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Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Chair  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
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Dear Chair Ferguson:

At its meeting on July 21, 2016, the Niagara Police Services Board discussed the possibility of exploring any shared services opportunities that may exist between our respective police services and the following motion was passed:

***"That the Niagara Police Services Board request the Hamilton Police Services Board to consider forming a joint working group made up of Board members and staff from both police services for the purpose of exploring shared service opportunities."***

As you know, police services have reached a critical juncture with the lack of sustainable funding and resources. Many police organizations are looking at shared service arrangements to address gaps and inefficiencies by bringing together resources, functions, processes and skills from one police service to create economies of scale, pool skill sets and increase standardization.

Our Board believes that the sharing of services, where appropriate, will lead to efficiencies and is an effective route to not only cost reduction but sustaining and enhancing both our local police services. The Board would like to explore other options for common services and functions with the aim of reducing costs, increasing service efficiency and effectiveness.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future to discuss programs that could be coordinated and future opportunities to share services. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob Gale  
Board Chair

- c. Vice-Chair and Members, Hamilton Police Services Board  
Chief of Police Eric Girt, Hamilton Police Service  
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