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# Statement from the Thunder Bay Police Service Board

## The following is a statement from the Thunder Bay Police Service Board:

THUNDER BAY, ON (April 12, 2024) — The Thunder Bay Police Service Board would like to thank the Ontario Provincial Police for its investigation.

Throughout this process, members of the Thunder Bay Police Service have continued to perform their duties and responsibilities while pursuing the highest standards in policing.

As a Police Service Board, it is our job to oversee how policing is provided to the people of Thunder Bay.

Among other roles, it is our responsibility to create policies to ensure good governance, ask critical questions to ensure the highest standards of policing are being met, and monitor the performance of the Chief of Police.

Former Chief Hauth was suspended following Police Service Act charges laid by the Ontario Police Civilian Commission in 2022 and resigned prior to the scheduled hearing in January 2023.

Our Board appointed Chief Fleury, the Service's first Métis Police Chief, for his extensive experience in investigative, operational, and administrative leadership, as well as his track record of building bridges with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Both Chief Fleury and Deputy Chief Hughes have been focused on the implementation of various recommendations, upholding the highest standards of policing, ensuring a healthy work environment, and most importantly, building trust with the community.

Board members remain seized with our mandate and collective responsibility to ensure the Thunder Bay Police Service is governed effectively so the city can have confidence in its police service.

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For Planning Purposes: Chair Karen Machado and Chief Darcy Fleury will be holding a joint hybrid media availability on Monday. An advisory will follow.

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