



# DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

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### ***RE: THE REJUVENATION OF A COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH***

#### **"Cadarakque Neighbourhood Watch, Ajax"**

Through the implementation of crime prevention programs, dedicated community volunteers work with police to help reduce crime in their communities. One such "citizen involved" crime prevention program is Neighbourhood Watch. It is a program which employs an elegantly simple technique of "neighbours looking out for neighbours" to reduce threats of crime against potential victims.

This letter is to introduce you to a group of concerned citizens who are actively getting involved in such a program. The Cadarakque Neighbourhood Watch was first established in 1992, and covered 225 homes on Tams, Allard, Field, Noble, Wicks, Miles and Horton Streets. However, over time, people moved out of the community, and new community members have moved in. Moreover, a recent expansion of this subdivision to the east has added more than 250 homes to the immediate vicinity (Galea, Martinworth, Knowles, McGinty, Clarepark), bringing even more new people to the community.

In an effort to reach out to these new neighbours, and to build on the work begun by the original Watch members who preceded them, a new team of community members are undertaking a Watch rejuvenation project. This involves reconnecting neighbours with each other, building new relationships as neighbours get to know each other better, and working on projects of mutual interest together. This process in turn leads to stronger, safer communities, as people begin to look out for each other, which is a foundational principle of the Neighbourhood Watch program. They plan on using technology to reach out to their neighbours, as well as both hosting and attending a number of community-level events to increase awareness about the program among community members.

One of the projects that they are working is to apply for and utilize the resources made available by the Town through its Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy and Impact Ajax process, in order to organize and run a number of community based events, which are designed to get community members out of their homes and interacting with each other, which in turn contributes to a stronger, healthier and safer community.

Through persistence, devotion and hard work, these people are making an honourable effort to rejuvenate the Neighbourhood Watch program within their community. In so doing, the members of the Cadarakque neighbourhood are demonstrating their understanding that crime prevention is not just a job for a few professionals. Rather, the attitude and involvement of these citizens proves their genuine concern to work together to make their community a better place to live.

The Durham Regional Police Service fully supports the efforts of the new team as they re-imagine, re-design, rejuvenate and re-launch their Neighbourhood Watch.

Yours in crime prevention and safety,

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