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HALTON POLICE BOARD PASSES \$155.4 MILLION POLICE BUDGET

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MILLION FOR
CONSOLIDATED
MILTON/HALTON HILLS
STATION

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The Halton Regional Police Services Board voted Thursday, Oct. 25, to approve a 2019 budget of \$155.4 million for the police service.

The budget, which must still be approved by Regional Council, is \$5.3 million larger than the 2018 police operating budget and within the Halton Region's guideline of an increase restricted to 3.5 per cent.

Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner noted the priorities of this budget are to:

- Maximize deployment of new officers to front-line duties
- Upgrade/replace front-line technology tools
- Research/implement efficient digital storage

•Deploy the separate LTE wireless network for first responders

•Finish normalizing operations at the new police headquarters

•Plan for the consolidation of Milton/Halton Hills facilities in a new station

To achieve these goals the budget calls for the hiring of 14 new police officers including 12 front-line patrol officers and two supervisors for the Forensic Identification Unit.

"We are feeling some pressures because of growth at the front line," said Tanner.

Some of the other budget drivers include \$1.2 million for the LTE Project, which will include

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QUIET REFLECTION



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Korean war veteran and founder of Veterans Helping Veterans Fred Smith, an advocate for PTSD survivors, observes a moment of silence with his service dog Eyelet at his side during the Remembrance Day Service at the Victoria Park cenotaph on Saturday afternoon, following a parade along Main Street. See more photos on page 13.

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