




# HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	October 28, 2021
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Special Constable Designations
<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b>	21-114
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the Board approve the amendment to the Special Constables appointment application to include the following:
- Searching, guarding and controlling of persons in custody
  - Providing security at premises occupied as courts or police facilities
  - Service and execution of documents
  - Transportation of prisoners within and outside of the jurisdiction of Hamilton
  - Fingerprinting, photographing and extracting DNA of persons in accordance with legislation
  - Controlling access to and protecting the integrity of crime scenes

### FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal Implications: N/A

### INFORMATION

Currently, the Hamilton Police Service uses three (3) different descriptors for Special Constable appointments for courts, custody and summons server. This is done via the Special Constable Application which sets out the authorities that are required and those authorities are set out in the Appointment. Each of the current authorities has limitations in

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our ability to assign work. This proposed change will provide flexibility to the Hamilton Police Service to assign Special Constables duties through an efficient internal process as required by the Service. We are currently restricted in the deployment of Special Constables due to the various and specific designations currently in use.

We are seeking to expand the authorities under the Identification of Criminals Act. With the approval of the Hamilton Police Services Board, we will apply to the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Office to have each existing Special Constable's authorities amended. With the approval of the Board we will also be using this new designation on future Special Constable applications.

### **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

None

### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Not applicable

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