

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
Subject: We need change.
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Dear Kirsten,

I am a concerned citizen writing to you to express my disappointment that body-worn cameras are not a priority for our City's police service.

I learned this week that the Hamilton Police Service was approved for a total budget of roughly \$171.6 million this year. This budget included a bid to hire more traffic safety officers, but left out of the conversation about the roughly \$2.6 million annually needed to run a body-worn camera program. I find it troubling that our city is prioritizing the hiring of traffic safety officers over a recommendation from the Ontario Human Right Commission to eliminate racial profiling in Law Enforcement with the institution of body-worn cameras for police officers.

We must protect the Black, Indigenous and People of Colour members of our City by continuing to seek out further evidence from Police services in Canada (namely the City of Calgary) and outside of Canada who are actively using body-worn cameras successfully, and implementing systems that allow for greater accountability. For many Hamiltonians, body-worn cameras = transparency of policing, and the opportunity for trust-building and relationship-repairing between law enforcement and the people of Hamilton. I know these things cost money but I think our money can be used more wisely.

Please let me know how I can continue to be a part of this conversation.

Thanks for listening! I appreciate the work you do.

Sincerely,

Maria Eleusiniotis