

# **MOTION**

## **HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD - OPEN SESSION**

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### **Hamilton Police Service Board Community Liaison Representative and Knowledge Translation Plan to Engage with the Broader Hamilton Community**

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WHEREAS understanding the needs of our community cannot rely solely individuals or groups proactively coming forward to voice a concern at Board meetings - settings far removed from the local contexts of these community members in the complex fabric of our city and its institutions and structures;

WHEREAS historical and current systems of power, privilege, and opportunity continue to function in all levels of our society including the Board, limiting the engagement of equity-deserving communities;

WHEREAS opportunities for engagement must include opportunities for the Board to visit community groups and organizations, if invited, so that community and Board members have additional and non-traditional opportunities for engagement, dialogue, and shared understandings of our community needs;

WHEREAS our current system of correspondence and delegations perpetuate the exclusiveness of the Board and its resulting views, relying on access to, understanding of, and comfort in navigating, political and legal jargon and processes;

WHEREAS the Board's Citizen Appointee is the only member specifically selected by the community to the Board

WHEREAS the Board should be proactively planning for the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA, 2019) which will replace the Police Services Act, 1990 on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS the CSPA, 2019 requirement that the Board establish policies for the provision of adequate and effective policing *in accordance with the needs of the population they serve*, requires us to fully engage as broadly as possible, with the diverse Hamilton community, not just the communities currently represented at the Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board's Citizen Appointee, be designated as the Community Liaison to meet with community members and groups and, in collaboration with community, report any arising concerns back to the Board at monthly meetings; and

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED that the Board designate a specific budget toward the translation of knowledge, policies, and board resolutions for Board ongoings to be more widely accessible and understood by the Hamilton Community.