

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### - INFORMATION -

**DATE:** 2019 February 14  
**REPORT TO:** Chair and Members  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
**FROM:** Eric Girt  
Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** *Year End Report – Gratitude & Recognition for Retirees - 2018*  
*PSB 19-007*

#### 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 have been provided in previous years.
- b) That these funds be taken from the Police Services Board Auction Account.



Eric Girt  
Chief of Police

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#### 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 2018, the Retirees volunteered over 2,200 hours at events such as the Memorials, Parades including Remembrance Day, Fall Fairs, Historical Vehicle maintenance care and display, Out of The Cold, The HPA Golf Tournament, and other HPA functions. Retirees also run The Call Box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Central Station Police Station which 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 cruiser makes numerous appearances throughout the City. Through the Community Mobilization Unit, the Retirees have undertaken the responsibility of maintaining the cleanliness of the Studebaker and its delivery to the various events. In 2018, the Studebaker was brought to many community events. (*See Hamilton Police Retirees 2018 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 2018 Year-End Report*

cc: Staff Sergeant Frank Miscione – Executive Officer to Chief of Police

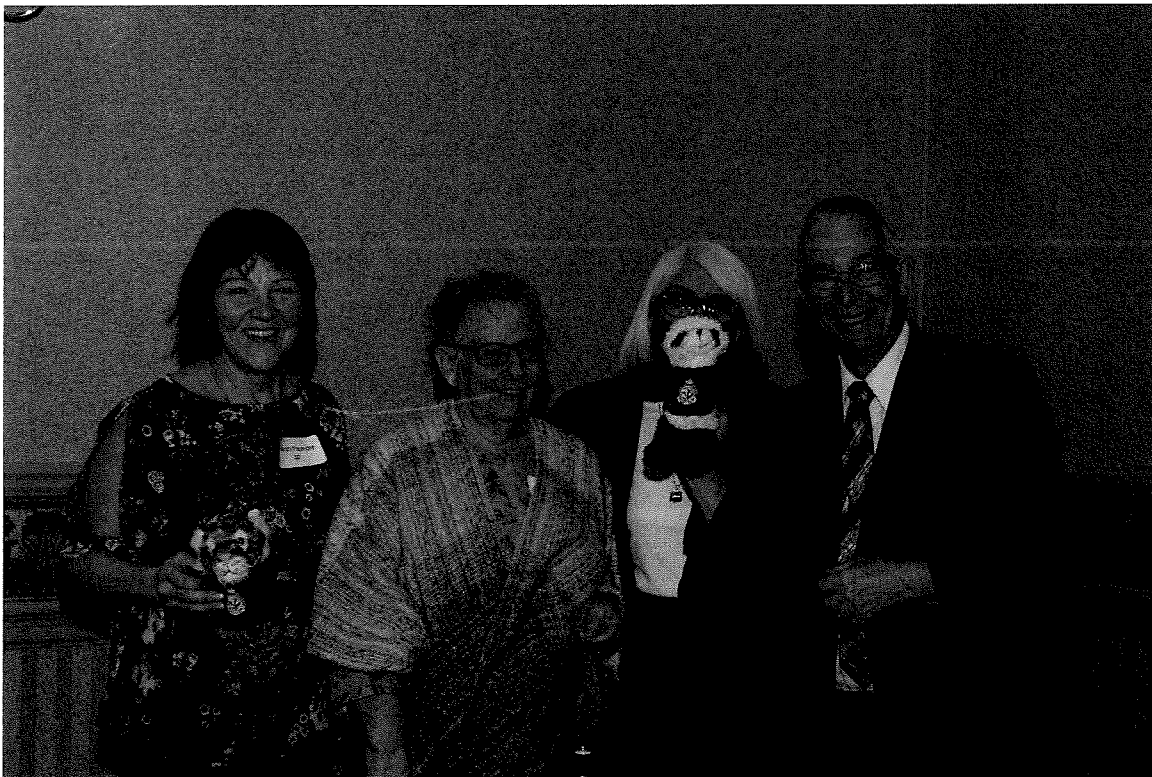
## Hamilton Police Retirees 2018 Year End Report

Submitted to: Chief Eric Girt and members of the Hamilton Police Services Board.

There are over 850 retired members of the Hamilton Police Service of which 600 are members in good standing in the Hamilton Police Retirees Association by the end of 2018. Our membership includes the surviving spouses of members who have passed away.

Our members organized some very significant events during the past year;

The annual Spring Luncheon held at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in April. This event is co-sponsored by the Hamilton Police Service Board through the Chief's Office, the Senior Officers Association, the Hamilton Police Association and the Hamilton Police Retirees Association. In 2018 we had 229 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.

The Hamilton Police Museum continues to operate in Ancaster where we are open from 2:00pm to 4:00pm every Friday. We continue to scan photos and documents at the museum. We also gather many artifacts for the museum whenever they are offered to us.

The Studebaker, the Bomb Truck and the Horse-Drawn Wagon were involved in several community events in 2018. The Wagon went to the Cactus Festival Parade with the help of some volunteer horse owners. The Studebaker and Bomb Truck were part of the “Police in the Park”, the “Cops & Rodders” Show and several other events, including the Binbrook Fair. All of this involved about 300 volunteer hours. They are all in storage now. During the past year it became obvious that the body of the Studebaker was beginning to rust. The Hamilton Roadrunners Hot Rod Club took the car under their wing and provided about 200 hours of volunteer work to restore the body to its original condition. The Hot Rod Club includes your Sgt. Al Schultz and our Retiree, Keith Holloway.





Our Turkey Roll was held at the Limeridge Legion this year and went very well. There was a good turn out with the new facility and elevators, which have become important to us.



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.



The Tuck Shop at Central Station required about 300 volunteer hours. It is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Central Station Police Station and is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.



One of our Retirees, Michel Fauvelle is working very hard on the gardens in front of Central Station. He puts in about 50 hours annually as a volunteer there.

Our Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Flamborough Golf & Country Club this year and was also very well attended.





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 supper to the homeless and poor at 10 different Churches during the winter. They do that with 450 volunteers and around 15 Police Retirees who provide Reception and Security for all those dinners. Every winter we serve in excess of 18,000 nutritious meals.

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.

It appears that the Police Retirees have completed around 2,200 hours of volunteer during the past year. 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