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To

Re the hijacking of Main Street West by Black Lives Matters / BLM

Is the City of Hamilton afraid of BLM? They must be as they let these people / rabble rousers to me, disrupt the normal flow of traffic in front of City Hall on Main West.

Not only did they disrupt traffic but they painted the roadway with the words "BLACK LIVES MATTERS" ..... essentially defacing the city and nothing was done ..... shameful!! And to add insult to injury they demanded – not asked – that the Police Force be defunded. We are bordering on anarchy and that is not good.

WHY WERE THEY NOT STOPPED AND/OR ARRESTED FOR THEIR ACTIONS?

Anyone else trying to pull off a stunt like that would have been arrested and charged – immediately.

STOPPING TRAFFIC ON A MAIN ARTERY ..... PAINTING THE ROADWAY ..... BEING GENERAL NUISANCES

AND WHAT OF THE DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO WALK BY?  
PLUS

THE DAMAGE TO VEHICLES TRYING TO DRIVE IN THE AREA ..... PAINT ON THE TIRES  
AND MAYBE ELSEWHERE

ARE YOU GIVING THEM A FREE RIDE? .....you seem to be - WHY?

SLAVERY AND BLACKS IN UPPER CANADA .... |A SHORT HISTORY

In 1793, John Graves Simcoe, then Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada enacted the Act Against Slavery. This stated that slaves / yes, we had slaves / could no longer be sold to the US AND freed all escaping slaves that were able to reach the relative safety of Upper Canada.

The British Empire abolished slavery in 1834.

John A Macdonald, as member of the Militia, helped send US slave hunters back to the US empty handed. The US slave/bounty hunters were not allowed to take any of the escaped blacks back to the US.

Re "Defund the Police" ..... create a separate group made up of social workers and medical personal to address the problems of homelessness, mental illness, domestic problems, suicide attempts, substance abuse and crisis counselling. They would have access to the social agencies that handled specific problems.

Please look into CAHOOTS – a program started over 30 years ago in Eugene, Oregon .... it takes all the above out of police hands but is directed through the police switchboard. A team of a Social Worker and a medic are sent out to take care of these problems / they started with one team and now have three. The cost is far less and it has had great success.

CAHOOTS stands for Crises Assistance Helping Out On The Streets.

More information can be found on-line at ..... CAHOOTS/White Bird Clinic  
or  
CAHOOTS\_(crisis\_response)

I hope the above information will be of help in solving some of the cities ongoing problems without involving the police department.

In closing, all these marches, rallies and demonstration- ie painting the street, should be replaced with dialogue and discussion. And if these people break the law ..... then charge then accordingly .... like they did last week by closing down Main Street in front of City Hall and painting on the roadway. I hope that they will not be given a free ride ....that just leads to anarchy!

Yours sincerely

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