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April 1, 2020

Hamilton Police Services Board
155 King William Street
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Dear Hamilton Police Services Board Members,

Re: Independent Review of the Events Surrounding Hamilton Pride 2019

I am writing with respect to the ongoing Independent Review I am conducting into the events that transpired during the Hamilton Pride celebrations in Gage Park on June 15, 2019.

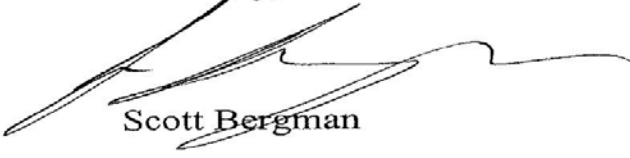
As you are aware, the Terms of Reference for the Independent Review stipulate that my final report be delivered simultaneously to the Board and the public on April 30, 2020. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and provincially mandated restrictions on group gatherings, it appears that a public release of the report on April 30, 2020 is not going to be feasible.

Given the extraordinary circumstances we currently find ourselves in, I am writing to respectfully request that the date for the release of my final report to the public and the Hamilton Police Services Board be moved to June 1, 2020, at the earliest.

Hopefully we will be able to hold public gatherings by June 1, 2020, but in the event that this is still not possible, the release date for the final report may have to be further reconsidered to ensure that members of the public who wish to attend for the release are able to do so safely and in person.

Thank you for your careful consideration in these most trying times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Bergman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Bergman

Stevenson, Kirsten

From: Morin, Lois
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:57 PM
To: DL - News Media (Local)
Subject: Media Release
Attachments: Letter to Hamilton Police Services Board (Apr 1 2020).pdf

The Hamilton Police Service Board, by electronic vote, approved that the release date for the Independent Review of the Events Surrounding Hamilton Pride 2019, be moved to June 1, 2020, at the earliest, as requested by Mr. Scott Bergman. The correspondence received from Mr. Bergman is attached for information.

Chair Fred Eisenberger

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