



REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY BY CITY COUNCIL

Toronto Police Service Board Open Data Report

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| Date: | July 2, 2020 |
| To: | Executive Committee |
| From: | City Council |
| Wards: | Ward: All |

City Council Decision

City Council on June 29 and 30, 2020, referred Administrative Inquiry IA22.1 from Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood, on Toronto Police Services Board Open Data Report and Answer IA22.1a from the City Clerk to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Summary

Councillor Paul Ainslie submitted the following Administrative Inquiry:

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-61 to seek information regarding the Toronto Police Services' Board report to the Executive Committee on the implementation of its Open Data Plan.

On March 27, 2019, Toronto City Council adopted my Motion to amend on agenda item EX3.10, requesting that the Toronto Police Services' Board report back to the Executive Committee on September 18, 2019 on the implementation of its Open Data Plan. No report was tabled for the September 2019 Executive Committee meeting.

The Toronto Police Service's Board on May 30, 2019 received a report from then Chair Andy Pringle with the recommendation that the Board report back to the Toronto Executive Committee and include my recommendations in the report as follows:

1. Provide its annual reports in a proper digital format;
2. Convert files currently provided in a portable document format (.pdf) on the Toronto Police Service Public Safety Data Portal; and

3. Share datasets on the City of Toronto Open Data Portal, including any issues around public privacy

The report stated that this work was instrumental to The Way Forward Recommendation #17 to increase public access to data and enhance transparency and further advises that in 2020 the open data portal would include the following categories: Reported Crime, Persons Charged, Victims of Crime, Search of Persons, Firearms, Traffic, Personnel & Budget, Calls for Service, Regulated Interactions and Administrative.

On January 22, 2020 the Toronto Police Services' Board tabled an agenda item to receive a report on the implementation of the Toronto Police Service's Open Data Plan and was to forward the report to the City of Toronto Executive Committee. As of this date the report has yet to be received.

I am requesting the following from Toronto Police Service's Board;

1. The Toronto Police Service's Board advise on when the report will be submitted to the Executive Committee Clerk to be tabled on the agenda.
2. Report on their work with the City of Toronto Open Data Team including project status and an update on their plan to make the information available on the City of Toronto Open Data Portal with datasets as early as Q2 2020 in preparation for release.