

THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD ANNOUNCES ITS NEWEST COUNCIL APPOINTED MEMBER

The Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Spadafora to the Board.

At its meeting held on October 8, 2025, Hamilton City Council approved that Councillor Mike Spadafora be appointed to the Hamilton Police Service Board for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council Term, effective immediately.

Member Spadafora is filling the seat previously held by Mayor / Member Andrea Horwath. It's important to thank Mayor Horwath for her contribution to the Board and its committees, the Service and her ongoing support of policing in Hamilton.

Mike Spadafora was born and raised in Hamilton, attending St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School, St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School, and Mohawk College for Business Administration and Management.

A well-known and respected leader in the business and sports communities, Mike's entrepreneurial savviness was evident in 2007 when he owned and operated his own contracting company, meeting with many local suppliers, contractors, and homeowners to build homes. Subsequently, in 2016, he transitioned to the position of Business Development Manager for PPG-Dulux, where he managed numerous customers and clients across Ontario.

In addition to business, Mike's other passion is sport. Since 1999, he has served as the long-time Hamilton Huskies Hockey Club Director of Hockey Operations and General Manager and most recently, as President of the Hamilton Kilty B's Junior Hockey Club. In these roles, Mike has spent significant time volunteering and supporting youth and local hockey associations. In 2019, he was asked to serve as a member of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Tiger-Town Council.

In 2022, the residents of Ward 14 elected Mike as Councillor for the West Mountain community, an opportunity which he considers to be a great honour and to facilitate positive change. To date, he has been a vocal advocate with his hallmark focus on accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility at City Hall. He currently serves on the following bodies: Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Shareholder, Council, General Issues Committee, Hamilton Enterprises Holding Corporation Shareholder, Hamilton Police Services Board Selection Committee, Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Shareholder, Hamilton Street Railway Shareholder, Hamilton Tourism Development Corporation Board of Directors, Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder, Hamilton Waterfront Trust Board of Trustees, Public Works Committee, Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Tourism Development Corporation, and West Harbour Development Sub-Committee.

Mike's leadership and outstanding community contributions have been recognized with the 40 Under 40 Business Achievement Award in 2022 and the Alliance Hockey Award of Merit in 2023.

Mike is a proud husband to his lovely wife Joanna and father to his three children, Ava, Ela Rose, and Michael Junior. He cites his family as being the greatest inspiration to extending his voice and efforts into making Hamilton a better place to raise a family and call Hamilton home.

The Hamilton Police Service Board is the civilian body governing the Hamilton Police Service. Through the <u>Community Safety and Policing Act</u>, <u>2019</u>, the Board is responsible for ensuring the delivery of adequate and effective policing in Hamilton and to provide accountability to the public through governance activities that contribute to locally responsive policing.

The Board is made up of three members appointed by Council, one member of the public appointed by Council, and three members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor General in Council.

For more information related to this media release please contact the Board's <u>Executive</u> <u>Director.</u>

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