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Hon. Sylvia Jones
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RE: Request for legislative amendments concerning suspension without pay and revocation of a police officer's appointment – Toronto Police Services Board support for legislative amendments

Dear Minister Jones,

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 to communicate to the Province the Board’s support of City Council’s requests for: changes to the *Police Services Act* and other applicable legislation or regulations that would expand the instances in which suspension without pay and revocation of a police officer’s appointment as a police officer are available, and to support amendments that would, at a minimum, implement the relevant elements of the *Police Services Act, 2018* that addressed suspension without pay and the relevant elements of the *Policing Oversight Act, 2018* that created the ability to revoke a police officer’s appointment as a police officer in Ontario (recommendation 43).

Mayor John Tory requested these amendments by letter dated July 23, 2020 to you. As per the Board's decision, I am writing to express the Board's support of the City’s request with respect to the above-noted matters.

I realize that Mr. Teschner (copied here) and the Toronto Police Service has been engaged, along with other stakeholders, in consultations concerning the development of regulations under the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA). While we welcome the Board's continued engagement in these discussions, we realize that the nature of the changes the Board is requesting in this correspondence may require amendments to the CSPA, as opposed to the development of new regulations.

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@tpsb.ca.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hart", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jim Hart
Chair

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