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Toronto Police Service: 2008 Annual Report on Parking Tag Issuance

Date:	March 5, 2009
To:	Executive Committee, City of Toronto
From:	Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive Committee with the Toronto Police Service's 2008 annual report on parking tag issuance.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications in regard to the receipt of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of February 12, 2009, the Toronto Police Services Board (the Board) was in receipt of an annual report dated January 21, 2009, from William Blair, Chief of Police, regarding the Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit's 2008 parking tag issuance.

COMMENTS

The Board approved the Chief's report and agreed to forward a copy to the Executive Committee for information.

CONCLUSION

A copy of Board Minute No. P33/09, in the form attached as Appendix "A", regarding this matter is provided for information.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A – Board Minute No. P33/09

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Appendix A

THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2009

#P33. ANNUAL REPORT: 2008 PARKING ENFORCEMENT UNIT TAG ISSUANCE

The Board was in receipt of the following report January 21, 2009 from William Blair, Chief of Police:

Subject: ANNUAL REPORT: 2008 PARKING ENFORCEMENT UNIT TAG
ISSUANCE

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Board receive this report; and
- (2) the Board forward a copy of this report to the City of Toronto Executive Committee for its consideration.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications relating to the recommendations contained within this report.

Background/Purpose:

This report provides information on the Parking Enforcement Unit achievements, activities and annual parking tag issuance during the year 2008 (Appendix A refers).

Discussion:

The Parking Enforcement Unit analyzes historical parking tag data on an annual basis in order to forecast anticipated parking tag issuance for Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO's), Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEO's) and police officers. The City of Toronto requests this information for use during the annual budget process.

Annual Parking Tag Issuance

Based on historical trends, the total parking tag issuance for the year 2008 was forecast to be 2,800,000 tags. Total parking tag issuance includes tags issued by PEO's, MLEO's, and police officers. The actual 2008 issuance is expected to be approximately 2,880,113

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tags, which exceeds the anticipated parking tag issuance by approximately 80,000 tags. The final parking tag issuance numbers will be presented by the City of Toronto, Parking Tag Operations in its 2008 Year End Report.

The following is a breakdown of the actual parking tag issuance estimates by group.

Group	Tags Issued
Parking Enforcement Unit	2,593,279
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers	271,000
Police Officers	15,834

Other Information

In addition to parking tag issuance, the Parking Enforcement Unit provided operational support to the Toronto Police Service in the following manner.

During the 2008 calendar year, PEO's were instrumental in recovering 1,539 stolen vehicles. Of this total, 884 can be directly attributed to Project Street Sweeper. Members of the unit were also responsible for towing approximately 32,269 vehicles, including 820 that were without proper registration plates and 1,591 that were relocated due to snow removal operations, parades and special events. The unit also responded to 126,830 calls for service from members of the public. This figure represents an increase of 8.7% over the previous year.

Conclusion:

The Parking Enforcement Unit contributes positively to the achievement of the goals and priorities of the Toronto Police Service by:

- ensuring enforcement is fair and equitable to all;
- providing a visible uniform presence on the streets;
- ensuring positive outreach to the community through public awareness campaigns and education programs;
- ensuring interoperability with other TPS units and City of Toronto departments.

In 2008, the tag issuance projection was 2.8M tags. The final total for 2008 is estimated to be approximately 2,880,113 tags. This represents an increase of 80,000 over the projected number.

Deputy Chief, A.J. (Tony) Warr Specialized Operations Command, will be in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have concerning this report.

The Board received the foregoing report and agreed to forward a copy to the City of Toronto – Executive Committee for information.

Appendix "A"

Parking Enforcement Unit	2006	2007	2008
Parking Tag Issuance – PEO's	2,566,383	2,582,260	2,593,279
Parking Tag Issuance – PEO's, MLEO's, PC's	2,829,000	2,859,434	2,880,113*
Processable Tag Rate – PEO's	98.3%	99.8%	99.9%
Absenteeism (short term sick)	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%
Assaults	64	57	58
Total Stolen Autos Recovered	2,002	1,944	1,539
Stolen Autos Recovered – Street Sweeper	1,353	1,159	884
Stolen Autos Recovered – PEO's	649	785	655
Stolen Plates Recovered	N/A	N/A	46
Vehicles Towed	39,293	35,893	33,269
Calls for Service Received	109,325	116,677	126,830
<i>Assistance to TPS Units</i>			
Arrest Assists	69	65	54
Unplated Vehicles Towed	1,050	1,076	820
Vehicles Relocated	N/A	N/A	1,591
Language Interpretations	218	143	125
Hours Spent on Interpretations	446	385	259
Special Events	51	48	169
Hours Spent on Special Events	1,245	1,112	2,903
H.T.A Charges (Disabled Permits)	690	583	550
Disabled Permits Cautioned	N/A	N/A	180
Disabled Permits Seizures/HTA	1,066	865	931

* Estimates, PC's and MLEO's issue manual tags and all issued tags have not yet been processed at the time of this report.