

October 1, 2019

Mr. Donald MacVicar
Vice Chair
Hamilton Police Service Board
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Dear Vice Chair MacVicar:

Further to our meeting on September 24, 2019, with the Hamilton Police Service Board's (HPSB) special committee and Lynda Bordeleau, I have considered your request to have my office conduct a review of the Hamilton Police Service's (HPS) actions in relation to the Hamilton Pride event on June 15, 2019. As discussed, the most effective way to undertake such a review would be pursuant to my authority under section 57 of the *Police Services Act*.

After much deliberation, I have decided that I am unable to undertake such a review at this time. Although the issues involved are very important, there are several factors that I must consider before initiating a section 57 review. These include the nature of the issue, the number of complaints received about the issue, and the number of individuals and police services affected by the issue. Lastly, and importantly, I have to consider the agency resources and our capacity to properly investigate all the relevant issues.

I commend the HPBS for seeking an independent and transparent review of the issues. I fully support your efforts. Unfortunately, having considered all the factors enumerated above, I do not feel that any section 57 review that I could undertake at this time would be the most effective avenue of addressing the issues, either for your service or for other police services more broadly.

I wish you all the best in your review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Sylvana Capogreco
Independent Police Review Director