

Cathedral Chat: Beyond the Hurt

Maureen & Bianca

Maureen is the mother of Bianca, both with lived experience of intimate partner violence.

Maureen is a mom of four amazing, wonderful adult children. She is a member of WAVES (Women Against Violence Empowering Survivors), the survivor committee for WAWG (Women Abuse Working Group). Maureen enjoys thunderstorms, walks in nature especially to waterfalls, and rockhounding.

Bianca is a multidisciplinary artist whose creative spirit knows no bounds. Her artistic journey spans jewelry making, photography, graphic design, traditional visual arts, and music - each medium offering a unique outlet for her self-expression. Deeply inspired by the natural world, she finds joy and serenity in the outdoors. Her curiosity drives her to continuously learn and explore the connections between art, nature, and healing. Beyond her creative pursuits, Bianca is a dedicated advocate for social change. Her commitment to helping others is woven into everything she does, making her not only a talented artist but also a compassionate leader in her community.



Bruce Moffat, Acting Administrator, Victim Services Branch, Hamilton Police Services

Bruce oversees the strategic and operational direction of the 24-hr victim services branch. He has had roles with Police Services including Victim Quick Response Program Coordinator and Community Support Worker with the Missing Person's Unit.

With over a decade of progressive roles in crisis response, victim advocacy, and program management, Bruce has established a strong reputation for developing effective partnerships across law enforcement, government and community organizations.

Bruce holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Criminology and Organization Leadership from Wilfred Laurier University.



Sue Taylor, Executive Director of Interval House

Sue leads programs supporting women and children experiencing violence while advancing community-based prevention initiatives. Sue is committed to strengthening coordinated community responses and improving access to services, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Sue has led efforts to bring internationally recognized GBV prevention programs, such as Coaching Boys into Men and CLEAR, to Ontario, helping to establish a provincial approach to GBV prevention. Through Sue's expansion of MentorAction, several new training and engagement initiatives have been created to engage allies across Ontario, in male-dominated workspaces, such as the skilled trades sector.



Jess Dixon, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kitchener South – Hespeler

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, moved to Cambridge with her parents at age seven. She received her undergraduate degree in Philosophy from the University of Guelph, with an informal minor in Middle Eastern history and philosophy, completing her law degree at the University of Ottawa, graduating in 2013. In late 2014, MPP Dixon began work at the Kitchener Crown Attorney’s office. Since then, she had the privilege to work in several crown offices and courthouses, as well as serve as both a federal and provincial prosecutor.

Jess never had any intention of becoming a politician. She loved her job as a crown. However, over the years frustration with “the system” began to grow. MPP Dixon is a big proponent of the concept that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Most of the people she met were in fact clearly the product of broken and unsupported families, generational trauma and substance abuse, and gaps in education and access to healthcare. Unfortunately, she felt that successive provincial and federal governments were failing to recognize the value of investment in early intervention while simultaneously spending vast amounts of taxpayer money on incredibly expensive and incredibly ineffective band aids. We were stuck in a vicious cycle of treating the symptoms, but never the causes. Like many politicians, MPP Dixon arrived not through any desire to be a politician, but rather because she felt driven to advocate on a larger scale than could managed as a single crown attorney. The main role of an MPP is, she believes, to be a messenger and an advocate. We are surrounded by competing voices, some louder than others. Her role is to try and find the voices that have something valuable to say but may not be able to make themselves heard, and to then connect them to the ears that should be listening. MPP Dixon will always do this, to the best of her ability.

Jess Dixon has been the MPP for Kitchener South – Hespeler since June 2022. She won her second mandate in 2025 with a lead of 7,533 votes over her second-place opponent. Currently she is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education. She is a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Social Policy. She is the government lead for the Intimate Partner Violence Sub-committee with the Standing Committee on the Justice Policy. MPP Dixon authored the [Study on Intimate Partner Violence](#) which was tabled in the Ontario Legislature and made public on December 9, 2025. She is now working determinedly to ensure the recommendations she proposed are implemented.