




Hamilton

**CITY OF HAMILTON  
HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 2, 2016
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Bridge Dedication to Fallen Officers (PSB 15-151)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Lois Morin, Hamilton Police Services Board
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Lois Morin
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That bridge dedications to honour each of the seven (7) fallen Officers of Hamilton Police Service for their dedication and ultimate sacrifice, at an estimated cost of \$9,800, to be funded through the Hamilton Police Services 2015 year end budget surplus, be approved; and,
- (b) That PSB 15-151, respecting Bridge Dedications to Fallen Officers be referred to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee for consideration.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Police Services Board met on Friday, December 11, 2015, and respectfully submits the above recommendation, which, the Police Board approved.

**Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable.**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for recommendation(s) only)**

**Financial:** (see attached report PSB 15-151)

**Staffing:** n/a

**Legal:** n/a

**SUBJECT: Hamilton Police Services Board Bridge Dedication to Fallen Officers  
(City Wide) (PSB 15-151)**

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)**

(see attached report PSB 15-151)

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

(see attached report PSB 15-151)

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

(see attached report PSB 15-151)

**ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**(Include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data if applicable)**

(see attached report PSB 15-151)

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

**(Include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and Pros and Cons for each alternative)**

(see attached report PSB 15-151)

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN**

(see attached report PSB 15-151)

**APPENDICES**

**Appendix A - PSB 15-151 – Bridge Dedication to Fallen Officers**

cc Deputy Chief Eric Girt, Community Policing, Hamilton Police Service  
Deputy Chief Ken Weatherill, Field Support, Hamilton Police Service  
Staff Sergeant Maggie Schoen, Hamilton Police Service  
Sergeant Jo-Ann Savoie, Executive Officer, Deputy Chief's Office

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### - RECOMMENDATION -

**DATE:** 2015 December 11  
**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
**FROM:** Glenn De Caire  
Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** *Bridge Dedication to Fallen Officers*  
(PSB 15-151)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) That the Board approve Bridge Dedications to honour each of the fallen seven (7) officers of the Hamilton Police Service, for their dedication and ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of the City of Hamilton.
- b) The Board direct the Administrator for the Board to refer this recommendation, together with this Report, to Hamilton City Council, for support and approval.
- c) That all costs for the Bridge Dedications be allocated from the surplus of the Year-End 2015 Budget.



Glenn De Caire  
Chief of Police

**FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**FINANCIAL** – The approximate total cost for manufacturing the Bridge Dedication sign for Fallen Police Officers for a provincial highway is \$9,800.00.

1/ For the Highway is \$200.00 / sign (2'x6' sign)

– 2 signs per Bridge = 14 signs = \$2,800.00

2/ For the overhead municipal road is \$100.00 / sign (1.5'x6')

– 2 signs per overhead = 14 = \$1,400.00

3/ Installation cost is approximately \$200 / sign

– 4 signs per Bridge = 28 signs = \$5,600.00

The City would need to provide a more accurate figure based on their costs for design, manufacturing and installation, with the expectation of the cost not exceeding \$9,800.00.

**STAFFING** – n/a

**LEGAL** – n/a

**BACKGROUND**

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, 28 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 |

Bridge Dedications to honour each of the fallen seven (7) officers of the Hamilton Police Service is a true tribute to their dedication while serving the citizens of the City of Hamilton. Letters of support have been received from the surviving family member of each of our fallen officers, and appreciate the respect and acknowledgement of their ultimate sacrifice.

GD/M. Schoen

cc: Staff Sergeant Maggie Schoen