



CONSULTATIONS

The Police Service's strength stems from the partnerships it has with all members of the Durham Region community. The collective co-operation between the community and the DRP is essential to achieving success in the core policing functions of crime prevention, law enforcement, assistance to victims, public order maintenance, emergency response, and administration and infrastructure.

With this in mind, the 2005 – 2007 Business Plan was developed with significant input from a broad cross-section of the community, stakeholder groups, residents, and members of the Police Service. In the Spring of 2004, the Corporate Planning and Development Unit held extensive consultations and focus groups with its members and the Durham Region community. More than one-half of Police Service members were contacted directly through focus groups and internal meetings. Many excellent suggestions for service delivery improvements were received.

Over the same period, public consultations were held in every Durham municipality with residents, community organizations and groups, business leaders, educators, and Regional and Municipal councilors. To ensure broad participation, these meetings were advertised, media releases were issued, and invitations were sent directly to community stakeholders, groups and business leaders. Participants were invited to submit further commentary via written submission or email.