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Summary:

City Council passed MM17.32 on April 1st, 2016 to request the Premier, the Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism and the new Anti-Racism Directorate, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission to review with an anti-black racism and anti-racism lens the manner in which police services are provided within the City of Toronto; and the mandate, procedures and outcomes of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) with respect to the treatment of cases that involve victims from racialized communities.

While the summary of the motion speaks to mental health as a factor in many deaths involving Toronto Police Services, the motion does not specifically include a request for a review SIU investigations involving individuals who may have been living with mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Therefore, I request that the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee puts forward the following recommendation to the Executive Committee:

Recommendation:

The Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that:

"City Council request the Premier, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission to review the mandate, procedures and outcomes of the Special Investigations Unit with respect to the treatment of cases that involve victims who are living with mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis."

Respectfully submitted,

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