



Hamilton

**Graffiti Management Strategy Update**

BIAAC

June 12, 2018

# Report Recommendations

PW17078/PED17198 (Nov./17)

- (a) That the Graffiti Management Strategy and associated timelines outlined in this report be approved

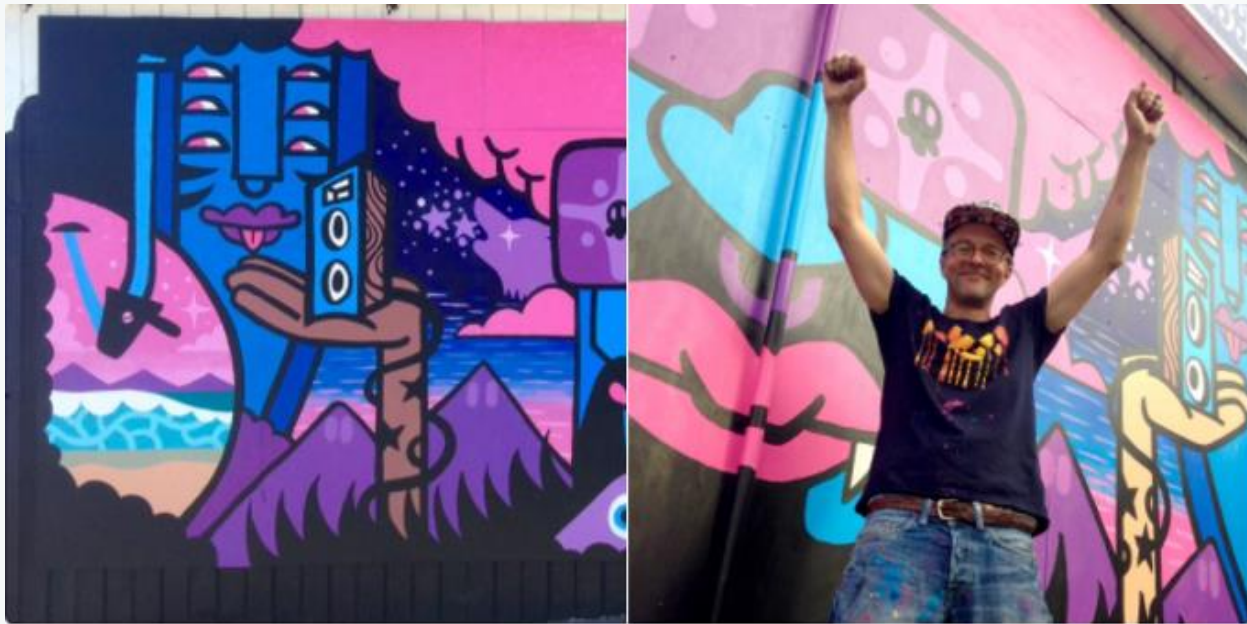
Table 1: Graffiti Management Strategy Workplan 2017-2019

Short term (Q2 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hire two (2) MLE Officers (Co-op students) to implement a proactive enforcement strategy</li><li>- Ongoing working group meetings</li><li>- Finalize graffiti process review, share results with stakeholders, develop recommendations</li><li>- Investigate "graffiti zones"/"legal walls" where artists can express themselves</li><li>- Develop a comprehensive Victim Assistance Program</li></ul>
Medium term (Q4 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Complete updated graffiti inventory</li><li>- Implement graffiti process review recommendations</li><li>- Implementation of "graffiti zones"/"legal walls"</li></ul>
Long Term (Q4 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finalize a comprehensive graffiti management strategy to target and manage graffiti</li><li>- Implement the victim assistance program</li></ul>



# Report Recommendations

(b) That staff provide updates on the progress of the Graffiti Management Strategy and its various components as part of the Clean and Green Strategy annual reporting



@DrDiscHamilton; mural by Pete Fowler

# Report Recommendations



(c) That Municipal Law Enforcement (MLE) be approved to hire two (2) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (Co-op students) for a 2 year pilot project

(d) That annual costs associated with hiring of two (2) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (Co-op students) and operating costs of one (1) vehicle, approximately \$114,100, be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046

