



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Toronto Police Services Board – Response to the City of Toronto’s Core Service Review – Options and Opportunities

Date:	July 27, 2011
To:	Executive Committee, City of Toronto
From:	Michael Thompson, Acting Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the City of Toronto Executive Committee that the Toronto Police Services Board will assess the options/opportunities contained in the Core Service Review prepared by KPMG LLP.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Executive Committee receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on July 21, 2011, the Toronto Police Services Board was in receipt of a copy of a report, dated July 21, 2011, from Joseph Pennachetti, City Manager, City of Toronto, to the City of Toronto – Executive Committee with regard to the City of Toronto Core Service Review Project conducted for the City by KPMG LLP.

COMMENTS

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CONCLUSION

The Board approved the following Motions:

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6. THAT the suggestion that consideration be given to removing the requirement for police officers at construction sites be referred to City of Toronto – Transportation Services.

A copy of Board Minute No. P172/11, in the form attached as Appendix "A" to this report, regarding this matter is provided for information.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A – Board Minute No. P172/11

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Appendix “A”

THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD HELD ON JULY 21, 2011

#P172. CITY OF TORONTO - CORE SERVICE REVIEW

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