


HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	March 30, 2023
SUBJECT:	Revising the Protocol for Sharing of Information Between the Hamilton Police Services Board and The City of Hamilton
REPORT NUMBER:	PSB 23-010
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RECOMMENDATION

That the protocol for sharing of information between the Hamilton Police Services Board (HPSB) and the City of Hamilton be revised after the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* has come into force.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The existing protocol between the HPSB and City of Hamilton references requirements for information sharing found in the *Police Services Act (PSA)*
- The *CSPA* will be replacing the *PSA* in the near future
- Seeing as the *CSPA* has different reporting requirements than the *PSA* for information sharing between Boards and municipalities it is best to revise the protocol once the *CSPA* has come into force

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal Implications: N/A

Vision: To be a trusted partner in delivering public safety.

Mission: To serve and protect in partnership with our communities.

Our Values: Compassionate, Dedicated, Inclusive, Integrity, Innovative, Professional, Teamwork

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The Board may wish to revise the existing protocol now using verbiage from the *PSA* and then again once the *CSPA* comes into force.

INFORMATION

Over the course of the past few weeks, the Board has discussed the opportunity to revise the existing protocol for information sharing between the Board and the City of Hamilton. The current protocol signed by both parties is dated 2009 (listed as Appendix 'A').

In March 2019, the government passed the *CSPA* as part of the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*. Once in force, the *CSPA* will replace the current *PSA*. The *CSPA* is an opportunity to modernize policing and enhance community safety in Ontario.

Our 2009 protocol references legislated requirements for information sharing currently found in the *PSA*. The requirements for information sharing proposed in the *CSPA* are different than those listed in the *PSA*. Instead of revising the protocol that has been in existence since 2009 now, and then again in the near future, it is best to wait until the *CSPA* has come into force and revise the protocol once.

Prior to the revised protocol coming to the Board for approval, the Board Administrator will collaborate with the Clerks Office at the City of Hamilton on suggested updates to the document.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

- Appendix 'A' – Current Protocol for the Sharing of Information Between the Hamilton Police Services Board and the City of Hamilton
- Appendix 'B' – Excerpts from the *CSPA*, 2019, S.O. 2019, c.1, Sched. 1 (not yet in force) with regards to Reporting and Information Sharing