

## Norma Nicholson appointed to Peel Police Services Board

A Mississauga author, nurse, volunteer and teacher is the newest member of the Peel Police Services Board, the civilian governance body of Peel Regional Police and Caledon OPP.

Norma Nicholson was appointed by the Region of Peel council Feb. 12 as council's citizen representative on the board, replacing Jim Harries who completed a four-year term.

"Her background speaks for itself," said board chair Laurie Williamson, also a Mississauga resident, in a release. "Simply put, she exemplifies community service and commitment to the betterment of the individuals we serve."

Williamson and vice-chair Frank Dale, who is also chair of Peel Region, welcomed Nicholson's appointment.

"I want to commend and thank Ms. Nicholson for putting her name forward to serve on the board," Dale said. "Her background and experience will prove invaluable."

There were "a great number" of applicants for the position, Dale said.

Nicholson said she is excited about the

opportunity to serve the community "in a different way."

"The role of the board, and the police, in our society is extremely important and I am committed to contributing to the very meaningful work that is being done," she said.

Nicholson has a special interest in working with at-risk youth and has been involved in community outreach programs for children and families as well as teaching part-time at Sheridan College in the Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies. She volunteers in the Family Literacy program for the Region of Peel's Human



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Services Division, is past president of the Alzheimer Society of Peel and past president of the Registered Nurses Association of Peel.

Last year she wrote and published *Young Lives on the Line: You Can Make a Difference*, drawing on her experience as a homeless youth.

As a registered nurse, she has received numerous awards and recognition from the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, and was a five-time nominee for the *Toronto Star's* Nightingale Award.