

**HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE****TO BE THE BEST****VISION**

To be the best,  
progressive police service.

**VISION SUMMARY**

"To be the best"

**MISSION**

To serve and protect  
in partnership with  
our communities.

**VALUES & ETHICS**

In pursuit of our mission,  
we believe in:

Relentless pursuit of offenders

Education and innovation

Sensitivity to victims of crime

Performing with integrity

Equitable treatment

Commitment to quality service

Teamwork

**GLENN DE CAIRE**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**KEN WEATHERILL**  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

**ERIC GIRT**  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

December 7, 2015

Mayor Fred Eisenberger

City of Hamilton

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

**RE: Bridge Dedication to Fallen Police Officers**

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The Hamilton Police Service has a long and proud history as one of the oldest Police Services not only in Canada, but in North America. The Hamilton Police have always been dedicated to protecting the citizens of the Greater Hamilton Area and providing quality service in each of our communities.

The Hamilton Police Service has strived to maintain Public Safety and Security throughout the City, sadly at the cost of seven (7) officers' lives:

- Constable James Barron (October 27, 1903)
- County Constable Albert Springstead (November 29, 1919)
- Constable Reginald Pryer (September 11, 1921)
- Constable Fredrick Raynes (November 21, 1925)
- Detective William Clark (June 27, 1929)
- Constable David R. Gregory (August 29, 1962)
- Acting Sergeant John (Cam) McMurrich (December 22, 1968)

In 2002, the Province of Ontario passed the *Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act*. This Act was a gesture by the citizens of Ontario to show their gratitude to Police Officers who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice. The Act allows the Province to name bridges and other structures on the King's Highway in memory of police officers who have died in the line of duty. Since 2002, 27 provincial highway structures have been dedicated in honour of fallen police officers. A number of municipalities have followed suit in naming City bridges to honour municipal officers.

The Hamilton Police Service considered the avenue of Bridge Dedication on the King's Highway, but felt approaching the City of Hamilton to name the overpasses along the Lincoln Alexander Parkway a more fitting tribute.

In 1997, the City of Hamilton completed the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway. Dedicating the highway to Lincoln Alexander was a wonderful tribute to a great man who represented the City so well. Lincoln Alexander held many titles over the course of his life. The Hamilton Police Service was proud to have Lincoln Alexander an Honorary Chief of Police.

The Hamilton Police Service is proposing to the City of Hamilton to honour their Fallen Officers by dedicating City Bridges in their honour. It would be fitting to name select bridges that cross the Lincoln Alexander Parkway in the same manner as with the bridges that cross the King's Highway throughout the Province. The Hamilton Police Service is asking for your support to have the City of Hamilton pass legislation to make this a reality for the following reasons:

1. Lincoln Alexander was an Honorary Hamilton Chief of Police.
2. The Parkway runs through the middle of the City of Hamilton.
3. The King's Highway is considered Ontario Provincial Police territory and not patrolled by the Hamilton Police Service.
4. The fallen officers have courageously and unselfishly given their lives in the line of duty within the boundaries of the City of Hamilton.
5. This would be a tribute to the fallen officers, as well as the late Honorable Lincoln Alexander.

The Hamilton Police Service respectfully requests your support to dedicate the following bridges/overpasses:

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| 1. Mohawk Road / Golf Links    | Constable James Barron               |
| 2. Garth Street                | County Constable Albert Springstead  |
| 3. West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street | Constable Reginald Pryer             |
| 4. Upper James Street          | Constable Fredrick Raynes            |
| 5. Upper Wellington Street     | Detective William Clark              |
| 6. Upper Wentworth Street      | Constable David R. Gregory           |
| 7. Upper Gage Street           | Acting Sergeant John (Cam) McMurrich |

I look forward to your reply and support in honoring the above-mentioned officers for their dedication and ultimate sacrifice, while serving the citizens of the City of Hamilton.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn De Caire', with a stylized, flowing script.

Glenn De Caire  
Chief of Police  
Hamilton Police Service

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