
City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Request of the Province and the Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism to ensure Police Services and Investigations are Fair and Transparent - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council 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 the following with an anti-black racism and anti-racism lens:

- a. the manner in which police services are provided within the City of Toronto; and
- b. the mandate, procedures and outcomes of the Special Investigations Unit with respect to the treatment of cases that involve victims from racialized communities,

and further that such review include public consultation.

Summary

Everyone in Toronto should be able to participate fully and equally in society. This is one of the reasons the Provincial Government recently established the Anti-Racism Directorate and tasked them with applying an anti-racism lens to government policies, programs and services. A growing movement in Toronto has been calling for a review of the provision of police services and the work of the Special Investigations Unit. Black Lives Matter, community

outreach workers and mental health agencies have all been speaking out and telling us that people are not being treated justly.

The Province has the authority to ensure that police services are provided equitably and that the mandate of the Special Investigations Unit and its procedures take into account systemic racism. Conducting such a review is a necessary and responsible response to the claims that are being made and what appears to be a growing lack of trust.

This Motion is urgent as there is an escalating call for such a review from affected communities who are making the case that there is an immediate and pressing concern for safety and fairness.

The new Anti-Racism Directorate and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission should work to review the provision of police services as well as the mandate, procedures and outcomes of the Special Investigations Unit to determine what changes must be made to ensure people are being treated fairly. Such a review should include hearing from and consulting directly with affected communities.