



Hamilton Police Retirees Association

"Continuing to Serve"



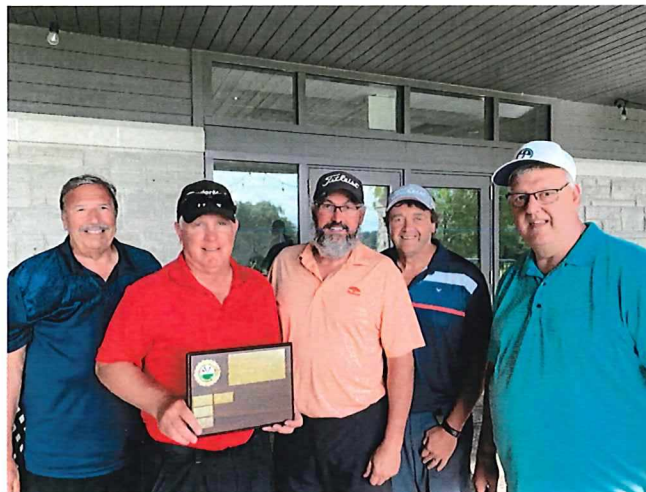
Hamilton Police Retirees Year End Report January to December 2022

To Hamilton Police Services Board and Chief Frank Bergen.

There are currently **954 Retirees of the Hamilton Police Service**, including 143 widows or widowers. At the end of 2022 there were **735** paid members in good standing in the **Hamilton Police Retirees Association**.

The annual **Spring Luncheon** was cancelled because of the pandemic.

The **Golf Tournament** was held in June with about 100 golfers. This event was promoted by Peter Abi Rashed, Dave Rees and Dave Bowen.



The Turkey Roll fundraiser occurred in November and was a great success. This event was organized by Dave Place and Kelly Dziemianko with the help of our entire Board.



Historic Vehicles – Three of the vehicles were brought out of storage and kept at the Mountain Police Station all summer. We have a long-term arrangement for storage, year-round, that will reduce damage from the weather. We displayed our vehicles at several events over the year, including the “Cops and Rodders” car show in August. In June Terry Hill and Dave Bowen drove the Studebaker and Bomb Truck down to Niagara on the Lake where they were displayed with many other historic police vehicles at a meeting of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.



Our Association is a member of the **Police Pensioners Association of Ontario**, and we sent 5 Board members to two General Meetings to continue that relationship and conduct business.

The **Ornamental Gardens** located in front of Central Station, were tended by our Retirees, Michel Fauvelle and Wendy Passmore. They are avid gardeners and wonderful volunteers.



Hamilton Out of the Cold is a not-for-profit organization which normally provides a warm meal, in a warm Auditorium from November 1 to March 31 each winter. During the pandemic, we are continuing to serve “Take-out” dinners to our guests again this winter. Nevertheless, HOOTC is still serving from nine (9) Churches. Members of the Police Retirees continue to provide Security for the meal distribution. There are **fourteen (14) Retirees** volunteering as security this winter and two **(2) more** are cooking and coordinating at the Anglican Cathedral. Last year, HOOTC served 22,600 nutritious meals to those in need. The numbers have increased substantially this year for many obvious reasons.

A Tribute Dinner was held in October to honor our widows and widowers. This was organized by Cath Collard and Diane Jackson, and about 45 survivors attended.

The **Garrison Parade** was held on November 14 and with help from Peter Abi Rashed and Kerry Eaton, 59 Retirees were on parade at Gore Park.



The **Graves of our Fallen Officers** were all visited again by our Retirees. Dave Cummins leads this project and was helped by Pieter

Ciere and Dave Bowen to ensure they continue to be in good condition. Two graves needed to be cleared of unruly grass and we put **small Hamilton Police Flags** on six of them. Springstead does not have a gravestone and the Pet Cemetery was locked up for the winter and therefore we could not visit with K9 Troy. We also created a document for posterity that provides clear directions on where to find them.



A **Kids Christmas Party** was hosted by the Hamilton Police Association in December and several of our members volunteered with the chaos.



Charitable Donations were made to various Agencies around the City as requested by our members, and including funds raised during the Turkey Roll and Golf Tournament during the calendar year, in the amount of **\$9,476.37.**

Volunteer Hours: It appears that the Police Retirees have completed approximately **3,000 hours of volunteer work** during the past year, despite the terrible Pandemic. We will continue to serve as ambassadors and advisors for the Hamilton Police Service in future.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DM Bowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dave Bowen, President Hamilton Police Retirees Association