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RE: Policing Reform Update - Input on Accountability Mechanisms

Dear Mr. Murray,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your staff on November 17, 2020. It was a pleasure to introduce myself and I look forward to ongoing conversations as the Inspectorate of Policing is established.

I understand from your letter of December 17, 2020 that Toronto City Council is seeking comments from the Inspector General, for either endorsement, rejection, or a neutral position on feedback you received from the below stakeholders with respect to oversight and accountability on policing to inform a City of Toronto staff report *Policing Reform Update - Input on Accountability Mechanisms*.

- Black Legal Action Centre
- Canadian Civil Liberties Association
- Criminal Lawyers' Association
- Special Investigations Unit
- Office of the Independent Police Review Director
- City of Toronto Ombudsman

The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA), which is not yet in-force, provides the legislative framework for an Inspector General of Policing (IG). To fulfill the mandate of the IG, and in advance of the CSPA's proclamation, I am establishing an Inspectorate of Policing (Inspectorate), within the Ministry of the Solicitor General, which will operate at arms length from government.

Being mindful of the Inspectorate of Policing's independence and mandate, I do not feel it would be appropriate to offer public comments on stakeholder positions as you have requested. However, I would like to take the opportunity to provide information on the duties and authorities of the IG under the CSPA that will be carried out through the Inspectorate once the CSPA is in force.

The Inspectorate will monitor, advise and conduct inspections on the provision of policing and compliance with the CSPA and its regulations and will investigate complaints related to board member misconduct, the provision of policing and failure to comply with the CSPA or regulations, including a systemic failure.

The IG will have oversight over:

- municipal police service boards and police services
- OPP detachment boards, First Nation OPP boards and the OPP
- First Nation police service boards and police services that are opted-into to the Act pursuant to section 32
- OPP Advisory Council
- chiefs of police, including Commissioner of the OPP
- any prescribed entity providing policing by agreement with a police service
- any public sector body that may be prescribed to provide policing functions
- special constable employers

Under the CSPA, the IG will also has certain powers and can impose measures / directions to remedy or prevent non-compliance.

Taking an active and collaborative role in monitoring the provision of policing against provincial policing standards, the Inspectorate will support transparency and accountability in policing to our whole community.

Thank you for an opportunity to respond and I look forward to ongoing communication in establishing Ontario's first Inspectorate of Policing. For further information on the mandate of the Inspector General of Policing please to [Part V11: Inspector General of Policing of the CSPA](#).

Sincerely,



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Inspector General of Policing