



THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD RELEASES ITS 2026 BOARD BUDGET PACKAGE

The Board releases its budget every year and it is made available to the public as part of the Police Budget as a whole. The Board recently made the decision to separate both budgets for the upcoming budget cycle (2026) to show a clear delineation between what costs are associated with running the Board (governance) versus running the Police Service (operations).

In ensuring its responsibilities are met under the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#) (CSPA) as well as its [Regulations](#), the Board wishes to be transparent as to what the costs are to run the Board and govern the Hamilton Police Service.

During future budget cycles, the Board pledges to provide a breakout of the Board's budget, separate from that of the Police Budget, for viewing by members of the public.

The Board has prepared a 2026 Board Budget Package that provides the following:

- Details of the 2026 Board budget
- An explanation of one-time costs impacting the 2026 Board budget
- A description of what type of costs are associated to each account type
- Responsibilities of the Board as required by the CSPA
- The role of City Council in the budget process

The Board approved its 2026 Board Budget at its special meeting on July 11, 2025.

The [2026 Board Budget Package](#) is available on the Board's website. Hard copies will also be available for public viewing at all City of Hamilton library branches as well as community centres in the upcoming week.

If anyone requires a copy of the 2026 Board Budget Package in an alternate format, please contact the Executive Director at: kirsten.stevenson@hamilton.ca.

The Hamilton Police Service Board is the civilian body governing the Hamilton Police Service. Through the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#), 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 [Executive Director](#).

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