

## Police Services Board gives green light for new police station in King City

**By Angela Gismondi**

King is one step closer to having its own police station.

At the annual Regional Chair's Luncheon, hosted by the King Chamber of Commerce at The Manor in King City this past Monday, Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson, announced the Police Services Board had authorized a lease agreement be executed with the Township of King for office space for the new station.

“Mayor Pellegrini, we passed the police station at the Police Services Board meeting on Friday and you will be getting your police station,” Emmerson stated.

The station will be located at the site of the new municipal offices at 2585 King Road in King City and will be about 3,000 square feet. The lease agreement is for a period of 20 years at an annual cost of \$39,780 per year and will commence on or about December 1, 2017.

The Chief is expected to execute the lease agreement with the Township of King, subject to approval of the Region's Legal Services.

“We are delighted that they are our partners,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini after the announcement. “Having the York Regional Police as a tenant will help offset the costs and helps improve valued service for all of our residents.”

Having a police presence will help make King an even safer community, he added.

“King is low in crime but it's nice to have a visible police presence,” Pellegrini said.

The station will also add to the vision of making the new Township offices a hub for the community.

“I want this place to be more than a place to go and pay your taxes,” said Pellegrini. “We're looking for ways to integrate more community partners into this hub.”