



HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD MEDIA RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DECEMBER 6, 2024**

Deadline Extended for the Submission of Public Opinions on the Budget Committee's Proposed 2025 Police Budget Increase of 5.7%

On November 28, 2024 the Board circulated a media release requesting the public's opinion of the Budget Committee's proposed 2025 Police Budget increase of 5.7%. A deadline of 5 PM December 9, 2024 was set to accommodate publishing public opinions in the Board's upcoming agenda and in accordance with the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#).

The Board has been made aware of public concerns with respect to the December 9 deadline. The Board has decided to extend the deadline to December 15, 2024 at 5 PM. Members of the public are welcome to submit their opinion of the proposed 5.7% increase in the 2025 Police Budget to the Board's Administrative Director at kirsten.stevenson@hamilton.ca.

The December 17, 2024 public agenda, which will include the 2025 budget report and related appendices, will be published on the Board's [website](#) by end of day, December 10, 2024. Budgets and budget presentations dating back to 2016 may also be found on the Board's [website](#) under the heading/tab 'Reports and Policies'.

***Please note:** correspondence received by the extended deadline will be published on the Board's December 17, 2024 agenda and posted on our public [website](#). First and last names must be included on all correspondence and will be published; however, personal information such as email and/or street addresses and phone numbers will be removed prior to publishing. Any questions related to this matter may be directed to the Board's Administrative Director [Kirsten Stevenson](#).

Original media release sent out November 28, 2024.

At the Hamilton Police Service Board's Budget Committee meeting on November 26, 2024, committee members unanimously approved presenting the proposed 2025 Police Budget to the full Board at their December 17 public meeting.

The Budget Committee met four times this year to consider the 2025 Police Budget. After much deliberation and consideration, committee members unitedly supported an increase of 5.7% over last year's budget.

All Police Service Boards in Ontario must adhere to the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#). According to the Act and in relation to police budgets, a Police Service Board shall:

Submit operating and capital estimates to the municipality that will show, separately, the amounts that will be required to,

- (a) comply with this Act and the regulations, including the amounts required to provide the police service with required equipment and facilities, having regard for the various ways that the board can discharge this obligation; and*
- (b) pay the expenses of the board's operation, other than the remuneration of board members.*

The Budget Committee strongly considers this increase is necessary to comply with the Act. In collaboration with the Service, the Budget Committee has done their due diligence to locate cost savings and reductions wherever possible.

The Hamilton Police Service Board is looking to gather public opinions of the 2025 Police Budget in advance of their December 17, 2024 meeting.

Community members may submit their *opinions to the attention of Kirsten Stevenson at kirsten.stevenson@hamilton.ca up until 5 PM on Monday, December 9, 2024.

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For more information relating to these media releases please contact [Kirsten Stevenson](#), Administrative Director for the Police Service Board.

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