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**Re: EX44.34 Response to City Council Motions Pertaining to Paid Duties**

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to request that the Committee consider directing the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, to report on the following recommendations, with the addition of report back dates, contained in AU10.16 and adopted at Council on April 3, 2013:

1. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to initiate discussions with the Province of Ontario, in order to determine whether or not the Province would consider amending the relevant legislation to accommodate the Vancouver model for Paid Duty, and report back to the first Audit Committee meeting of 2015.
2. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, to meet with the Province of Ontario to request that Toronto be allowed to consider all options related to Paid Duty, inclusive of the Vancouver model, and report back to the first Executive Committee meeting of 2015.

As a member of the Council's Audit Committee, I set a process in motion to reduce the number of paid-duty police officers the City needs to hire at construction and work sites. I, along with many residents, find it frustrating to see police officers standing by work sites while other budgets to important City services are being cut.

At the April 2013 Council meeting, the City adopted a motion that could see Toronto follow Vancouver's lead by ensuring that lower paid enforcement officials are monitoring construction sites. If permitted, this initiative will save our city millions of dollars while ensuring that the police are focused on serving and protecting us, as they do well.

Vancouver's employment of non-union peace officers for traffic control duties at work sites costs that city about \$30/hour compared to the \$68/hour fee received by Toronto's paid-duty police officers. The paid-duty model currently being used in Toronto is unfair not only to taxpayers, but also to those requesting this required traffic control, including small community organizations and festival organizers.

The lack of response by the Toronto Police Services Board to take action on the aforementioned directives from City Council regarding measures required to implement the Vancouver model in Toronto is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Matlow', written over a horizontal line.

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