

Response from the Inspector General of Policing - Supplementary Report

Date: January 27, 2021

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report responds to direction from City Council at its meeting of November 25 and 26, 2020, for the City Manager to forward stakeholder input on police accountability mechanisms to the new Inspector General of Policing, and to report back on his response.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to continue to engage the Inspector General of Policing and forward updates and communications from the Inspectorate on its work related to police oversight as part of future City reports to Council on policing reform.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of November 25 and 26, 2020, directed the City Manager to forward stakeholder input on accountability mechanisms in policing to the new Inspector General of Policing, and requested the City Manager to report back to City Council on or before the February 2 and 3, 2021 City Council meeting, outlining the Inspector

General's response and rationale for endorsement, rejection, or neutral position of the feedback and recommendations.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.CC26.2>

COMMENTS

On December 18, 2020, the City Manager's Office forwarded stakeholder input contained in attachments 1 to 6 on item CC26.2 to the Office of the Inspector General of Policing. The Inspector General, Devon Clunis, responded on January 11, 2021.

The response (Attachment 1) notes that the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA), which provides the legislative framework for an Inspector General of Policing, is not yet in-force, and that the Inspectorate is being established. Because of the Inspectorate's independence and mandate, the Inspector General notes it would not be appropriate to offer public comments on other stakeholder positions.

Inspector Clunis outlined the duties, authorities, and areas of oversight of the Inspectorate and other elements of the Inspectorate's role in supporting transparency and accountability in policing. These include conducting inspections on the provision of policing and compliance with the CSPA and its regulations, and investigating complaints related to board member misconduct, the provision of policing and failure to comply with the CSPA or regulations, including a systemic failure.

City staff continue work to respond to other Council motions on accountability mechanisms and policing reform in Toronto. A report will come forward in April with a review of resource requirements to the carry out the work outlined in communications from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Ombudsman Toronto as directed by Council in item CC26.2.

The City will continue to engage with the Inspectorate and communicate, as part of future City reports on police reform to Council, updates from the Inspector on his office's work related to police oversight and building public trust and confidence in the police.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Letter from the Inspector General of Policing