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New Police Services Board Chair Nando Iannicca

## THE PEEL REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD HAS A NEW CHAIR

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The Peel Regional Police Services Board held their first meeting of 2019 and elected a new chair.

Nando Iannicca, who is already chair of Peel Region and a former longtime Mississauga councillor, was elected by board members Friday at the Region of Peel headquarters on Peel Centre Drive in Brampton, confirmed Robert Serpe, executive director of the

police services board.

The one-year appointment means Iannicca, a Cooksville native who served as the city and regional councillor for Ward 7 for 30 years, replaces Norma Nicholson as chair of the police board.

New board members were also sworn in recently, including Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown.

It will be an interesting year for the board, who are

tasked with hiring a new chief of police for the region after Jennifer Evans retired this month.

Chris McCord, a longtime Peel police officer, is interim chief.

Crombie has made no bones about her desire to rejoin the police services board, which she served on for two years.

Crombie hopes to be an integral part of the hiring process for Peel's next top cop.

"Community safety is a city-wide issue and needs to be the responsibility of the mayor who is elected by the entire city," Crombie told the News recently.