


HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
MEETING DATE:	January 25, 2024
SUBJECT:	Approval for Board Members and Administrative Director to Attend 2024 Upcoming Training, Conference and Webinar Events
REPORT NUMBER:	PSB 24-002
SUBMITTED BY:	Kirsten Stevenson, Administrative Director, Hamilton Police Services Board
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That Board members and the Administrative Director be approved to attend the following events:
 - a) 2024 Association of Women Policing Conference February 13 – 16, 2024 in Mississauga, Ontario;
 - b) *Community Safety and Policing Act* Conference February 27 – 28, 2024 in Toronto, Ontario;
 - c) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting June 3 – 5, 2024 in Blue Mountains, Ontario;
 - d) Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference August 8 – 11, 2024 in Halifax, Nova Scotia;
 - e) International Association of Women Police Annual Conference September 1 – 5, 2024 in Chicago IL, U.S.A.; and
 - f) International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo October 19 – 22, 2024 in Boston MA, U.S.A.
- 2) That the Administrative Director confirm interest in Board member attendance at the above-noted events and when appropriate, complete registrations.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Historically, Board members and the Administrative Director have been approved to attend the conferences listed within the recommendations of this report (with the exception of the CSPA Conference – this is a new conference)
- Attendance at these events is dependent on:
 - o funding available in the Board’s training budget;
 - o education and partnership priorities as determined by the Board (found within this report and identified through other opportunities); and
 - o the number of members interested in attending each event.

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: funds to come from the Board’s training account 56401

Staffing: not applicable

Legal Implications: not applicable

INFORMATION

The Board is committed to providing its members and staff with learning and partnership opportunities to enhance its role in ensuring adequate and effective policing in Hamilton.

The Board’s Administrative Director (A.D.) is responsible for gauging interest of Board members in attending approved events and conferences for the upcoming year. Should interest in attendance surpass available funds in the Board’s education budget, the A.D. will notify the Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will work with members to find an equitable and fair solution to everyone in respecting event attendance.

Attendance at Annual Events:

- Typically, the Chair and Vice Chair attend the OAPSB and CAPG conferences on behalf of the Board. If they are not able to attend, other members attend to provide Board representation.
- Usually no more than two members attend a single event
- Members report back to the Board on important information gathered at each event they attend

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

- The Board may decide not to approve certain events listed in this report

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – event and conference details