

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### - RECOMMENDATION -

**DATE:** 2018 March 22  
**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
**FROM:** Eric Girt  
Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** *Year-End Report: Gratitude and Recognition for Retirees - 2017*  
*PSB 18-024*

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) That a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 be forwarded to the Hamilton Police Retirees Association, with the money to be disseminated to those members who volunteer their time to assist with the Studebaker Program, and the police *Tuck Shop*. This amount is consistent with the funds that were released in 2017.
- b) That these funds be taken from the Police Services Board Auction Account.



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Eric Girt  
Chief of Police

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

**FINANCIAL** – Funds will be taken from the Hamilton Police Services Board Auction Account.

**STAFFING** – n/a

**LEGAL** – n/a

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year a devoted core of members from the Hamilton Police Retirees Association donate a significant amount of their own time by attending numerous police and community volunteer events.

In 2017, the Retirees volunteered over 700 hours operating the Tuck Shop at Central Station and at events such as the Golf Tournament, and other HPA functions. There was one (1) active Tuck Shop in 2017. The Call Box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Central Station Police Station continues to do well. It is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Not only does the Tuck Shop offer a wide variety of products for purchase, but it also provides an opportunity for current serving members to meet with and to engage in conversation with those members who served before them.

The refurbished Hamilton Police Studebaker, Hamilton Police Antique Bomb Truck, and the Hamilton Police Antique Horse Carriage make numerous appearances throughout the City. Through the Community Mobilization Unit, the Retirees have undertaken the responsibility of maintaining the cleanliness and maintenance of the Studebaker, Horse Carriage and Antique Bomb Truck and its delivery to the various events within our community. (*See Hamilton Police Retirees 2017 Year-End Report attached*).

The Retirees, through countless hours of volunteerism, have been an integral part of the Hamilton Police Service and our community connections. In an effort to recognize the continuous support and dedication, it is recommended that a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 be provided to the Hamilton Police Retirees Association, through the Executive Officer to the Chief of Police.

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Attachment: *Hamilton Police Retirees 2017 Year-End Report*

cc: Andrea Torrie, Staff Sergeant – Chief's Executive Officer



# Hamilton Police Retirees Association

*"Continuing to Serve"*



## Hamilton Police Retirees 2017 Year End Report

Submitted to:

Mr. Lloyd Ferguson, Chairman of the Hamilton Police Services Board, Chief Eric Girt and members of the Hamilton Police Services Board.

There are over 780 retired members of the Hamilton Police Service of which 680 are members in good standing in the Hamilton Police Retirees Association by the end of 2017. Our membership does include the surviving spouses of members who have passed away.

Our family of retired members organized some very significant events during the past year –

The annual Spring Luncheon, which was held at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in April. This annual event is co-sponsored by the Hamilton Police Service Board through the Chief's Office, the Hamilton Police Association and the Hamilton Police Retirees Association. In 2017 we had 240 retirees and surviving spouses in attendance. This event continues to be a well-attended social gathering for our members.

Our Luncheon's success is in part due to the presence of members of the Hamilton Police Services Board, the Chief and his Deputies and members of the Hamilton Police Association Board of Directors. We are very grateful for the support that we receive from the Hamilton Police Service Board and the Hamilton Police Service.

We continue to scan photos and documents at the museum. We also continue to gather artifacts for the museum whenever they are offered to us. The museum continues to operate on Fridays from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

The Studebaker, the Bomb Truck and the Horse-Drawn Wagon were involved in several community events in 2017. The Wagon went to the Lynden Canada Day Parade and the Ancaster Parade with Chair Ferguson but we were rained out for the Cactus Festival Parade. The Studebaker and Bomb Truck were part of the "Police in the Park" event, the Bulldogs Hockey Team and their "First Responders Night", the "Cops & Rodders" Auto Show, and a few other events. All of this involved about 300 volunteer hours.

Annually we organize the Tribute Dinner in October where we gather the surviving spouses of members we have lost. We appreciate the continued support that the Hamilton Police Services

Board, the Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton Police Association provide to make this a very rewarding event for the surviving spouses.

The Retirees also participated at the Toronto Police Memorial, the Ottawa Police Memorial and the Veteran's Garrison parade held in Hamilton in November. About 30 Retirees attended and participated with the Hamilton Police Service contingent at the November parade.

In 2017, retirees volunteered over 400 hours operating the Tuck Shop at Central Station. The Tuck Shop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Central Station Police Station is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

One of our Retirees, Gary Ashbaugh, tended the gardens at the front of Central Station from 2006 until 2016. He passed away in 2017. Another Retiree, Michel Fauvelle, has taken over those duties working very hard on the gardens and he put in about 50 hours as a volunteer there.

In 2017 we held a Re-Dedication Ceremony at Central Station Lobby and the graves of the Officers who have died serving this community. This was a very important and moving ceremony for their families, Serving Officers and Retirees alike. The Office of the Chief was instrumental in making this event a success and we are grateful.

We thank the Police Service for the continued care and attention given to our members and their family members who have passed away. Retiree member families are very grateful for the various uniform personnel made available at Funeral Homes and Funeral ceremonies.

Hamilton Out of the Cold, a non-profit organization offers 10 suppers at different Churches and evenings throughout the City to the homeless and poor during the winter. About 15 Police Retirees provide Reception and Security for all those dinners.

The Remembrance Candlelight Service held for families of those departed the year before is a very moving, emotional and respectful ceremony. Hopefully the Candlelight service will extend into the future.

We will continue to serve as ambassadors of the Hamilton Police Service to the community and help in any way we can to display the rich history and heritage of the Hamilton Police Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Bowen, President  
Hamilton Police Retirees Association