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Dear Jim Hart:

Thank you for your letters sharing your interest in providing the City of Toronto's Auditor General oversight of the Toronto Police Service.

We understand that the Toronto Police Services Board (TPSB) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Toronto's Auditor General to conduct future value for money audits of Toronto Police Services under the existing legislative framework. In addition, it is our understanding that in the past, Toronto's Auditor General has performed audits on a variety of aspects of the Toronto Police Service at the request of TPSB and with direction from Toronto City Council.

As you know, the Ministry of the Solicitor General is currently working to bring the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) into force, which will help promote public confidence in policing through a robust and independent police oversight system. Through the CSPA and its regulations, the province will establish a modernized framework for policing that provides consistent standards, transparency, and accountability.

The CSPA responds to systemic issues raised by the Ipperwash Inquiry, Justice Tulloch's Independent Street Check Review Report and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. It also addresses public trust with changes to police service board governance, oversight of police services, and updated and expanded standards for adequate and effective policing.

In addition, the Ontario government recently announced the appointment of Devon Clunis as the province's first Inspector General of Policing. In this new role, Devon Clunis will provide oversight of policing in Ontario and will be responsible for setting up an Inspectorate of Policing. The inspectorate will operate at arm's length from government to provide policing oversight and ensure effective policing services are provided to every community in Ontario. Key activities will include:

- Monitoring and conducting inspections of police services to ensure compliance with the CSPA and its regulations once the CSPA is in force;
- Monitoring and conducting inspections of police service boards to prevent police misconduct, and imposing measures where necessary;
- Investigating policing complaints related to the provision of adequate and effective policing services; and,
- Developing, maintaining and managing records, conducting analyses regarding compliance with the CSPA and publishing inspection results and annual reports.

The province looks forward to continuing to engage with our valued municipal partners, including the TPSB and the City of Toronto, as well as other key policing (including First Nations police services), Indigenous and community partners as a number of the regulations are developed to support the implementation of the CSPA.

Thank you again for taking the time to share the Toronto Police Service Board's decision and report.

Sincerely,



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