

The Toronto Police Service cannot and should not in any way, shape, or form, employ AI. The TPS membership has demonstrated over many years that it cannot be trusted, transparent, or accountable to the public with regards to its use to AI technologies. We have seen from the Clearview AI scandal that TPS officers have used AI technology against TPS policy, and they have lied about its use, and the TPS is not capable of having access to such technology and being able to use it responsibly, ethically, or accountably.

Aside from this, much of AI has been proven to be racist, entrenches racial and economic inequities, and has bias embedded into its operations/outcomes. Given that the TPS is already operating on a foundation of systemic racism and continues to enact systemically racist practices and policies, this will only lead to further inequities, violence, and mass surveillance of poor and/or racialized communities. The potential for dangerous and extreme violations of human rights with the use of AI for policing is unacceptable and does not serve the best interest of ALL Torontonians. The Board does not have the will and the authority to ensure accountability and ethical use of these technologies. There is no 'low-risk' technology when it comes to the TPS. If the TPS members cannot do their jobs without use of AI, then they should not exist and they should lose their funding and positions.