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Subject: Request to present at an upcoming PSB meeting

To whom it may concern,

I would like to attend (and participate as a delegate) at an upcoming Police Services Board meeting.

I will give an update regarding the successful collaboration that occurred this past April and May, between Haldimand OPP Detachment Staff, Haldimand County Administration Staff and the Haldimand-Norfolk Pride Event 2019 Safety Team. I am grateful that, working together, we were able to minimize hate-mongering 'preachers'/'protesters' efforts to traumatize community members.

I would also like to begin a conversation regarding the peace-disturbing, business-disrupting, community-intimidating 'preachers'/'protesters' from Hamilton, Ottawa and Toronto who have been gathering weekly in Dunnville to harass and slander community members and block access to sidewalks (including wheelchair access points), benches and businesses with amplified discriminatory speech and signage.

The folks I'm referring to above might appear to simply be 'religious zealots'. The bad news is they are far worse than that. Most of them have formal ties to white supremacist groups that advocate for the denial of basic human rights for members of the LGBTQ community, for women and for people of color. These ties are confirmed via legitimate media like CBC News and The National Post... and online via the 'preachers'/'protesters' own social media. I've got links and photos and video of many of these outside agitators who have been gathering in Dunnville.

Respectfully, I'd like to suggest we find ways to deny these bigots access for sharing their hateful views in Haldimand County's public spaces. In the summer of 2018, in response to 'street preachers' in London Ontario, City Council passed an amendment to the Public Nuisance By-Law to address "unnecessary interference with the use and enjoyment of public space as a result of abusive or insulting language". The amendment allowed the By-Law to apply in situations where being subjected to abusive and insulting language could interfere with a person's use and enjoyment of public space. That's a start.

[London street preachers charged under amended public nuisance bylaw | CBC News](#)

Thank you,
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