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### Councillor Green Calls for Police Surplus Reallocation

Councillor Matthew Green (Ward 3, Hamilton-Centre) has submitted a Notice of Motion at General Issues Committee to require the Hamilton Police Service to transfer back the 2015 year-end operating budget surplus back to the Hamilton Police Service Tax Stabilization Reserve as per the Police Board and the City of Hamilton's stated policy.

"The Tax Stabilization Reserve is set up as a part of responsible fiscal management to help offset increased budget demands year-over-year, drawn from years that present a surplus like 2015. The Police Board chose instead to transfer the money directly to another reserve in violation of their own policy," says Councillor Green.

In addition, the Hamilton Police Board chose to exceed Council's approved funding cap of \$5 million when they transferred the surplus money to the Hamilton Police Investigative Services Division Headquarters capital project.

"The City agreed to a capped five million dollar contribution for a new forensic facility, contingent on funding from upper levels of government. Any additional monies above and beyond the \$5 million dollar contribution ought to be discussed and approved by Council. This is again another example of the need for Police Services Act reforms," says Councillor Green.

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