

The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) is mourning

The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) is mourning a “profound loss” following a tragic motor vehicle collision near the Ontario Police College involving two Constables in Training (CITs) who were travelling to training.

“It is with deep sadness that I share that one CIT has lost their life, while the other remains in life-threatening condition,” said Police Chief Peter Moreira.

The Durham Police Chief said the circumstances surrounding the collision remain under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and DRPS will not be providing any further details at this time. The Ontario Police College is located in Malahide township in Elgin County in southwestern Ontario.

The Durham Regional Police Service is profoundly saddened by the tragic death of Constable in Training (CIT) Tyrone Magbitang, 27, who was involved in a motor vehicle collision while travelling to the Ontario Police College on July 7, 2026.

CIT Magbitang joined the Durham Regional Police Service as a Special Constable in May 2023. In April of this year, he took the next step toward achieving his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer when he was selected as a police constable recruit.

Tyrone was a compassionate, dedicated, and service-driven individual who believed deeply in helping others and making a positive difference in the community. Following his Police Foundations education, he pursued a career in public safety with determina-



tion, humility, and an unwavering commitment to serving those around him. Although his time with our Service was far too short, Tyrone made a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside him. He will be remembered for his kindness, professionalism, and the tremendous potential he brought to our organization. His loss is deeply felt throughout the Durham Regional Police Service and the wider policing community.

Today, CIT Magbitang was transported from London, Ontario, to the Centre for Forensic Sciences (CFS) in Toronto. Loved ones and members of the Durham Regional Police Service will accompany him as a mark of respect and in recognition of his service and commitment to the profession he aspired to join.

On behalf of the Durham Regional Police Service, we extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Tyrone’s family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones. We mourn alongside them and remain committed to support-

ing all those affected by this unimaginable loss. We respectfully ask that the privacy of Tyrone’s family and those mourning his loss be honoured during this difficult time.

Mayor Kevin Ashe, stated: Flags at all City facilities are being flown at Half-mast as a mark of respect and remembrance for the loss of Durham Regional Police Services Constable in Training Tyrone Magbitang who tragically lost his life in a motor vehicle collision while travelling to the Ontario Police College on July 7, 2026.

Flags will be flown at Half-mast from now until sunset on the day of his funeral. The following statement is being issued on behalf of John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer for The Regional Municipality of Durham:

“I am deeply saddened by the tragic collision that took place yesterday (July 7) involving two Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) Constables-in-Training who were travelling to the Ontario Police College in Elgin County.

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On behalf of the entire Region of Durham, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, classmates and colleagues of the constable who tragically lost their life. Although their policing career was just beginning, they had chosen a path of service and commitment to others—a decision that deserves our respect and gratitude. Our thoughts are also with the

second Constable-in-Training who sustained life-threatening injuries and remains in hospital. We wish them strength in their recovery and extend our support to their family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Every day, members of DRPS serve our communities with courage, professionalism and compassion, and we are deeply grateful for their dedi-

cation to keeping our residents safe. We join Chief Moreira, all members of the Durham Regional Police Service and the broader policing community in mourning this devastating loss. Flags at all Regional facilities have been lowered to half-mast as we honour the life and service of the Constable-in-Training who passed away.”

Community input brings outdoor fitness to Pickering parks

Pickering, ON. The City of Pickering is turning community input into action, with new outdoor fitness stations moving ahead in three neighbourhood parks following Pickering’s first-ever participatory budget process.

Council recently approved the contract to bring outdoor fitness stations to East Woodlands Park, Alex Robertson Park, and Glengrove Park, with one location in each of Pickering’s three wards. Construction is expected to begin later this summer, with the equipment anticipated to be ready for use by the end of the year.

Through the City of Pickering’s 2025 budget planning process, residents were invited to help decide how a portion of the budget should be invested in neighbourhood improvements. Outdoor fitness equipment was identified as the top-ranked project category among several options designed to support quality of life, active living, and community well-being. Residents also considered dog park enhancements, a shade structure with outdoor gathering space, urban street furniture, or opting out of funding these neighbour-

hood projects entirely.

“Residents told us they wanted more opportunities to stay active and enjoy their neighbourhood parks, and we listened,” said Mayor

Kevin Ashe. “Through Pickering’s first participatory budget process, the community helped shape this investment, and it’s exciting to see their vision now becoming a reality.”

The project is also grounded in long-term planning. The proposed neighbourhood improvements were developed to align with the City’s Corporate Strategic Plan and Recreation & Parks Ten

Year Plan, supporting priorities related to welcoming and healthy communities, as well as innovation, responsible planning, and well-served neighbourhoods.

The outdoor fitness equipment was allocated up to \$300,000 through the Capital Budget, funded through casino revenues.

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