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## **GREATER SUDBURY POLICE SERVICES BOARD** **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Krista Fortier Appointed as New Member of the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board**

(Sudbury, ON) – Police Services Board Chair Al Sizer is pleased to announce that Ms. Krista Fortier has been appointed to the Board effective May 11, 2023. In accordance with section 27 of the *Police Services Act*, Ms. Fortier has been appointed as a member of the City of Greater Sudbury Police Services Board for a three-year period by Order in Council. After a careful and rigorous selection process, Krista was selected to fill one of the provincial seats previously held by Ms. Lise Poratto-Mason and Mr. Richard Bois, whose terms expired earlier this year. The Board is awaiting a second new appointment.

Ms. Fortier holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University and obtained her law degree from the University of Windsor. She was born and raised in Sudbury and practices law with her father and brother at Fortier Law Firm. Her practice consists of Real Estate, Family Law, and Wills and Estates. Krista is also a panel lawyer for the Office of the Children's Lawyer and the Family Responsibility Office, and prosecutor for both the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Away from the office Krista is an active board member and volunteer for many non-profit organizations which serve Northern Ontario.



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"I feel honoured to take on this position with the Greater Sudbury Police Services Board. I look forward to working with other members of the board in fulfilling our vital governance responsibilities. I admire the work of the police in our community and am privileged to assume this role."

Chair Sizer welcomes member Fortier on behalf of the Board. "We look forward to having Ms. Fortier's insight and guidance as we continue to tackle important issues in our community. Her work as a lawyer and other previous experience will be valuable to the Board as we continue to build public trust, ensure transparency, and be accountable to those we serve."

Chief Pedersen echoed the sentiments around Krista's appointment to Police Services Board. "On behalf of the entire organization we welcome Ms. Fortier and look forward to working with her over the next three years."

Both Chair Sizer and Chief Pedersen acknowledge and thank Ms. Poratto-Mason and Mr. Bois for their expert advice, dedication, and for embodying the Board and Service's values of respect, inclusivity, courage, and honesty during their terms with the Board.

The Greater Sudbury Police Services Board has five Members: two Provincial appointees, two City Council appointees, and one Citizen Member as appointed by Council. Municipal appointees serve four-year terms in line with the term of City Council. Provincial appointees are chosen for three-year terms by the Ministry of the Solicitor General. Along with Krista Fortier and Chair Al Sizer, the Board's current members are Mayor Paul Lefebvre and Gerry Lougheed, Jr.

**About:** *The Greater Sudbury Police Services Board is a five-member civilian Board that governs the Greater Sudbury Police Service. Under the Police Services Act, the Board is responsible for providing adequate and effective police services to over 166,000 Greater Sudbury residents.*

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