

MOTION

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

July 24, 2025

Functionality and Monitoring of Security Cameras in the Downtown Core

MOVED BY Member C. Kroetsch

SECONDED BY Member A. Menezes

WHEREAS it has been publicly reported that security cameras, including those in the downtown core, have not been functional since 2021 and are not being monitored; and

WHEREAS according to that public reporting, this was done partly in response to the City announcing its Digital Transformation and Smart City initiative in 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Hamilton Police Service report back through an Information Report to the Hamilton Police Service Board at its September 25, 2025 meeting on the following -

- (1) Reasons the Hamilton Police Service did not replace security cameras in the downtown core that were no longer functional in 2021 including -
 - (a) Whether or not there were other reasons for not replacing cameras apart from the City's Digital Transformation and Smart City initiative in 2019;
 - (b) The number of security cameras that were active on or before 2021;
 - (c) When security cameras were installed and why they all reached end of life in 2021; and
 - (d) Who was responsible for monitoring the cameras, who owned them, and who controlled them.

- (2) Reasons the Hamilton Police Service stopped monitoring cameras in the downtown core and when monitoring stopped (whether in 2021 or before).
- (3) The effectiveness of using security cameras to deter crime, apprehend suspects, or build a case in order to get a conviction.