




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	February 26, 2021
SUBJECT:	Provincial Human Trafficking – Intelligence Led Joint Forces Strategy
REPORT NUMBER:	21-016
SUBMITTED BY:	Ryan Diodati, Acting Chief of Police
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Board enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General, operating as the Ontario Provincial Police, by which one Officer of the Hamilton Police Service is assigned to the OPP for the purpose of participation in the Provincial Human Trafficking Intelligence Led Joint Forces Strategy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Hamilton Police Service has been asked to participate in the implementation of a new provincially funded, Human Trafficking Intelligence led joint forces strategy
- The mandate of the unit is to proactively conduct intelligence gathering, intelligence analysis, investigations, disruptions, and assist in prosecutions of multi-jurisdictional human trafficking organizations across the Province of Ontario

Financial: Maximum funding will be provided by the Province of up to the amount of \$122,090.00 for each year of funding. Funding is effective as of January 4, 2021.

Funding will contribute towards Salary and Benefits of the designated officer conducting human trafficking investigations only.

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Staffing: The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding provide that the Hamilton Police Service will provide one police officer for assignment to the OPP led joint forces strategy.

INFORMATION

Human Trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements or a person in order to exploit that person, typically through the sexual exploitation or forced labour.

Human traffickers are very fluid and routinely cross jurisdictional boundaries within Ontario, moving from city to city.

The Provincial Human Trafficking Intelligence led joint forces strategy will proactively conduct intelligence gathering, intelligence analysis, conduct investigations, disruptions and assist in prosecutions of multi-jurisdictional human trafficking organizations across the Province of Ontario.

As part of the joint forces strategy, the province has been broken up into operational groups with Hamilton being part of group 3, consisting of Hamilton, Halton, Peel and Toronto.

Human trafficking is a province wide issue that requires a strategic intelligence led enforcement strategy. This Joint Forces Unit will provide an effective strategy to combat this issue.

I am in full support of participating in this partnership, as it will serve not only our community but our neighbouring communities as well.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

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