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Board Announces Two New Members

Provincial and municipal Board members appointed

THUNDER BAY, ON (September 13, 2023) — The Thunder Bay Police Services Board is pleased to announce the provincial appointment of Wayne Bahlhieda and the municipal appointment of Councillor Kasey Etreni to the Board.

Bahlhieda is no stranger to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board having been a member from 2003-2010. Etreni is a councillor at-large for the City of Thunder Bay and was elected in 2022. She serves on the District Social Services Board and the Thunder Bay District Board of Health, amongst others.

Councillor Etreni replaces Councillor Shelby Ch'ng who resigned as a Board member to pursue a master's degree. Councillor Ch'ng had been serving as a municipal appointee to the Board since May 2022 and chaired the Board's Labour Relations Committee. The Board thanks Councillor Ch'ng for her dedication and contribution to the Board and community, and her ongoing support.

Bahlhieda is appointed for a one-year term, effective September 7th, and Councillor Etreni will serve for the balance of the term of Council.

Bahlhieda and Councillor Etreni's biographies and photos are below.

Quotes:

Karen Machado, Chair, Thunder Bay Police Services Board

"We are pleased to be making this announcement, having now filled all the vacant positions on the Board. We welcome Wayne and Kasey to the Board. Wayne's experience on the Board and Kasey's work within the community and on council will be beneficial as we move ahead with our mandate to serve the community and continue the work that is already underway."

Wayne Bahlhieda, Board Member, Thunder Bay Police Services Board

"I am honoured to be selected as the Provincial appointee to sit on the Thunder Bay Police Services Board. As a member of the Board, I am committed to working in collaboration with the leadership team to attain organizational success and have a positive impact on our stakeholders, and the broader community."

Kasey Etreni, City Councillor, Board Member, Thunder Bay Police Services Board

“I am eager to bring my experience from both council and my professional career to the Board and apply it to the work that is already underway and the work that needs to be done. I am keen and honoured to serve the residents of the Thunder Bay community in both capacities.”

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Appointee Biographies



Wayne Bahlleda

Wayne is a human resource professional with over 40 years' experience in the hospital, education, pulp and paper industry and mental health and addictions sectors.

He has previous experience on the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, having been a Board member from 2003-2010 and served as a Committee Member for the Ontario Police Arbitration Commission from 2003-2013. Wayne's experience has equipped him with an understanding of the Police Services Act along with Board duties and responsibilities.



Kasey Etrene

Kasey Etrene is serving her first term as Councillor-at-Large on City Council. Born and raised in Thunder Bay, she has a Bachelor of Science, honours standing from Western Michigan University.

Kasey is newly retired from her professional career as a Charge Radiation Therapist in Thunder Bay's Cancer Care program for over 35 years. Her career included research (personal and institutional), speaking engagements, authoring a course, and serving on numerous hospital committees.

She has volunteered with professional and non-profit organizations at municipal, provincial and national levels and at different levels of governance. She thrives on process, policy and procedure development, governance, and evidence-based decisions. She strongly believes that results can be maximised through collaboration and partnerships.

She is married to her husband Alf; together they have two daughters, Brooklyn and Kayla.