital, Food4Kids, Tansley Woods Senior Residence, The Burlington Prayer Breakfast, and is still an active member of area Chambers of Commerce. Donald has resided in Burlington for 20 years with his wife, Pamela, and has two married adult sons.



Ingrid Hann - Burlington

was appointed to the Halton Police Board as the Region's civilian appointee on October 29, 2020. This is Ms. Hann's second appointment to the Halton Regional Police Services Board where she previously served from 2017-2019 as the provincial appointee.

Ms. Hann is an Executive Consultant with over 30 years of consulting, corporate and operations experience with mid-sized businesses and large multi-national corporations. Before establishing her consulting practice, Ingrid was Vice-President Human Resources for De Beers Canada for over 10 years, with previously held progressively senior positions in various industries. She possesses her CHRE (Certified Human Resources Executive) and has a BA from the University of Waterloo, where she was recognized in 2010 with the Faculty of Arts Alumni Achievement Award.

Ingrid's interests and contributions focus on delivering service excellence through Board involvement, reflecting the needs, values and expectations of the communities and clients they represent. In addition to the Halton Police Board, she also serves on the Boards of the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) and Nucleus Independent Living.