
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM51.10	ACTION			Ward: All
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To commend the outstanding work of Chief Bill Blair, the Toronto Police Service and the police officers working during the G20 Summit in Toronto - by Councillor Grimes, seconded by Councillor Saundercook

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Grimes, seconded by Councillor Saundercook, recommends that:

1. City Council commend and thank Chief Bill Blair and the Toronto Police Service as well as the RCMP, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Canadian Forces and the Peel Regional Police personnel, along with all other police services that participated in this joint venture, on a job well done.

Summary

This motion is to commend the outstanding work of Chief Bill Blair, Toronto Police Service and the police officers of the G20 Integrated Security Unit as they maintained order in downtown Toronto. The G20 Integrated Security Unit (ISU) made up of RCMP, Toronto Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Forces and Peel Regional Police personnel as well as other police services did excellent work handling the security for the G20 Summit in our City. The goal of the joint force was to ensure our Toronto Taxpayers, Canadians, delegates, media and international visitors along with the City of Toronto, remained safe. They achieved this goal and protected Toronto, using a minimal amount of force. The Integrated Security Unit and its partners had a comprehensive security plan that has been developed by Canada's best security experts in the field.

While the majority of people in Toronto were shocked to see violent outbreaks in our city, the Toronto Police Services and its partners took actions that were not geared to inciting the crowd but to take control of the situation, protect the safety and security of our taxpayers, visitors and our streets. The police are to be commended for ensuring the safety of individuals, who were legitimate protestors as well as innocent onlookers, as this was considered as a first priority during the outbreaks of violence.

Toronto Police Service should also be commended for taking every measure to educate and inform the public in advance of the Summit of the measures that would be in place. The G20 ISU used social media before, during, and after the Summit to update the public and media with official information, which was both timely and accurate, as well as using the tool to monitor the intent of criminals infiltrating crowds in the downtown core.

The integrated unit members along with our Toronto Police Service worked seamlessly as a team.

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