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Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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RE: Request for legislative amendment to expand the City of Toronto's Auditor General's jurisdiction to include auditing the Toronto Police Service – Toronto Police Services Board support for legislative amendment

Dear Deputy Minister Manson-Smith,

On August 18, 2020, the Toronto Police Services Board adopted an item entitled "Police Reform in Toronto: Systemic Racism, Alternative Community Safety and Crisis Response Models and Building New Confidence in Public Safety". The full decision and report are available at: <https://tpsbc.ca/component/jdownloads/send/57-2020/634-august-18>.

The report included a direction to the Chair of the Board to communicate to the Province the Board's support of City Council's request to amend the *City of Toronto Act* to expand the Auditor General's jurisdiction to include auditing the Toronto Police Service, and reporting the results of any audits by the Auditor General to the Board (recommendation 27).

Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager for the City of Toronto requested this amendment to the *City of Toronto Act* by letter dated August 7, 2020. As per the Board's decision, I am writing to express the Board's support of the City's request. The Board agrees that the requested extension of legislative authority for the City's Auditor General would ultimately support the Board in fulfilling its governance and oversight functions.

The Board would welcome an opportunity to discuss this request in more detail. Please have the appropriate Ministry staff contact Ms. Sheri Chapman, Executive Assistant to the Chair, to arrange a meeting. Ms. Chapman can be reached at sheri.chapman@tpsbc.ca.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Hart
Chair

Copy: Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager, City of Toronto
Mr. Ryan Teschner, Executive Director & Chief of Staff, Toronto Police Services Board
Ms. Beverly Romeo-Beehler, City of Toronto Auditor General
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