



HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2023

At its first meeting of the year on February 23, 2023, the Hamilton Police Services Board held elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board for 2023. The Board is pleased to announce they unanimously acclaimed Chair Pat Mandy and Vice Chair Fred Bennink into these roles for 2023.

Chair Mandy has held the position of Chair of the Board since November 2021. She was the first Indigenous president of the College of Nurses of Ontario, the first CEO of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network and served as vice-president of patient services at Hamilton Health Sciences. She was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada in June 2017.

Vice Chair Bennink has held the position of Vice Chair of the Board since November 2020. Vice Chair Bennink spent 35 years as owner/President of Zip Signs Ltd. and has over 30 years of volunteering through community service. His board experience includes Hospital Foundations, the Canadian Food Grains Bank, the Hamilton Dream Centre and other Hamilton charitable organizations. He is a former Auxiliary Constable, a volunteer position held with the Hamilton Police Service.

The Hamilton Police Services Board is comprised of seven members. According to the *Ontario Police Services Act*, it is to consist of three members of Council, three members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and one member appointed by resolution of Council.

The City of Hamilton Police Services Board is the civilian body governing the Hamilton Police Service. We are responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services, law enforcement and crime prevention within the City, a duty we discharge through the enactment of policies. The Board will generally determine, after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities for the police service. The Board is responsible for the police budget, oversees the actions of the Chief of Police and is the employer for the police service.

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