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November 29, 2016

City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON
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Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report (PSB 16-114)

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

- **Officer Andrew Poustie commits to Half Marathon Full On in Full Uniform**
- **Project Concern and It's a Kids Christmas**
- **Remembrance Day**
- **Citizens' Police College Graduation**

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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- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2016 November 17

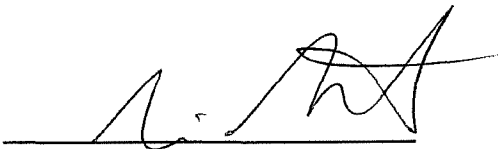
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Eric Girt
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: *Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report
(PSB 16-121)*

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:

Officer Andrew Poustie commits to Half Marathon Full On in Full Uniform



On November 6, 2016 Andrew Poustie ran the Road to Hope Marathon in support of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch. Courtesy of CMHA, here is Andrew's story:

Andrew's Story

My name is Andrew Poustie. I am a Police Officer with the Hamilton Police Service. On Sunday November 6th 2016, I will be running a half marathon (21.1 kms) at the Road to Hope Road Race in Hamilton in my Police uniform and equipment.

I am completing this run because running helped and continue to improve my own mental wellness. In August 2012, I lost my father after a lengthy illness. As a Police Officer I had experience in dealing with other people's loss, and thought that I would be ok after my father passed. I soon found out that it was struggling to cope with the loss of my father and often felt I was carrying grief like a weight. I withdrew from many of the sports I loved as they reminded me of my father, and slowly became physically unhealthy. As a father of young children I realized I needed to change. I began running and committed myself to improving both my physical and mental health. Running became my outlet, taught me to reach previously unachievable goals, and continues to help me cope with the many stresses of work and life.

My goal in running 21.1 kms in my equipment is that it will represent the weight of mental injury and illness carried by those who suffer. I hope that you will support me on this journey and donate to the Canadian Mental Health Association supporting its mission of promoting mental health and helping those with mental illnesses.

To donate to Andrew

Click here to download a Donation Form. Once complete, you can return it via email to info@cmhahamilton.ca, fax 905-667-0393, or by mail to CMHA Hamilton, 131 John St. S., Hamilton, ON, L8N 2C3.

If you prefer to donate via telephone, please contact CMHA Hamilton at (905) 521-0090.

Project Concern and It's a Kids Christmas

The food drive at each of the police stations for The Salvation Army continues. Citizens are asked to drop by any of the Service's three police stations with non-perishable food items: Central Station 155 King William St.; East End Station 2825 King St.E.; Mountain Station 400 Rymal Rd.E.

"So far, we have had really great support for the food drive with many of our members and citizens contributing," said Insp. Marty Schulenberg, Project Concern Chair.

This food drive is being organized to recognize the Service's 40th Anniversary of Project Concern. Project Concern is a community outreach program, which members of the Service contribute to through payroll deduction. Created in 1976 for the Service, it is a way to give back to the community in which they serve. It is about fostering and maintaining positive community relationships.

In 2015, Project Concern received \$41,619 in contributions from members of the Hamilton Police Service. These funds were dispersed amongst 41 charities across the city. Some of our charitable recipients include: Bereaved Families of Ontario, St Joseph's Foundation, McMaster Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Bob Kemp Hospice, various shelters, Food 4 Kids, Micah House for refugees, and many more.

"We providing support to our community by funding various projects that will directly improve the quality of life within our community with an emphasis on community members who have urgent needs," said Insp. Schulenberg.

It's a Kids Christmas

Its flagship event is "It's a Kid's Christmas", celebrated annually at Carmen's Banquet Centre. The management of Carmen's Group, along with many volunteers from the Hamilton Police Service and their families, ensure this event is a fulfilling day for hundreds of underprivileged children. The evening features a great meal, entertainment and a Christmas gift for each child. Many look with anticipation to this event as a way to spread good cheer at a festive time of the year. At the Hamilton Police Service we deeply value our communities, and are keenly aware of the need faced by many of our youth. In many ways this event allows us to build and maintain new and existing relationships with the people we serve. **This year's event takes place on Monday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m.**

Remembrance Day

Hundreds of members, retirees and auxiliaries participated in the City of Hamilton's Remembrance Day march on November 3, 2016.

Citizens' Police College Graduation

Hamilton Police Service just held another Citizen's Police College and the 50-person class graduates on November 7, during Crime Prevention Week.

Thousands of citizens have participated since Citizens' Police College opened its doors in 1997 and Hamilton Police Service was one of the first police services in Ontario to offer this type of program to its community members.

Citizens' Police College is for individuals who are interested in learning about policing issues. Topics covered include Homicide, Forensics, Crime Stoppers, Traffic Safety, Victim Services, and the role of Police and Courts in Canada.

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