(e) That the one-time capital cost associated with the purchase of one (1) vehicle to support the new Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (Co-op students), approximately \$26,400, be funded through Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046



# Proactive Enforcement

## *Work currently in progress:*

- Face-to-face visits with private property owners
  - education about graffiti clean-up and prevention
  - collecting information about barriers to graffiti removal to inform Victim Assistance Program
- Inventorying graffiti and comparing data to 2013 graffiti audit
- Enforcing Yard Maintenance By-Law as it relates to graffiti (as directed)





# Report Recommendations

(f) That the internal Graffiti Working Group, led by Policy & Programs staff, develop and undertake a graffiti enforcement strategy with victim assistance program



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# Victim Assistance Program

## *Work currently in progress:*

- Developing framework for Victim Assistance Program
  - Discounted and/or free paint/graffiti block
  - Mural and street art programs
  - Graffiti removal kits
- Standard Operating Procedure for internal graffiti claims to Risk Management (City is victim too)



# Victim Assistance Program

## *Medium-term work:*

- Centralize information and resources on City's website
- Community engagement (e.g. paint outs, murals, celebrations)
- Anti-graffiti wraps
- Restorative justice program
- Leverage Hamilton Police Service CPTED program





# Report Recommendations

(g) That the pursuit of additional Closed-Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) be included as part of the Graffiti Management Strategy with a report back, accompanied by a presentation, to the Public Works Committee outlining the costs of expanding the camera program



The Hamilton Spectator, 2015

# CCTV Cameras

## *Work currently in progress:*

- Determining costing (including capital maintenance) and details (including responsibilities and specifications)
- Work with sub-group with reps from Facilities, MLE, Parks and HPS
- Developing pilot programs including CCTV cameras as a possible option for graffiti prevention in certain wards



# Report Recommendations

(h) a) That the appropriate staff also report back on the cost of a counter social media campaign that encourages citizens to participate in assisting police in catching vandals and receiving a cash reward



**Graffiti is a Crime**  
Report graffiti in progress call: 911

**DO YOU KNOW A TAGGER?**

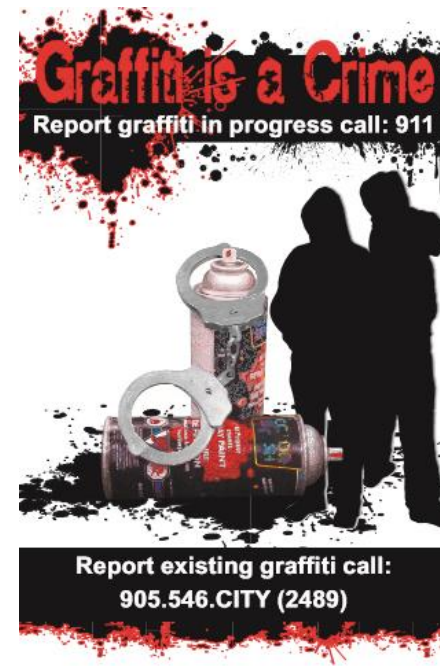
If you find any of these things in a child's possession, they may be writing graffiti in your neighbourhood.

- Hood, hat and bandana - used to conceal face from witnesses/hidden cameras.
- Backpack - Graffiti on backpack, art supplies, spray cans, fat markers, etching tools inside
- Stencil - for quick tagging
- Graffiti on their personal items (i.e. books, skateboard, bedroom furniture or paint on hands or clothing)
- Notebook/sketchbook with graffiti tags or cartoon-like art
- Gloves or caps - to keep paint off fingers
- Visits tagging websites, has tagging magazines or photos


Taggers come from every race and socio-economic background and are usually between the ages 12-24. We need to work together. If you have information on a possible tagger call: 1-800-222-8477



**CRIME STOPPERS**  
Hamilton



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**Report existing graffiti call:**  
905.546.CITY (2489)

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(h) b) as well as the cost of a one-time City-wide graffiti clean-up



# Reporting Graffiti

## **Report existing graffiti**

Call 905-546-CITY (2489) OR complete an online reporting [form](#)

## **Report graffiti in progress**

Call 9-1-1

## **Provide an anonymous tip about a graffiti crime or active graffiti vandal**

Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477





# Questions?

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