

Morin, Lois

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Subject: Note of Thanks

Ms. Lois Morin
Administrator, Hamilton Police Services Board

Dear Ms. Morin,

This letter is in regard to the article in The Hamilton Spectator regarding the Street Racing Bust in East Hamilton over the past weekend.

Personally, this has been a real concern to me over the past year. I am a resident of 770 Queenston Road, Hamilton, Ontario and every weekend and some weeknights usually after 9:00pm, Queenston Road from Centennial Pkwy. to Nash Road is like living on the Indy 500. Drivers exceeding 80-90kms in a 50 km zone. Some of these drivers also have exhaust systems that sound like guns being shot when the driver steps on the gas. The end of March our area experienced an early Sunday morning serious two vehicle accident and the driver of a Maserati was racing at over 120 mph and totalled his vehicle after hitting two hydro poles, one split in half. The Tiara Apt Bldg. at 770 Queenston Rd., and other homes on Greenford and Neil Ave. were without hydro for approx. 16 hrs. The bldg. has several seniors residents and some are on oxygen 24/7. These residents were not be able to use their in house oxygen system for 16 hrs and had to rely on their portable oxygen machines. A year ago I started expressing my concern. Most recently in May, I was in touch with Chief Eric Girt's office and I spoke with his Acting Exec. Assistant, Sandy, who was most helpful, and to Station 20 in East Hamilton. I am very pleased to say on the weekend two Constables were instructed to do an Undercover Operation that was successful! Three Hamilton men are facing charges and several vehicles were seized after police interrupted organized street racing.

I would like to commend the two officers, 1) Constable Connor Gibbons and 2) Constable Ryan Goch who were involved in arresting these dangerous drivers. The Sergeant that was on duty over the weekend was Sergeant Andrew Toms #596 and the Staff Sergeant of Station 20 Nancy Lantz should also be recognized.

Ms. Morin, as the Administrator of the Hamilton Police Services Board, could I ask for your assistance in having these two constables recognized for their outstanding service to our community.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ellen MacPhie
Resident of Ward 5
City of Hamilton