



**STAFF REPORT  
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**Audits for Toronto Police Services Board Included in the Auditor General’s 2009 Work Plan**

<b>Date:</b>	February 5, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Audit Committee
<b>From:</b>	Jeff Griffiths, Auditor General
<b>Wards:</b>	All
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**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to advise Audit Committee of the audit work to be conducted at Toronto Police Services by the Auditor General in 2009. In accordance with the *City of Toronto Act*, the Auditor General’s mandate does not extend to the Toronto Police Services. The Auditor General is able to conduct audit work at the Toronto Police Service only at the request of the Toronto Police Services Board. This work has been requested by the Toronto Police Services Board.

The two projects relate to a follow-up of previously issued reports on:

- “The Auditor General’s Follow-up Review on the October 1999 Report Entitled Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service” submitted to the Toronto Police Services Board in February 2005.
- “Review of Police Training – Opportunities for Improvement” submitted to the Toronto Police Services Board in January 2007.

The Auditor General advised the Toronto Police Services Board at the meeting held on December 18, 2008 that these particular audits are included in the Auditor General’s 2009 Audit Work Plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

Section 177 of the *City of Toronto Act* mandates the appointment of an Auditor General. Section 178 (3) outlines the Powers and Duties of the Auditor General. Section 178 (3) states that the “Auditor General may exercise the powers and shall perform the duties as may be assigned to him or her by city council in respect of the City, its local boards (restricted definition) and such city-controlled corporations and grant recipients as city council may specify”.

The *Act* defines restricted local boards which are outside the authority of the Auditor General as:

- (1) Toronto Police Services Board
- (2) Toronto Public Library
- (3) Toronto Board of Health

City Council has mandated, by an amendment to the Toronto Municipal Code that “the Auditor General may undertake financial (excluding attest), compliance and performance audits and provide recommendations to the above boards upon request by the boards”.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

### Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service

In 1999, the Auditor General issued a report entitled: “Review of the Investigation of Sexual Assaults – Toronto Police Service which contained 57 recommendations. The Auditor General issued a follow-up report on these recommendations to the Toronto Police Service Board in February 2005. This follow-up found the Toronto Police Service had not addressed all of the original 57 recommendations and included 25 additional recommendations. The Toronto Police Services Board requested the Auditor General to conduct a further follow-up audit on this matter within three years. This follow-up work was originally included in the Auditor General 2008 audit work plan.

A report was issued to the Toronto Police Services Board in October 2008 recommending that this project be deferred to 2009. This report outlining the reasons for the deferral is available at: <http://www.toronto.ca/audit/reports2008.htm>

### Review of Police Training – Opportunities for Improvement – Toronto Police Service

The Auditor General issued the Review of Police Training – Opportunities for Improvement at the January 2007 meeting of the Toronto Police Services Board. At this meeting the Board adopted the 39 recommendations included in the report and approved a motion for the Auditor General to perform a follow-up in 18 months. The Auditor General has included the follow-up work in the 2009 audit work plan.

## **CONCLUSION**

This report informs Audit Committee of the audit work included in the Auditor General's 2009 Audit Work Plan which will be performed for the Toronto Police Services Board.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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