



## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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September 6, 2016

City of Hamilton  
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Mayor and Members of Council:

**Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report (PSB 16-095)**

Attached for your information and attention, please find a copy of the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report for August 2016. This report highlights the following:

- **Hamilton Police warn Residents about Fraud Scams**
- **Hell in the Harbour 2016**

If you any questions or concerns that may arise from these reports please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Lois Morin, Administrator  
Hamilton Police Services Board

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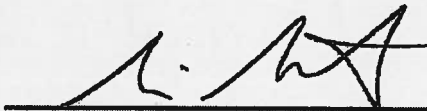
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### **- RECOMMENDATION -**

**DATE:** 2016 August 26  
**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
**FROM:** Eric Girt  
Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report*  
(PSB 16-095)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board, direct the Administrator of the Board to refer this report, in its entirety, to the City of Hamilton, for information.



Eric Girt  
Chief of Police

#### **FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**FINANCIAL –** n/a

**STAFFING –** n/a

**LEGAL –** n/a

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **Hamilton Police warn Residents about Fraud Scams**

Hamilton Police are warning residents to be aware of fraud scams where fraudsters request payment through the purchase of iTunes gift cards.

There has been an increase in the number of complaints involving suspects who are telephoning victims and directing them to pay a debt or fee by purchasing iTunes gift cards.

Several of the scenarios that are used for this are:

- Tax scam in which someone, claiming to be a representative from the Canada Revenue Agency, calls to inform you that you owe the government money and that payment has to be made immediately.
- Immigration scam in which caller claims to be with Immigration Canada and advises the victim they have failed to complete or register certain immigration documents. If victim does not pay immediately they will face deportation, loss of passport and citizenship.
- Lottery scam in which caller advises you need to send money to collect a large lottery or sweepstakes prize.

iTunes gift cards are used by consumers to purchase music and movies. In these frauds the caller pressures that the payment must be made immediately. The only way to avoid the consequences is if the payment is made promptly and individuals are instructed to attend locations, purchase and activate iTunes gift cards and provide the codes back to the fraudsters.

The Hamilton Police are reminding people to be vigilant when they or their family receive a telephone call about a debt and if you are asked to pay for any debt or service with an iTunes gift card, do not do it. It is a scam.

If you have received one of these types of calls and fell victim to this fraud, please report the information to the Hamilton Police at 905-546-4925.

To provide information anonymously call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit your anonymous tips online at <http://www.crimestoppershamilton.com>

**Hell in the Harbour 2016**

On Saturday, August 6, 2016, the Service hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hell in the Harbour Endurance Mud Run to raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run Ontario and Special Olympics. Last year we raised over \$50,000 with a turnout of 400 participants. This year our goal was to reach 800 participants and everyone was encouraged to participate.

The Hell in the Harbour event was a remarkable one. Hundreds gathered to have fun and raise funds. The event included more obstacles this year than last, and Hamilton's HMCS Haida was a featured part of the course.

Hamilton Police members were strong supporters. Many participated in the run and many more donated. The Chief's team raised over \$2,400. Run organizers have shared that the overall amount raised at the event was \$60,000. This is a very significant contribution that will go directly to Special Olympics.

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