

July 20, 2020

Dear Members of the Hamilton Police Services Board,

As you are aware, HPS Board member Chad Collins has a sibling who is an active duty officer with the HPS. You may also be aware that Councillor Collins officially declares a 'conflict of interest' during Council meetings whenever HPS business is being discussed and/or voted on. Records show that he states his sister's position with the HPS as the reason for his conflict. (see attached)

Given this, may I ask why the HPS Board continues to deem it appropriate for Mr. Collins to sit on the HPS Board, to put forward motions, and to vote on motions before the Board?

If it is acknowledged and recorded as a conflict of interest at the municipal government level, why would the HPS Board overlook such a conflict? Even if a procedural case can be made, surely it gives the appearance of a conflict to members of the public.

May I ask you to discuss this issue in open session and to report your decision via a written response to me?

Sincerely,

Graham Crawford

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Excerpted from the official minutes of Hamilton City Council meeting.

<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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Councillor Collins declared an interest with respect to the Hamilton Police Services' budget as his sister works for the Hamilton Police Services.