



THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD ANNOUNCES CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2025

Board Member elections took place at the Board's first meeting of the year on Friday, January 24, 2025. The Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) is pleased to announce Don Robertson was acclaimed as Chair and Esther Pauls was acclaimed as Vice Chair for 2025.

Chair Robertson joined the Board in April 1, 2024 as a provincial appointee. He sat in the role of Vice Chair and is currently the Chair of the Board's Budget Committee. During the January 24, 2025 meeting Chair Robertson made the following comments: *"One of the most important roles of the Board is to ensure that adequate and effective policing is provided to the Hamilton Community...Working in collaboration with the Service over the next eleven months, the Board will continue to focus on making certain we are in compliance with the Act (Community and Safety Policing Act, 2019) while being fiscally responsible with the police budget. We will also continue to refer to our strategic plan to guide us in providing policing in Hamilton that is in line with policing priorities and concerns the community has identified through public engagement. I look forward to serving the community in my capacity as Chair, as well as providing the dedicated and hard working members of our Service with the support, resources and respect they greatly deserve."*

Vice Chair Pauls has been a member of the Board since November 15, 2022. She is one of three Council-appointed members who sit on the Board and has participated as a member of the Governance Committee. When asked to comment on her new role as Vice Chair of the Board she said the following: *"I am honoured to step into the role of Vice Chair and*

will do my best to represent all Hamiltonians when it comes to considering their requests and concerns related to policing. I also look forward to continuing to work with the Chief and his staff to build a strong and safe community.”

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.

For more information related to this media release please contact the Board’s [Administrative Director](#).

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