

CITY OF HAMILTON
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General Issues Committee Date: February 6, 2013

MOVED BYCOUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

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Public Access On-Line Crime Mapping Service

Whereas on Thursday, January 24, 2013, the Halton Police Service publicly released a crime mapping software that enables residents to view crime trends online;

And Whereas the cost of the new crime mapping service is reported to be \$2,000 annually, considerably less than the \$250,000 mapping program for Hamilton police use, with “a public access component” slated for implementation in the next two years;

And Whereas the service is based on dispatched calls, not completed investigations and Halton Police Board Chair Bob Maich has stated the software raises public awareness in that it “strengthens the Neighbourhood Watch concept and enhances it...” therefore assisting Police in crime reporting from residents assisting in creating safer environments.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Hamilton Police Services Board be requested to investigate the feasibility of adopting a public access on-line crime mapping service similar to the service released in Halton for the residents of Hamilton and report back to Council on its viability at a future General Issues Committee.