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Subject: Police Budget Delegation

Hello Kirsten

As an auxiliary police officer in a surrounding service, and a resident of Hamilton, I have a few suggestions for reducing the police budget.

1) Disband the mounted police unit. The cost and upkeep for the horses and its extremely limited use is not worth keeping. This is a common theme I see in people's suggestions for reducing the budget.

2) Utilize auxiliary units more. In the service I work for, auxiliary units are used for many things, from large events, traffic points, RIDE programs, commercial vehicle blitzes, searches for missing people, and other community events. Often times, there are 2 or 3 auxiliaries to every sworn officer, which helps bolster numbers but keeps costs down as it is less overtime. I am unsure of how many auxiliary members Hamilton currently has, but our service attempts to have 10% of the number of sworn officers. While the up front training and equipment can be expensive, the ongoing cost is minimal for auxiliaries.

I hope that these and other suggestions that are brought forward can be considered and implemented to reduce the size of the budget increase to a more reasonable level.

Thanks

Tim