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Her Worship Oliva Chow
Mayor - City of Toronto
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Delivered by email

Dear Madam:

Re: Expanded Neighbourhood Retail Zoning

As the City explores expanded neighbourhood retail zoning, the Toronto Police Service remains committed to supporting safe, inclusive communities. While we continue to work to maintain and further decrease our Priority 1 response times, we are encouraged to see many community safety indicators trending in a positive direction.

For example, homicide rates are down 54% year-to-date, shootings and firearm discharges are down 43%, home invasions have decreased by 37%, and carjackings are down 22%. We are also continuing our recruitment efforts through our multi-year hiring plan, for which we are grateful for the City's ongoing support.

Expanded neighbourhood retail zoning may present both opportunities and challenges for businesses and residents. From a policing standpoint, we have been making progress on many community safety indicators and suggest that significant change to our communities always benefits from meaningful consultation between the City, community stakeholders, law enforcement, and other city partners.

We look forward to ongoing dialogue and are committed to working together to support safe and thriving communities across Toronto.

Sincerely,

Myron Demkiw, M.O.M.
Chief of Police