



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

The Auditor General’s Second Follow-up Review on the Police Investigation of Sexual Assaults

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From:	Auditor General
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this second follow-up review was to determine the extent to which audit recommendations contained in the 2004 review have been implemented by the Toronto Police Service. The results of the current review are presented in the attached report entitled “The Auditor General’s Second Follow-up Review on the Police Investigation of Sexual Assaults”.

Overall the Toronto Police Service has made significant strides to address issues raised in our 2004 review. The current review determined that 19 of the 25 recommendations from the 2004 review have been fully addressed and implemented. Work is in progress to address the remaining six recommendations. In addition, the current review provides three new recommendations requiring attention by the Police Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Auditor General recommends that:

1. The Toronto Police Services Board adopt the following recommendations in the attached report entitled “The Auditor General’s Second Follow-up Review on the Police Investigation of Sexual Assaults”:
 - “1. The Chief of Police ensure the internal monitoring process for sexual assault reports is implemented consistently and effectively. In particular:
 - a. The Service compliance results should be regularly provided to and reviewed by senior officers in charge of Divisional Policing Command, the Sex Crimes Unit, and the Training and Education Unit.

Areas showing below expected compliance level should be identified and adequately addressed through measures including training and disciplinary action.

- b. Divisions should adhere to the internal monitoring requirements, and the case assessment completion rates are monitored and reported to senior officers.
 2. The Chief of Police give consideration to the inclusion of sexual assault reports investigated by the Sex Crimes Unit in the internal monitoring process for sexual assault reports.
 3. The Chief of Police ensure that the new information system acquired by the Toronto Police Service to replace the existing information systems is properly designed to accurately and efficiently track records of supervisory review.”
2. The Toronto Police Services Board forward this report to the Audit Committee for information.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of recommendations contained in this report and attachment.

DECISION HISTORY

Since 1999, the City’s Auditor General has now conducted three independent reviews on the police investigation of sexual assaults.

In 1999, the Auditor General issued a report entitled “Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service”. The review was conducted at the request of City Council in response to the successful civil case of Jane Doe versus the Commissioners of Police of the then Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. The report contained 57 recommendations. The report and its recommendations were adopted by City Council in February 2000, and they are available at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/audit/1999/102599.pdf>

One of the 1999 recommendations was that the Auditor General conduct a follow-up audit in regard to the implementation status of the recommendations. Accordingly, the Auditor General conducted a follow-up review in 2004 and provided a total of 25 recommendations, many of which related to similar issues identified in the original 1999 review. The 2004 report and recommendations are available at:

http://www.toronto.ca/audit/reports2004_sub4.htm

In adopting the Auditor General's 2004 recommendations, the Toronto Police Services Board in February 2005 requested the Auditor General to conduct a further follow-up review within three years. The Auditor General originally scheduled the review in the 2008 Audit Work Plan. However, subsequent to discussions with the Chair of the Board and senior management at the Police Service, the Auditor General determined that it would be more practical to defer the review until late 2009. The Police Services Board was advised of the deferral in writing by the Auditor General in September 2008.

The Auditor General commenced the second follow-up review in late 2009 and completed the work in early 2010. The review results are provided in the attached report.

COMMENTS

The report entitled "The Auditor General's Second Follow-up Review on the Police Investigation of Sexual Assaults" is attached as Appendix 1. The report contains three exhibits as follows:

- Exhibit 1 – A list of the 2004 audit recommendations assessed as fully implemented and a summary of findings in support of the audit assessment.
- Exhibit 2 – A list of the 2004 audit recommendations assessed as partially implemented, a summary of audit findings, and responses from the Chief of Police.
- Exhibit 3 – A summary of 2010 audit findings necessitating additional recommendations, the new recommendations from the current review, and responses from the Chief of Police.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix 1: The Auditor General's Second Follow-up Review on the Police Investigation of Sexual Assaults