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Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager  
City Manager's Office  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing with respect to the Motion that was passed by Budget Committee on February 4, 2021, requiring you to report to City Council on February 18, 2021 regarding the budget increases of other police services in Ontario.

The Motion reads as follows:

The City Manager, in consultation with the Toronto Police Services Board, to report to the February 18, 2021 special meeting of City Council comparing the Toronto Police Service's proposed 0 percent budget increase to the 2021 approved or proposed police budget increases for Ontario's largest municipalities.

We were able to obtain information from 16 other municipal police services in Ontario concerning their 2021 budgets. When these 16 are considered, the average 2021 police budget increase from 2020 is 3.26%. This average is based on the current stage of approval of these budgets, recognizing that some are still at a stage prior to final approval.

When compared with other police services across the province, Toronto's 2021 proposed budget increase of 0% stands in contrast to the year-over-year increases in other jurisdictions. This is the third time in the last five years that a flat line budget has been achieved by the Service.

For comparison purposes, the chart below provides police services board-approved and/or City Council-approved police budget increases for the 16 Ontario municipalities.



Service	2021 Increase (net of assessment growth where applicable)	Approval Level
	%	
Barrie	2.65%	Council
Durham	3.00%	Board
Guelph*	3.77%	Council
Halton*	2.54%	Council
Hamilton	2.98%	Board
Kingston	3.62%	Board
London*	2.70%	Council
Niagara	4.30%	Board
Ottawa *	3.00%	Council
Peel	3.80%	Board
Peterborough	2.43%	Council
Sarnia	3.40%	Council
South Simcoe	4.64%	Council
Sudbury	4.80%	Board
Waterloo *	1.60%	Council
York *	2.96%	Council
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.26%</b>	

\*These Ontario municipalities allocate assessment growth revenue to their respective Divisions and Agencies, including police services. By doing so, these municipalities effectively reduce those operating budgets (in rare instances increase) to account for increased demand for service resulting from new properties, businesses and growing population.

It should also be noted, that going back to at least 2007, the increases to the budget for the Toronto Police Service have been below the average increase for other police services in Ontario.



I trust that this information is helpful, and responsive to the Budget Committee's Motion. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please let me know and we would be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Teschner".

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Copy: Jim Hart, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board  
James Ramer, Chief of Police, Toronto Police Service  
Tony Veneziano, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto Police Service