



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Toronto Police Services Board - Response to the City Executive Committee Regarding: Downloaded Policing Costs by the Federal Government

Date:	August 13, 2010
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 Services Board's response to the Executive Committee regarding downloaded policing costs by the federal government.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the April 14, 2010 special meeting of Council, the City Manager submitted a high-level report to City Council for approval of the 2010 Operating Budget. At that time, Council approved the following motion;

City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board, with assistance from the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, report back to the Executive Committee on August 16, 2010, with an updated report on downloaded policing costs by the federal government.

The Toronto Police Services Board has long studied the issue of cost-recovery and views it as a critical component in the analysis of funding for police services.

Due to the complexity involved in the preparation of this report, we are unable to report back in full at this time. However, I understand that August 16, 2010 is the last meeting of the Executive Committee for this term of Council. Therefore, I am forwarding for your information a letter from Chief of Police William Blair with respect to this report for inclusion in the agenda of the August 16, 2010 Executive Committee meeting.

As the Chief states in his letter, the response requires an in-depth review of the policing services that are attributed to federal policing activities and the associated costs. This

will be a lengthy, complex but significant process. I believe it is important that the report be drafted in a well-researched and broad manner.

I am also in agreement with the Chief that it is appropriate that this report be submitted as part of the 2011 budget process. This will also allow for the time required for adequate research and preparation on this important subject.

CONCLUSION

A copy of a letter from Chief William Blair, dated August 12, 2010, in the form of Appendix "A", regarding this matter is provided for information.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A – Letter from Chief of Police William Blair, dated August 12, 2010

cc. Mr. Joseph Pennachetti, City Manager
Chief of Police William Blair

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Staff report for information on downloaded policing costs

Appendix A



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William Blair
Chief of Police

File Number:

August 12, 2010

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Chair
Toronto Police Services Board
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Dear Chair Mukherjee:

**Re: Toronto Police Service Response to the City Executive Committee Regarding:
Downloaded Policing Costs by the Federal Government**

At its meeting of April 14, 2010, City Council considered a report from the City Manager on, *Toronto Police Service Policing Costs by the Federal Government* and a detailed costing model suggested by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) entitled: *Towards Equity and Efficiency in Policing*, which states that at least 10% of a municipal police force's annual budget should be reduced by Government of Canada for federal policing activities.

Also included with this report was a 2006 report from the Chief of Police, entitled *Examination into Cost Recovery Opportunities for the Toronto Police Service* which outlines the responsibilities of the Toronto Police Service in providing policing services that incurred costs that could be attributed to federal activities. (Min. No. P252/06 refers)

Following consideration of these reports the City Manager recommended that:

City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board, with the assistance from the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, report back to the Executive Committee on August 16, 2010, with an updated report on downloaded policing costs by the federal government.

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The Toronto Police Service will undertake an in-depth review of the policing services that are attributed to federal policing activities and the associated costs. An examination of all pillars of the Service is necessary to identify cost recovery opportunities. The appropriate Service staff will work in conjunction with City's Chief Financial Manager and the Deputy City Manager to identify, any potential cost recovery opportunities.

The Service anticipates that this information will come forward in line with this year's budget process.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Blair', is positioned above the printed name.

William Blair, O.O.M.
Chief of Police