

**From:** Noah Kerzner  
**Sent:** February-13-18 3:42 PM  
**To:** Morin, Lois  
**Cc:** Taylor Vernon  
**Subject:** Re: Hamilton Petition

Hello Lois,

We are a group of listeners to CBC's podcast 'Someone Knows Something'. We decided to offer our assistance to Sheryl Sheppard's grieving mother Odette and her family. We put together a petition with the goal of increasing the reward fund and/or increasing police involvement, perhaps by listening to the podcast and revisiting the case with new testimony in mind.

With the launch of our petition, the Hamilton community became involved and spread buzz throughout the city by sharing the petition on social media, and at local stores and workplaces. It made headlines in Toronto and tHamilton on numerous occasions. Sheryl Sheppard's case currently has a lot of momentum being in the public eye and we believe it will benefit greatly from an increased reward.

We strongly believe that the right people are paying attention, and perhaps an extra shove could bring Hamilton the answers they have been waiting for. We currently have about 6500 signatures and would be happy to submit them.

Please take a moment to read over the text of our petition:

**[Sheryl Sheppard was 29 years old when she disappeared in early January, 1998. Days before her disappearance, she attended a New Year's Eve party in Hamilton, Ontario on December 31, 1997 with her boyfriend Michael Lavoie. Michael proposed to Sheryl on live TV and she said "yes". After the New Year's party, Sheryl spoke to a several people over the phone, including her mother Odette Fisher, the next day. Some time on or around January 2, 1998, Sheryl disappeared, and has not been seen since.**

**No remains or traces of Sheryl were found. Lavoie, who was allegedly the last person to see her, claims that he dropped Sheryl off at a hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on the evening of January 2, 1998. He claims that Sheryl intended to dance at this hotel.**

**Sheryl's disappearance left her mother, Odette Fisher devastated, alone, and without closure. It fractured relationships of parties close to Sheryl, and impacted the Hamilton community.**

**We, together with Sheryl's family and friends, have searched desperately to find answers.**

**We want to set an example for Sheryl's case and other cold cases by providing our direct support as a community and fellow Canadians. We demand justice be brought to the family of Sheryl Sheppard.**

**We are seeking increased involvement from Hamilton Police on Sheryl's case. An ongoing CBC podcast by David Ridgen brought many new pieces of information and witness testimony forward. We believe that police and prosecutors should act on this information to seek answers from Michael Lavoie, the prime suspect in the case. In addition, we want to assist police to raise a larger reward fund for Sheryl and in additional searches if required.**

**With an increased reward (currently \$50,000), we believe that those with information about what happened to Sheryl will be more inclined to step forward. We believe that those involved in Sheryl's disappearance - who still live in our community - can finally be brought to justice.**

**For those interested in more information regarding Sheryl's case, please go to [www.cbc.ca/sks](http://www.cbc.ca/sks) to check out David Ridgen's ongoing investigation.**

**Thank you all for your support.]**

Does the Police Board accept donations from the public? How is the reward determined for each case? Does public pressure play a role? We may be able to collect donations should that be an option. **Please let me know if you have any questions or require any other information from me before you present to the board.**

Thank you very much for taking the time to look after this.

Have a great evening,

On Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 9:39 AM, Morin, Lois <[Lois.Morin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lois.Morin@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

Good morning.

After discussions with Staff Sergeant Torrie, please forward your request and information to my attention and I will provide it to the Board for consideration. I have attached a copy of the 2016 Year-End Report for current active rewards for your information and reference.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Lois Morin

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**From:** Prince, Kristin  
**Sent:** January-30-18 3:32 PM  
**To:** 'Noah Kerzner'  
**Cc:** Morin, Lois  
**Subject:** RE: Hamilton Petition

Hi Noah,

I just got off the phone with Lois. She had sent your request to Staff Sargent Torrie who was supposed to get in touch. I have copied Lois again here and she will relay the message to the Sargent for immediate follow up with you. Thank you for your patience and someone should be in touch very soon.

Best Regards,

Thank You

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**From:** Noah Kerzner [<mailto:noahkerzner@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** January-30-18 3:14 PM

**To:** Prince, Kristin

**Subject:** Re: Hamilton Petition

Hi Kristin,

Have you heard from Lois Morin or the Police Service since you forwarded my email? I am yet to hear from either. This is not an overly urgent matter, however, there are quite a few people that want updates on my progress with the petition delivery.

Thanks,

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On Jan 18, 2018, at 3:56 PM, Prince, Kristin <[Kristin.Prince@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kristin.Prince@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon Noah,

Our Office has forwarded your email to the Police Service. Have you heard any response from Lois Morin to date?

Thank You

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**From:** Noah Kerzner [<mailto:noahkerzner@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** January-17-18 10:48 AM  
**To:** Prince, Kristin  
**Subject:** Re: Hamilton Petition

Good morning Kristen,

Any updates regarding my best course of action?

Thanks,

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On Jan 3, 2018, at 11:59 AM, Prince, Kristin <[Kristin.Prince@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kristin.Prince@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

Hi Noah,

I am looking into this for you and will get back to you.

Thanks!

Thank You

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**From:** Noah Kerzner [<mailto:noahkerzner@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** December-22-17 4:03 PM

**To:** Prince, Kristin

**Subject:** Hamilton Petition

Hi Kristin,

I put together a petition with a friend to increase a reward fund and police involvement in an older missing persons case. I was hoping you could tell me where to bring the signatures as well as the regular protocol with these things.

Thanks and happy holidays,

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