

Dear committee members,

I have had the honour and privilege of a thirty year association with the Toronto Police Service as an auxiliary officer and volunteer in both 11 and 14 Divisions so perhaps have a closer insight with the Forces' operation than the average citizen. I am also the coordinator of West Toronto Neighbourhood Watch so am vitally concerned with making Toronto and safer and better place to live.

There is an old saying that you give a workman poor tools and you will receive a poor job.

11 and 14 Divisions both operate out of deplorable conditions. The buildings are very old and need many repairs. Lack of adequate heating in the winter, air conditioning in the summer. Frequent flooding through ancient plumbing, inadequate parking for the officers, civilian staff and the public. Three and four desks crammed into offices with barely room to move. Telephones ringing constantly and officers trying to carry on conversations with their colleagues side by side. There are 196 employees at 11 Division and 338 at the 14 Division Main Station with sixty of them in a hundred and twenty five year old building at the CNE which should be under the same roof as the Main Station. There are also a number of "unwelcome guests" known as rats.

Officers dedicate their lives to serve and protect and shouldn't have to be exposed to such dreadful working conditions. It is not only very difficult but also bad for morale. More officers are needed and the government has promised funding but there is nowhere for the new officers to be accommodated.

Like all large cities Toronto has its share of crime, but the Service has been making excellent progress through efficiency, new innovations and hard work. The Toronto Police Service is the largest in Canada and has Officers are sent from forces all over the world to view it in action.

The Toronto Police Force cannot work alone. With adequate facilities and the strong support of City Council and the community working together as a strong unit we WILL have a safer and better city in which to live.

I know there have to be cut backs in the budgets but I do hope you will give serious consideration to granting the funding for the two new Stations.

Thank you for granting me the privilege to address to you to-day.

Respectfully submitted

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City of Toronto resident**