THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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Hamilton Police Service Board Announces Next Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police

The Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) is pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati as the next Chief of Police, effective May 7, 2027, following Chief Frank Bergen's retirement on May 6, 2027.

The Board has also appointed Superintendent Marty Schulenberg as Deputy Chief of Police, effective May 7, 2027.

Chief-Designate Diodati and Deputy Chief-Designate Schulenberg have extensive experience with the Hamilton Police Service and have distinguished themselves through their experience, leadership and commitment to the Hamilton community.

"This decision shapes the leadership of the Service and a commitment to the safety of our community. We are building on Chief Bergen's work and choosing leadership that understands Hamilton, knows our members and recognizes where we need to be. This appointment provides continuity for our members and the people we serve," said Chair Don Robertson.

The appointments come ahead of Chief Bergen's retirement, giving the command team time to prepare for a smooth transition. A swearing-in ceremony and transfer of office will take place in May 2027.

Biographies

Chief-Designate Ryan Diodati

Chief-Designate Diodati is in his 30th year with the Hamilton Police Service. Over the past seven years, he has served as Deputy Chief in Operations and Support, overseeing frontline policing and operational units, ensuring a coordinated response to crime, community needs and public safety. He previously led the Investigative Services Division as Superintendent, overseeing major investigations with domestic and international law enforcement partners.

Committed to community partnerships, he currently serves on the senate of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and previously sat on the boards of the Children's Aid Society, John Howard

Society of Hamilton, Burlington & Area and the Eva Rothwell Centre. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and executive police leadership programs at the University of Toronto and McMaster University and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Niagara University. In 2023, he was awarded the Order of Merit of the Police Forces for his leadership and contributions to Canadian policing.

Deputy Chief-Designate Marty Schulenberg

Deputy Chief-Designate Schulenberg is in his 32nd year with the Hamilton Police Service, bringing extensive experience in frontline policing, investigations, operational support, incident command and executive leadership. As Superintendent of the Investigative Services Division, he oversees a broad portfolio of investigative units and leads initiatives focused on addressing crime, supporting victims and enhancing public safety. His previous leadership of the Support Services Division included oversight of emergency response, traffic safety, critical incident command and operational support functions.

Committed to community partnerships and organizational leadership, he serves in leadership roles with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, and charitable organizations - HPS Project Concern and Pro Action Cops & Kids. He has also chaired several Hamilton Police Service committees focused on community engagement, public safety and operational development. His executive education includes the Police Leadership Program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and the Executive Police Leadership Program at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Brock University, a Diploma in Police Studies from McMaster University, and a Diploma in Law and Security Administration from Niagara College.

MEDIA INQUIRIES ARE TO BE SENT TO THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KIRSTEN STEVENSON

About the Board

The Hamilton Police Service Board is the civilian body governing the Hamilton Police Service. 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 primary role of the board is to establish, after consultation with the Chief of Police**,** overall objectives and priorities to ensure requirements found in the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, *2019* are met or exceeded. This is achieved through the enactment of policies.

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