



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Toronto Police Services Board –2017 Proposed Net Operating Budget Request

Date:	November 9, 2016
To:	Budget Committee, City of Toronto
From:	Andy Pringle, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Budget Committee with the 2017 operating budget request for the Toronto Police Services Board ('the Board').

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget Committee approve a proposed 2017 net operating budget of \$2,309,100 which is an increase of 0.31% over a 2016 adjusted budget of \$2,301,900.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed 2017 net operating budget, recommended in this report, represents an increase of 0.31% over a 2016 adjusted budget of \$ 2,301,900. The Toronto Police Services Board (TPSB) 2017 operating budget request is a net amount of \$2,309,100.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on October 20, 2016, the Board considered a report dated October 13, 2016, containing a proposed 2017 net operating budget for the Board.

COMMENTS

Ms. Joanne Campbell, Executive Director, delivered a presentation with regard to the Board's 2017 operating budget request. A copy of the presentation slides is on file in the Board Office.

The Board approved the following Motion:

1. THAT the Board amend recommendation no. 1 by increasing its requested operating budget for 2017 in the amount of \$12,000 to enable the Board to retain a criminologist to review and report to the Board on the street check practice research conducted in other jurisdictions. This will result in a total budget request of \$2,309,100; and

The Board also agreed to forward a copy of this report to the City's Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for information.

CONCLUSION

A copy of Board Minute No. P245/16, in the form attached as Appendix "A", regarding this matter is provided for information.

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SIGNATURE

Andy Pringle
Chair

ATTACHMENT

Appendix A – Board Minute No. P245/16

cc. Mr. Rob Rossini, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

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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 OCTOBER 20, 2016

#P245 TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD 2017 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

The Board was in receipt of the following report October 13, 2016 from Andy Pringle, Chair:

Subject: Toronto Police Services Board 2017 Operating Budget Request

Recommendation(s):

1. THAT the Board approve a proposed 2017 net operating budget of \$2,297,100 which is a decrease of 0.21% over a 2016 adjusted budget of \$ 2,301,900
2. THAT the Board forward this report to the City's Budget Committee for consideration and to the City's Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer for information.

Financial Implications:

The proposed 2017 net operating budget, recommended in this report, represents a decrease of 0.21% over a 2016 adjusted budget of \$ 2,301,900. The Toronto Police Services Board (TPSB) 2017 operating budget request is a net amount of \$2,297,100.

Background / Purpose:

The Toronto Police Services Board's 2017 operating budget target, does not achieve the City's target of a 2.6 % decrease over the 2016 Council adjusted net operating budget.

Discussion:

New initiatives:

The requested budget includes no new initiatives; however, it reflects a \$55,000 cost of implementing a settlement of an external human rights case. This unanticipated budgetary pressure prevents the Board from achieving the reduction target.

Consideration of Further Reductions: Non-salary Accounts

The Board has very limited options in terms of achieving further reductions. In terms of non-salary accounts, when the amounts allocated for the City Legal chargeback, chargeback and for external labour relations legal counsel are factored out of the budget, the actual non-salary costs proposed in the 2017 budget amount to only \$59,800. The amount budgeted in 2016 for the City Audit Services interdepartmental chargeback was not expended and consequently has not been included in the budget. In late 2016, the Board implemented a paperless agenda solution which is anticipated to improve efficiency.

The proposed 2017 budget includes funding for limited professional development and learning opportunities for Board members by providing sufficient funds for their attendance at the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards' (OAPSB) conference and the Canadian Association of Police Governance's (CAPG) conference.

Funds will not be available in the event that the Board requires legal advice other than that which is available from the City of Toronto Legal department or from the Board's contracted labour relations law firm. Similarly, no funds will be available should the Board require any external consulting advice or professional services.

Expenditures within the proposed legal services accounts are difficult to predict as they are often incurred in response to an action or event. Recent settlement statistics related to labour disputes and grievances do indicate that fewer matters proceed to a hearing; the matters that do proceed to hearings are increasingly complex. With the implementation of projects and initiatives from the Transformational Taskforce's final report, it is anticipated that there will be an increased frequency of labour relations legal expenditures in 2017. Due to the complexity and in many cases novel features of these files, they will likely consume substantial legal resources, including time for preparation for hearings.

Consideration: Salary and Benefit Accounts

The budget request in the Board's salary and benefit accounts, totalling \$1,019,500, includes salary/benefits for its approved staff complement and for the Council-established Board Member remuneration.

Board staff members provide the administrative support to ensure the Board's provision of civilian oversight to the community. As such, the work performed by the staff is fundamentally linked to the Board's ability to provide adequate and effective police services to the community.

Board staff must not only deal with the significant volume of work generated by the Board on a day-to-day basis but also manage on-going strategic, proactive policy initiatives; both are areas that are critical in meeting the Board's legislative mandate.

Currently, with the Board's limited staff, it is often challenging to meet the existing demands.

Further, in 2015 the Board received a final report on the implementation of the recommendations arising from Justice Morden's *Independent Civilian Review into Matters Relating to the G20 Summit*. This report recommends a substantially expanded and strengthened role for civilian governance of the Toronto Police Service. In his report at page 37, Justice Morden writes:

The Board and its staff in the past have increasingly shouldered a heavy burden in carrying out their responsibilities. If my recommendations are implemented this burden will be increased. Likely, this will necessitate the devotion of further resources to support the Board's work.

Since receiving and approving Morden's report, the Board has reduced its staff complement and has significantly reduced its budget in response to the City's budget pressures.

Conclusion:

In an effort to further improve effectiveness and in light of the work of the Transformational Task Force and in anticipation of changes to the Police Services Act, which is the provincial legislation establishing the Board's mandate, the Board will continue to assess its governance role and the resources required to support its role

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- 2. THAT the Board approve recommendation no. 2.**

Moved by: S. Carroll

Seconded by: C. Lee

2017 Proposed Operating Budget

Toronto Police Services Board

	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	Change	2017 Request
Salaries	790,486	879,500	15,600	895,100
Benefits	113,422	122,700	1,700	124,400
Materials/Supplies	6,423	7,600	0	7,600
Equipment	1,427	900	25,100	26,000
Services/Rents	1,754,376	2,041,200	(297,200)	1,744,000
Total Revenue	(460,324)	(750,000)	250,000	(500,000)
Total	2,205,810	2,301,900	(4,800)	2,297,100