* GROWING UP IN TORONTO as a black woman, the police are oppressing black, indigenous communities and OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOUR communities. BLACK LIVES MATTER. The Police need to be DEFUNDED and to be DE-MILITARIZED.
* I call for the Toronto police to be DEFUNDED and for the services to be put towards mental health facilities/awareness, communities/community engagement, education, housing etc. Edmonton announced today on July 9th, 2020 that they will be CUTTING $11 million dollars and to be re-invested, YET TORONTO POLICE HAS INCREASED THEIR POLICE BUDGET BY $50 MILLION FOR BODYCAMERAS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN INEFFECTIVE. Seems like John Tory and the other city councillors of Toronto DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE.
* The police are supposed to protect the people BUT YET DEADLY ENCOUNTERS INVOLVING WITH TORONTO POLICE, OVER A 3RD OF THE VICTIMS ARE BLACK. WHY DOESN’T THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY POLICE FORCE MAINTAIN NATIONAL STATISTICS ON POLICE- INVOLVED FATALITIES? STOP COVERING UP THE SYSTEMATIC RACISM CANADA BECAUSE IT IS VERY APPARENT HERE. Over 1 billion in funding goes to the police and the Toronto citizens are PAYING $2 million dollars a day towards oppression. WHY AM I PAYING $2 MILLION DOLLARS A DAY FOR ME TO BE FEARING FOR MY LIFE THAT A COP CAN MAKE ME BLIND OR MURDER ME. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS, PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE MENTAL HEALTH SHOULD NOT FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES OVER PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THEM. WELLNESS CHECKS SHOULD NOT BE DONE BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE MILITARY WEAPONS. POLICE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DE-ESCALATE A SITUATION.
* SAMMY YATIM, REGIS KORCHINSKI-PAQUET, DUANE CHRISTIAN AND MANY OTHERS, WE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT US! YOU DIDN’T PROTECT THEM. DEFUND THE POLICE AND BLACK LIVES MATTER.