

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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HAMILTON, ON – The Hamilton Police Services Board is hosting two Virtual TownHall events to engage the broader community on policing issues. The Virtual TownHalls will take place on Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and will be live-streamed to the Hamilton Police Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonPolice/.

It is important for the Board and Police Service to understand the needs and concerns of Hamilton residents to help support initiatives and address matters that impact the entire community. These Virtual TownHall events will provide the Board and Police Service with an opportunity to hear directly from the public on matters such as community safety priorities, accountability and reform. Participants will have the opportunity to answer live polls, ask questions and provide comments on policing topics relevant in today's society.

Residents will be able to participate in the Virtual TownHalls through a completely randomized call out process managed by The PrimeContact Group. The list of numbers to be called randomly will be comprised of City of Hamilton landlines. Residents who do not have a landline and wish to have their contact number included in the randomized call out pool, may register their number no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2020 at www.hpsbpublicmeeting.com. All contact information collected by The PrimeContact Group will be discarded following the Virtual TownHall events. A few minutes prior to each Virtual TownHall commencing, the dial-out process will begin and residents will be randomly contacted to ask if they would like to participate. Participants will then be entered into the Virtual TownHall automatically.

Results of both Virtual TownHalls will be compiled by The PrimeContact Group and provided to the Board for review at the next possible public Board meeting. These results will be made available to the public via the Board's website at https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/about/police-services-board/presentations-and-reports.

At the Hamilton Police Service, our vision is to be a trusted partner in delivering public safety in partnership with our communities and we value your comments and feedback.

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