



THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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Hamilton Police Service Board Announces New Chair and Vice Chair

At the Hamilton Police Service Board's June 27, 2024 meeting, the Board held elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2024.

With provincial appointments not being renewed for previous Chair Mandy and Vice Chair Bennink, the Board was required to fill both positions.

Member Geordie Elms was acclaimed as Chair and Member Don Robertson acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Chair Elms has served on the Board since April of 2019 as a provincial member, while Vice Chair Robertson, the Board's newest provincially appointed member, began his service with the Board in April of this year.

Information with respect to the background of our Board members may be found on our website at: <https://www.hamiltonpsb.ca/about-us/board-members/>.

At the same meeting, members were appointed to the Board's two committees. Membership was determined as follows:

Budget Committee: Vice Chair Robertson (Chair) and Members Menezes & Pauls.

Governance Committee: Member Pauls (Chair) and Member Horwath (one seat remains vacant).

The Hamilton Police Service Board is a seven member board. At present one seat is vacant. This position will be filled by a provincial appointee.

Under the new [*Community Safety and Policing Act*](#) (CSPA), the Board shall ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area.

Under the CSPA, adequate and effective policing means all of the following functions provided in accordance with the standards set out in the regulations, including the standards with respect

to the avoidance of conflicts of interest, and with the requirements of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Human Rights Code*:

1. Crime prevention.
2. Law enforcement.
3. Maintaining the public peace.
4. Emergency response.
5. Assistance to victims of crime.
6. Any other prescribed policing functions.

The police service board must use members of the police service maintained by the police service board to provide policing functions.

For more information relating to this media release please contact [Kirsten Stevenson](#), Administrative Director for the Police Services Board.

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