



# The Thunder Bay Police Services Board

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## **THUNDER BAY POLICE SERVICES BOARD WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

THUNDER BAY, ON, February 7, 2023 - The Thunder Bay Police Services Board is pleased to announce the municipal appointment of Denise Baxter to the Board.

Since 2017, Baxter has been the Vice Provost of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University, and is currently completing her PhD in Equity and Indigenous Education at York University.

Baxter's nearly 30 years of experience in education has made her a leader in the community where she works to establish networks, and strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities and governments, and build capacity between Indigenous, public, and private partners. As a Marten Falls First Nation member, Baxter believes in preserving and practicing cultural traditions and ceremonies to help stay connected to the community.

Baxter is currently serving a two-year term as a community representative on the Thunder Bay Police Services Board Governance Committee. The committee's first priority is the recruitment of a new Chief of Police.

Her term as municipal appointee is effective immediately until November 2026. Baxter will be replacing Georjann Morriseau.

### **Quotes:**

#### **Denise Baxter, Board Member, Thunder Bay Police Services Board**

"I look forward to working collaboratively with the Board and the new Chief of Police, once selected, as we address the recommendations of the various reports in a manner that is responsible and respectful. I am honoured to join this group of people who are committed to rebuilding trust in the Thunder Bay Police Service in a meaningful way."

#### **Malcolm Mercer, Acting Administrator, Thunder Bay Police Services Board**

"Denise is already a valued member of the Governance Committee and so we welcome her to the Board as a municipal appointee. We know she will bring a new perspective and fresh insights as we continue the work we are doing as a Board."

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