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I support the use of lapel cameras for all Hamilton Police officers.

My husband worked with Steve Mesic, who was murdered by an officer during a psychotic episode. A member of my family was homeless in Hamilton and suffering from schizophrenia for a period. An 80 year old neighbour said, "just hope the police don't kill him". The woman was Asian.

We have some good professional officers, and we have some that are bullies. Hamilton is working to eradicate bullying and murders that are taking place in schools, among children, it's time to eradicate this conduct from the Hamilton Police Services.

Lapel cameras will save lives and save the reputation of this city. People won't invest in a city with a reputation of being racist.

Enough is enough. Don't hide behind the budget to avoid addressing racism and bullying by Hamilton Police Services. Do the right thing. Make this part of your legacy. It takes courage to change a toxic institution.

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