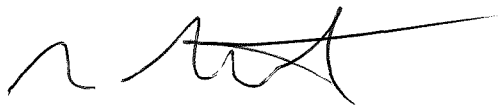


HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- INFORMATION -

DATE: February 14, 2020
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Eric Girt
Chief of Police
SUBJECT: *Year End Report – Gratitude & Recognition for Retirees - 2019*
PSB 20-011

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 2019, the Retirees volunteered over 3,900 hours at events such as the Memorials, Parades including Remembrance Day, Fall Fairs, Historical Vehicle maintenance care and display, Out of The Cold, The Hamilton Police Association (HPA) Golf Tournament, and other HPA functions. Retirees also run The Call Box within the Central Station Police Station that continues to provide an ongoing connection between retirees and current members, while providing quality merchandise, promoting the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) and police professionals.

The Retirees Association is the steward of a number of HPS historical vehicles including a 1964 Studebaker, 1965 Bomb Truck and the replica Horse-Drawn Wagon. These nostalgic vehicles were displayed at several community events in 2019. Thousands of families and children were able to see and learn about our policing history through these connections to our past. (*See Hamilton Police Retirees 2019 Year-End Report attached*).

In 2019, The Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum was created with a new and separate Board of Directors. A new Constitution was created and approved. The Society has now been registered as a not-for-profit Corporation in Ontario through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society. They are now working on achieving Charitable Status with the Canada Revenue Service. This Society has assumed control of the Museum and the Tuck Shop; the latter of which has always been intended to support the Museum.

The HPS, and our communities, are thankful for the efforts of our Retirees who continue to serve, and promote our values through countless hours of volunteerism. In an effort to recognize their 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 2019 Year-End Report*

cc: Staff Sergeant Greg Doerr – Executive Officer to Chief of Police
Sandy Pollock – Executive Assistant to Chief of Police



Hamilton Police Retirees Association

"Continuing to Serve"



Hamilton Police Retirees Year End Report – January to December 2019

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

There are currently over 850 retired members of the Hamilton Police Service and more than 600 of them were members in good standing in our Association by the end of 2019. Our membership includes the surviving spouses of members.

During the past year our members have organized some very **significant events**, as follows:

The **Hamilton Police Museum** continues to operate in Ancaster where we are open from 2:00pm to 4:00pm every Friday. The Museum also opens for special events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting, Ancaster Heritage Days and "Open Doors Ontario". During the past year we welcomed approximately 1,000 people to the Museum. We continue to scan photos and documents at the museum. We also gather many artifacts for the museum whenever they are offered to us. **500 volunteer hours**

The **Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum** was created this past year with a new and separate Board of Directors. A new Constitution was created and approved in consultation with Chief Girt. The Society has now been registered as a not-for-profit Corporation in Ontario through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society. They are now working on achieving Charitable Status with the Canada Revenue Service. This Society has assumed control of the Museum and the Tuck Shop; the latter of which has always been intended to support the Museum. The current President of their Board is a volunteer Historian (700 volunteer hours from him alone) from the Police Service, P.C. Dave Kerkhof. **500 volunteer hours**

The **Tuck Shop**, located on the 2nd floor of Central Police Station, is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. **300 volunteer hours**

Changes to Year End Reporting - Going forward, the Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum and the Tuck Shop activities will not appear in our Hamilton Police Retirees Year End Report. The Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum and Tuck Shop will report to the Chief about their activities in a separate format.

The annual **Spring Luncheon** was held at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in April. This event is co-sponsored by the Hamilton Police Services Board through the Chief's Office, the Senior Officers' Association, the Hamilton Police Association and the Hamilton Police Retirees Association. In 2019, there were 229 retirees and surviving spouses in attendance. This event continues to be a well-attended social gathering for our members. We also announce the Retiree who has been named "**Top Cop**" to recognize their volunteer work over the years for the Retirees. The 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 their support. **200 volunteer hours**



Historical Vehicles - the 1964 Studebaker, 1965 Bomb Truck and the replica Horse-Drawn Wagon were involved in several community events in 2019. They were displayed during the "Police in the Park" in May for Police Week, the Ancaster Heritage Parade, the "Cops N Rodders" show in August and many other events, including the Winona Peach Festival, the Binbrook Fair and the Ancaster Fair. It is believed that we showed about 3,000 families and children the vehicles this year. They are all in storage now. **500 volunteer hours**



The **Annual Retirees Golf Tournament** was held in June. There were about 100 golfers, many volunteers and we donated about \$9,000 to various charities in the Community. **300 volunteer hours**



Our **Turkey Roll** was held at the Royal Canadian Legion on Limeridge Road East this year and went very well under the direction of Retiree John Daniels. There was a good turnout with the new facility and elevators, which have become important to us. There were 190 people in attendance and as a direct result we donated around \$2,000 to charities in accordance with our City of Hamilton Licence. **400 volunteer hours**



The **Tribute Dinner** was held in October when we gather surviving spouses and provide them with a nice meal. 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. **200 volunteer hours**



The **Hamilton Garrison Parade** held in Hamilton in November. More than 70 Retirees attended and participated with the Hamilton Police Service contingent at the parade. Retirees Peter Abi-Rashed and Kerry Eaton worked to support this large turnout. John Connors INVACARE, 905-890-8300, <http://www.invacare.ca>, donated 6 wheelchairs for needs of Retirees in future. **200 volunteer hours**



The **Ornamental Gardens** located in front of Central Station, are tended by our Retiree, Michel Fauvelle. He is an avid gardener and a wonderful volunteer. **50 volunteer hours**



The **Ontario Police Memorial Parade** in Toronto in May was attended by two of our Retirees. The **National Police Memorial Parade** in Ottawa was attended by one of our Retirees.

50 volunteer hours



Hamilton Out of the Cold is a not-for-profit organization which offers a plated supper to the homeless and those in need at eleven different Churches during the winter. They do that with 450 volunteers and around 15 to 20 Police Retirees who provide Reception and Security for all those dinners, as well as other Police Retirees who help Coordinate or serve or work in the kitchen. Every winter we serve in excess of 18,000 nutritious meals to those in need. **500 volunteer hours**

Yoga Classes in the Gym at Central Station are provided by one of our Retirees, Rod Pieon. He leads a group once each week all year with various numbers of people. **100 volunteer hours**

The **Chief's Advisory Team** is composed of our Board members who met with Chief Girt on two occasions in 2019 to offer advice and suggestions. **50 volunteer hours**

The **Graves of the Fallen Officers** were all visited again by our Retiree Dave Cummins to ensure they continue to be in good condition. **50 volunteer hours**

A **Scholarship Award Program** has begun. The Police Retirees intend to give \$500 to the latest Hamilton Police Recruit with the highest mark when returning from the Ontario Police College. This will be done "jointly" with another of our Retirees, Chief Ken Robertson. He already sponsors a plaque for that same student.

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 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.

Charitable Donations were also made to various Agencies around the City (outside of the Turkey Roll and Golf Tournament) at the request of our Members throughout the year for a total of \$6,451.00.

It appears that the Police Retirees have completed approximately 3,900 hours of volunteer work during the past year. We will continue to serve as ambassadors and advisors for the Hamilton Police Service in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Bowen, President
Hamilton Police Retirees Association