



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Use of Toronto Hydro Poles for Toronto Police Service CCTV Cameras

Date:	February 14, 2013
To:	Executive Committee, City of Toronto
From:	Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Toronto Hydro review the terms, conditions and fees that are outlined in the Attachment Agreement regarding the use of hydro poles for the installation of Toronto Police Service CCTV cameras.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Executive Committee forward a recommendation to Toronto City Council requesting that it ask Toronto Hydro to review the terms, conditions and fees associated with an Attachment Agreement for the use of poles for the installation of Toronto Police Service CCTV cameras.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on January 23, 2013 the Toronto Police Services Board (Board) considered a report from the Chief of Police regarding the status of the installation of Toronto Police Service CCTV cameras in the Weston-Mount Dennis community.

The Board was advised that the CCTV cameras will not be installed until terms and conditions related to the use of the poles, power sources and specific costs are resolved in a formal agreement.

The Board subsequently approved the following Motion:

THAT the Board ask Toronto City Council to request that Toronto Hydro review terms, conditions and fees associated with its Attachment

Agreement for the use of poles for the installation of TPS CCTV Cameras.

CONCLUSION

A copy of Board Minute No. P07/13, in the form attached as Appendix "A", regarding this matter is provided for information.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A – Board Minute No. P07/13

A: hydro poles for CCTV cameras.doc

Appendix A
THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2013

#P7. TAVIS INITIATIVES – WESTON COMMUNITY

The Board was in receipt of the following report January 03, 2013 from William Blair, Chief of Police:

Subject: TAVIS INITIATIVES - WESTON COMMUNITY

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board receive this report.

Financial Implications:

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

Background/Purpose:

At its meeting of February 16, 2012, Board member Councillor Nunziata submitted the following motion, which was approved by the Board:

“That the Board request the Chief to report on TAVIS initiatives in the Weston Community in 2011 and include reasons for not installing security cameras that may have been part of the program” (Min. No. P47/2012 refers).

Discussion:

In April 2011, 12 Division was selected to receive the Neighbourhood TAVIS Initiative (NTI), specifically the Lawrence Avenue and Weston Road corridor (Weston - Mount Dennis Community).

From June 13, 2011, to September 25, 2011, 12 Division implemented and managed the Neighbourhood TAVIS Initiative (NTI) in the Weston - Mount Dennis community. This community had experienced heightened levels of violence such as street robberies, shootings and homicides connected to gangs, guns and drug activities.

The NTI program provided 12 Division with 26 additional officers from across the Service for assignment to Primary Response Unit (PRU) patrol duties. This in turn allowed the division to hand select and deploy 26 of its own officers, who would have been normally assigned to PRU, to foot and bicycle patrol.

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The NTI officers focused on reducing the violence and improving the quality of life in the neighbourhoods by interrupting criminal and disorderly behaviour at key locations and times in the community. They implemented a variety of law enforcement activities and also paid special attention to engage the community through meetings, events, conversation, and other means to develop trust, partnerships and mobilization opportunities.

The NTI placed emphasis on creating mobilization opportunities by participating and encouraging resident involvement in many information sharing events, which included but was not limited to:

Youth Programs

The local youth were engaged using a variety of mediums including sporting events, the arts, and faith based programs.

A few examples of youth programs that 12 Division NTI officers were involved in included:

- TPAAA Playground Games attended by Chief Blair and Chair Mukherjee
- Triple Balance Summer Camp
- Frontlines Summer Camp
- Doorsteps Boys Club
- Boys to Men Summer Camp
- Iron Sisters Fitness
- Weston Collegiate Institute Summer Camp
- ProAction Cops & Kids York Lions Steel Band
- Brookhaven Public School Summer Camp

The NTI officers received continuous positive feedback from camp-goers and organizers alike, particularly with regards to the increased officer presence in their respective areas.

Officers also organized and participated in numerous community youth-focused barbeques and meet and greet events throughout the division, such as:

- NTI Kickoff BBQ with over 100 community members in attendance
- St. John Evangelist Catholic School BBQ
- Corbrook Awakening Abilities BBQ
- Jane Street Hub BBQ which was attended by Councillor Nunziata and Provincial MPP Albanese Weston King Neighbourhood Centre BBQ
- Urban Arts BBQ

Crime Prevention Activities/ Business Partnerships

Local residents and businesses were engaged by officers on a daily basis with a focus on crime prevention information. Partnerships were forged with local businesses to work together on future community programs.

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A few businesses and organizations that partnered with the NTI in 12 Division included the Weston BIA, Irving Tissue, Weston Road Farmer's Market and Frontlines Youth Centre.

Beautification Projects/Graffiti Eradication

The NTI officers of 12 Division were involved in various graffiti eradication and beautification projects throughout the summer initiative, such as the partnership with Urban Arts Toronto, a youth centre, where a wall mural at 1901 Weston Road was unveiled.

Officers also participated in a graffiti eradication project at the rear of 30 Denarda Street, a Toronto Community Housing facility; the area of graffiti was approximately 6,000 square feet. By working in concert with local residents and businesses, all of the necessary supplies and resources were obtained to remove the graffiti.

CCTV Cameras

Further to the aforementioned activities, the Service endeavoured to have closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras installed. A survey of the residential and business community resulted in overwhelming support, and installation was supported by the Information and Privacy Commission.

The Service performed a land survey of the community, mapped out locations for potential cameras, and then sought assistance from Toronto Hydro Electrical Services Limited (THESL) to install the CCTV cameras on their hydro poles.

In June 2011, just prior to the TAVIS NTI launch in the Weston - Mount Dennis Community, THESL required that the Service enter into a formalized Attachment Agreement. The Agreement is intended to cover the terms and conditions for using THESL poles, their power sources and other installation costs required to facilitate CCTV operations for the Service.

The scope of the Attachment Agreement relates to both existing and proposed CCTV installations for the Service. A key component of this agreement was to perform an extensive audit of existing CCTV locations and optical fibre connections located in the downtown core in use by the Service.

The CCTV Service infrastructure audit has been completed. The Toronto Police Service Information Technology Services unit (ITS) is utilizing the audit information and remains actively engaged in negotiations with THESL to complete the Attachment Agreement referenced above.

Conclusion:

CCTV cameras are one of many tools that the Service uses to prevent, detect and solve crimes. The Attachment Agreement was not completed in time to allow for CCTV cameras to be installed in the Weston Community. The Service continues to work with THESL to complete the

Agreement and ensure that CCTV cameras are a viable tool in the future of neighbourhood safety.

Strong community and police partnerships are based on mutual trust, respect and understanding. Community members have told officers assigned to the NTI program that they had an improved sense of public safety and quality of life in their neighbourhoods, including a sense of growing community spirit.

The constructive partnerships and positive outcomes that occurred as a result of community and police interaction in the Weston - Mount Dennis Community support the continuation of the NTI program leading to safer, more secure, and healthier neighbourhoods.

Deputy Chief Peter Sloly, Divisional Policing Command, will be in attendance to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding this report.

Deputy Chief Mark Saunders, Specialized Operations Command, was in attendance and responded to questions by the Board.

The Board received the foregoing report and approved the following Motions:

- 1. THAT the Chief of Police provide a further report to the Board, no later than March 2013, updating the Board on the status of the installation of CCTV cameras in the Weston Community and, if necessary, seeking the Board's assistance in facilitating the necessary approvals for the installation of these cameras; and**
- 2. THAT the Board ask Toronto City Council to request that Toronto Hydro review the terms, conditions and fees associated with its Attachment Agreement for the use of poles for the installation of TPS CCTV cameras.**