


HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Service Board
MEETING DATE:	April 25, 2024
SUBJECT:	Establishing Board Policies Related to the <i>Community Safety and Policing Act</i>
REPORT NUMBER:	PSB 24-012
SUBMITTED BY:	Kirsten Stevenson, Administrative Director, Hamilton Police Service Board
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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve the following new policies: Board Member Education and Event Participation Policy (attached as Appendix A to this report) and Police Facility Policy (attached as Appendix B to this report).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *The Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) came into force on April 1, 2024
- The CSPA sets out Board responsibilities with respect to the creation of certain policies and procedures
- The policies attached to this report ensures the Board's compliance with the CSPA

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: not applicable

Staffing: not applicable

Legal Implications: the Board must establish policies to ensure compliance with the CSPA. If the Board does not consider approving certain policies, they will be in non-compliance with their responsibility to provide adequate and effecting policing

Vision: To be a trusted partner in delivering public safety.

Mission: To serve and protect in partnership with our communities.

Our Values: Compassionate, Dedicated, Inclusive, Integrity, Innovative, Professional, Teamwork

INFORMATION

Under the CSPA, police service boards are required to provide adequate and effective policing in their area of policing responsibility, in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in that area.

The CSPA received Royal Assent in 2019 and came into force on April 1, 2024. The new legislation makes significant changes to the legislative structure of policing in Ontario, with the intention of modernizing the policing framework, strengthening police governance and oversight, and improving community safety.

Sections 37 and 38 of the CSPA (Under Police Service Board Duties and Powers) set out the Board's responsibilities with respect to establishing policies.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

- The Board may wish to reject or revise the policies attached to this report

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – Board Member Education and Event Participation Policy

Appendix B – Police Facilities Policy