



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Toronto Police Services Board - Enforcement Investments to Combat Gun Violence

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| <b>Date:</b> | July 20, 2018                                      |
| <b>To:</b>   | Toronto City Council, City of Toronto              |
| <b>From:</b> | Andy Pringle, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board |

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request that Toronto City Council allocate and transfer to the Toronto Police Services Board funding for the increase of CCTV cameras and the acquisition and use of ShotSpotter in an amount not to exceed \$4 million for 2018 and 2019.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council approve an allocation and transfer to the Toronto Police Services Board funding for the costs related to acquiring, installing and operating an additional number of CCTV cameras, as well as the acquisition and use of ShotSpotter in an amount not to exceed \$4 million for 2018 and 2019.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is estimated that the funding for the increase of CCTV cameras and the acquisition and use of ShotSpotter will be in an amount not to exceed \$4 million for 2018 and 2019. Toronto City Council may recover some or all of this amount if the City receives funding from other levels of government based on grant applications it is likely to make.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on July 19, 2018, the Board was in receipt of a letter dated July 19, 2018 from Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto, regarding Enforcement Investments to Combat Gun Violence with several recommendations. Mayor Tory's letter was presented to the Board, and the following recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board:

That the Toronto Police Services Board:

- Approve an increase to the number of Toronto Police Service CCTV Cameras by 40, increasing the total number from 34 to 74 cameras;

- Approve the acquisition, implementation and use by the Toronto Police Services Board of ShotSpotter in locations to be determined by the Chief of Police as part of the Service's efforts to combat gun violence;
- Forward the request to Toronto City Council at its July 23, 2018 meeting to allocate and transfer to the Toronto Police Services Board funding for the increase of CCTV cameras and the acquisition and use of ShotSpotter in an amount not to exceed \$4 million for 2018 and 2019, if required, following the receipt of any funding from other levels of government;
- Request Chief Mark Saunders to report to the September 2018 Toronto Police Services Board meeting on the expansion of the Neighbourhood Officers program, including locations, costs and timelines; and,
- Engage with the federal and provincial orders of government to explore additional mechanism for financial and other support for the Service's efforts to combat gun violence and continue to implement the recommendations of *The Way Forward*.

During consideration of the Mayor's letter, the Board also approved the following Motion:

- Request the Chief to report to the Board at its September 2018 meeting concerning the ShotSpotter and CCTV technology, and what oversight is in place concerning the use of this technology by the Toronto Police Service.

## **COMMENTS**

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It should be noted that the Minutes of the Board's July 19, 2018 meeting are subject to approval at the Board's next meeting (scheduled for August 23, 2018).

## **CONCLUSION**

A copy of letter from Mayor John Tory is attached as Appendix "A."

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## **SIGNATURE**



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Andy Pringle  
Chair

## **ATTACHMENT**

Appendix A – Letter from Mayor John Tory, July 19, 2018

## APPENDIX “A”



John Tory  
Mayor

July 19, 2018

Chair and Members  
Toronto Police Services Board  
40 College St.  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Chair and Members,

I know we all feel strongly that gun violence has no place in our city and that we all must do everything we can to help Toronto Police stop this abhorrent violence but we also must do everything we can to address the roots of that violence.

Chief Saunders – with my full support – has already taken action to address the immediate violence.

Yesterday I announced that the City and the police service, working with the other governments will make significantly more community investments, but at the same time we have also asked police what investments can be made to help our officers to keep our city safe.

I believe we should move ahead with the following:

1. Expand the number of Public Safety CCTV cameras from 34 to 74.
2. Install the ShotSpotter technology in areas where it will help detect gunshots.

These are the tools that the Chief has asked for and I believe we should do everything in our power to provide them.

I support our frontline officers and I believe we have a duty as a police board to provide them with the tools they need to help them do their job.

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I believe the bulk of these initiatives will be eligible for anti-gang violence funding from the federal government.

Given the success of the neighbourhood officers initiative, I believe we should also ask at our meeting today that Toronto Police prepare for an expansion of the program so we are ready to apply for additional funding from other levels of government should it become available for such a positive, proactive policing measure. Accordingly, the motion is as follows:

That the Toronto Police Services Board:

1. Approve an increase to the number of Toronto Police Service CCTV Cameras by 40, increasing the total number from 34 to 74 cameras;
2. Approve the acquisition, implementation and use by the Toronto Police Service of ShotSpotter in locations to be determined by the Chief of Police as part of the Service's efforts to combat gun violence;
3. Forward the request to Toronto City Council at its July 23, 2018 meeting to allocate and transfer to the Toronto Police Service funding for the increase of CCTV cameras and the acquisition and use of ShotSpotter in an amount not to exceed \$4 million for 2018 and 2019, if required, following the receipt of any funding from other levels of government;
4. Request Chief Mark Saunders to report to the September 2018 Toronto Police Services Board meeting on the expansion of the Neighbourhood Officers program, including locations, costs and timelines.
5. Engage with the federal and provincial orders of government to explore additional mechanism for financial and other support for the Service's efforts to combat gun violence and continue to implement the recommendations of *The Way Forward*.

I look forward to discussing this item at the police board today.

Sincerely,



John Tory