

November 28th, 2023

Hamilton Police Services Board
Pat Mandy, Chair
155 King William Street
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Pat Mandy, HPS Board Chair,

I would like to thank the Hamilton Police Services Board for once again supporting our fundraising event in October. Your continued support means a lot to all of us.

The morning of October 14th was about as rainy and as dismal as anyone could imagine. We feared a poor showing and worried that many of our supporters would stay home. This was our signature fundraiser and we desperately needed the additional funds. Our programs depended on it.

To our surprise, the opposite occurred. People came out in droves with their ponchos and umbrellas. They showed us how much they cared and that recovery from addictions mattered.

Our success on the 14th was due, in part, by the amazing and professional support of Sandy Pollock and our Chief Frank Bergen. Sandy was extremely helpful in coordinating the Mounted Unit with Sgt. Denise Leonard and PC Sam Couce who impressed everyone on top of Mac Nab and Sawyer. Anthony Volpe did the Chief proud by speaking on his behalf and we were pleased to welcome your administrative assistant Kristen Stevensen as well. This support from so many levels of the HPS was appreciated by everyone present.

This annual Walk celebrates those in recovery. However, each year it is marred by the ever-increasing number of deaths related to opioids and other drugs. As treatment programs and police services are sometimes at polar opposites, we have never felt this from our HPS. We believe strongly that a strong relationship built on mutual respect is crucial. We thank you for that.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regan E. Anderson".

Regan E. Anderson

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