




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	May 25, 2023
SUBJECT:	Remotely Piloted Aerial System Update
REPORT NUMBER:	23-051
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Hamilton Police Service (HPS) Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) program started in 2020 and currently has four units.
- The purpose of the program is to assist our response to a variety of police applications including; search for missing persons, serious/fatal traffic collision investigation, crime scene investigations, critical incident applications and crowd management.
- RPAS deployments are in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) and are also consistent with the Guidelines for Using Video Surveillance issued by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.
- A MOU with Mohawk College was established to develop deployment strategies and create best practice for RPAS response to collision scenes, missing person(s) and any other applicable emergency situations involving vulnerable persons.
- Mohawk College also provides access to training sites, and assists with standardized competency training for pilots along with night time operations.
- The HPS also partners with Hamilton Fire Department for training and sharing of resources.
- To date, the HPS has operationally deployed the RPAS 59 times;
 - Search and Rescue 10
 - Collision Reconstruction 24
 - Investigative 12
 - Critical Incidents 7
 - Large Scale Events 6
- The HPS has eleven trained RPAS pilots.

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INFORMATION

This information report is submitted as an update to the Board on the progress and areas for improvement of the RPAS program.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – Remotely Piloted Aerial System Update

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cc: Paul Hamilton, Deputy Chief – Support
Shawn Blaj, Superintendent – Community Safety Division
Paul Evans, Inspector – Specialized Operations

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