

Immediate Steps to Address Gun Violence

Date: July 17, 2018

To: City Council

From: Interim City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

At its meeting of June 26, 2018, Council directed the City Manager to request an emergency meeting with the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Community Housing Corporation and appropriate staff to determine what additional resources are needed to take immediate steps to address gun and gang violence in our City, and report back to the July 23, 24 and 25, 2018 meeting of Council.

The City Manager will be reporting directly to City Council on the outcome of the meeting, as well as provide overview of current City, Toronto Police Service and Toronto Community Housing Corporation initiatives to address gun violence, and recommendations for immediate action for Council's consideration.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 26, 2018, Council directed the City Manager to request an emergency meeting with the Toronto Police Service and appropriate staff to determine what additional resources are needed to take immediate steps to address gun and gang violence in our City. Council also requested that:

- the Province amend the Highway Traffic Act and the Civic Remedies Act 2001 to prohibit driving in a motor vehicle in which there is an unlawfully possessed handgun,
- the Federal Government strengthen firearms control legislation (Bill C-71) to allow municipal police services access to legal firearms sales records, and
- the Mayor request the Federal and Provincial governments to review their bail guidelines and procedures to prevent persons with previous convictions involving the possession or use of illegal firearms or use of a firearm to commit a crime from being granted bail.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM43.23>

At its meeting of March 5, 2018, the Toronto Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to collaborate with Public Health Ontario and academic partners to

develop a research project on the impacts of community violence, and to work with City staff and affective communities to identify effective approaches to shooting incidents.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.HL25.6>

At its meeting on June 28, 2016, Executive Committee considered a Council Members Motion which proposed to direct the City Manager to investigate partnering with a corporate sponsor or implementing a City funded program to implement a gun amnesty buyback program. Executive Committee referred the item to the City Manager to report back to Committee.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX16.48>

At its meeting on March 26, 2018, City Council requested City staff to identify possible regulatory options to limit the sale, storage and use of ammunition for firearms within the City's borders, including zoning and licencing options, and to communicate support for federal efforts to restrict the availability, possession and use of firearms.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM38.8>

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