



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **TWO NEW GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED**

THUNDER BAY, ON, JANUARY 29, 2024 - The Thunder Bay Police Service Board is pleased to announce two new appointees selected to represent the community as members of the Governance Committee.

The board welcomes Gary Ferguson and Marcel Netemegesic Donio Nehbuhnehawbuhnwehshkung. Appointees will serve two-year and three-year terms, respectively, effective January 28th, 2025, joining the current five committee members.

“We are pleased to welcome Gary and Marcel to our committee. With deep local ties and a strong commitment to community service, we are confident they will enhance the Committee and ensure the community’s ‘voice’ is heard. We are grateful for the broad perspective of community needs and expectations that both bring to the table. Together we will continue our work to keep Thunder Bay safe and vibrant,” said Denise Baxter, Governance Committee Chair.

The new members replace Cora Lee Mcguire-Cyrette, and David Paul Achneepineskum, whose terms expired in the autumn. The Board thanks them for their many valuable contributions.

The Governance Committee's mandate includes: meeting procedural by-laws; meeting processes and practices; policy review and development. Both members and the public are included in the committee to ensure the community’s views are represented and considered in decision making.

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#### **Bios Attached.**



**Gary Ferguson** is currently the Executive Director of the Salvation Army 'Journey To Life' Centre in Thunder Bay. Gary has worked in the both public and private sectors, where he has always maintained a high regard for the clients and community he serves. Gary has several years of experience in the fields of Acute Care, Addictions Intervention, Long-Term Care and Adult Education, along with business -related experience in project management, life skills coaching, and group facilitation. Gary has a strong passion for helping others, including past experience working with many regional and provincial boards, and charitable organizations. He is a graduate of Lakehead University.



**Marcel Netemegestic Donio**

**Nehbuhnehawbuhnwehshkung** grew up on the shores of Lake Nipigon. As a child, he was raised by his extended family, who immersed him into the Ojibway language and culture. Marcel pursued post-secondary education in Thunder Bay, attending both Confederation College and Lakehead University. In 2005, after a career spent working at various levels of government, Marcel was appointed as a Justice of the Peace. He remained in that role for close to two decades, recently retiring in 2022. In his retirement, Marcel maintains an active role in the community with his First Nation and local Tribal Council. Marcel and his wife Aandeg are the proud parents of five boys, and the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.