



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Follow-Up Audit on the Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Toronto Police Services Board that the Auditor General is deferring the Follow-Up Audit on the “Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service.” This follow-up audit work was originally included in the Auditor General’s 2008 Audit Work Plan and was to begin in late 2008. Subsequent to discussions with Senior Management at the Police Service, the Auditor General has determined that it would be more practical to defer this work until 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the receipt of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

In 1999, the Auditor General issued a report entitled “Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service” which contained 57 recommendations.

In 2005, the Auditor General issued a follow-up report on the recommendations made to the Toronto Police Services Board regarding the investigation of sexual assaults. The audit follow-up found the Toronto Police Service had not addressed all of the original 57 audit recommendations and included 25 additional recommendations. The Board adopted the recommendations and approved the establishment of a Steering Committee to include three senior officers from the Service and an equal number of women from the anti-violence community to provide expertise with respect to the implementation of the Auditor General’s recommendations.

The Toronto Police Services Board requested the Auditor General to conduct a further follow-up audit on this matter within three years. The Auditor General included the follow-up work on the Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service in the 2008 audit work plan.

COMMENTS

On May 21, 2008 the Sexual Assault Steering Committee presented their final report to the Toronto Police Services Board regarding the work accomplished by the Committee and additional action required by the Toronto Police Service.

The Toronto Police Services Board adopted a recommendation that the Chief of Police develop a process to evaluate the changes implemented to training as they relate to sexual assault and for the evaluation to be completed by the fall of 2009.

The Auditor General has since met with Senior Police Management to discuss the timing of the police evaluation relative to the follow-up audit work planned for the fall of 2008. As a result of these discussions, the Auditor General determined that it would be more practical to postpone the follow-up audit work until 2009 subsequent to the report of the Chief.

CONCLUSION

The Auditor General intends to defer the follow-up audit work on the report entitled “Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults - Toronto Police Service.” This audit work was to begin in September 2008 and will now be included in the 2009 Audit Work Plan.

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