
**This is an Extract from the Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Toronto
Police Service Board that was held on January 13, 2026**

P2026-0113-6.0. Correspondence from City Council – December 2025

The Board was in receipt of a report dated January 12, 2026, from Louis Tsilivis, Executive Director:

Recommendation:

This report recommends that the Board receive the following report for information.

Chair Carroll moved the following Motion, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Chris Brillinger.

THAT:

- 1. The Board reiterate the request that the Government of Ontario amend the *Highway Traffic Act* to better assist the Toronto Police Service in dealing with protests on overpasses.**
- 2. The Board reiterates its request to the Solicitor General of Ontario for needed funding related to the costs of Project Resolute (the Toronto Police Service's response to the protests and tensions in Toronto related to the conflict in the Middle East), which are currently over \$42 million and for which no funds have been provided to date.**
- 3. The Board requests that the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario and the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario:**
 - a. Engage the Provincial and Federal governments to review the legal framework governing protests to ensure that the framework remains relevant and responsive, as recommended by the Inspectorate of Policing:**
 - i. having regard to more recent experience and learnings across the country; and**
 - ii. considering expertise from a range of sectors that can provide advice, including policing, legal, civil liberties, and other sectors;**
 - b. Confirm how prosecutorial support will be strengthened, including how Crown attorneys will be supported so that they can prioritize and fully test charges related to hate-motivated harassment, intimidation, and public order-related offences arising from protests;**
 - c. Establish an enhanced special prosecution unit and designate specific Crown attorneys for hate crimes prosecutions;**
 - d. Clarify the parameters of the Attorney General's office in providing timely approvals and legal direction in complex hate crime and incitement cases;**
 - e. Outline how the Province of Ontario will align its enforcement and prosecution approach with federal measures, including Bill C-9 (also known as the *Combating Hate Act*), to ensure any new definitions, offences, or thresholds translate into real-world enforcement; and**
 - f. Provide public reporting on outcomes, including charges laid, cases prosecuted, and convictions in court, to rebuild confidence that laws against harassment, intimidated, and hate are being prosecuted consistently and meaningfully;**

- 4. The Board endorses the private member's motion from MPP Michelle Cooper and recommend that the Government of Ontario establish an enhanced special prosecution unit for hate crimes.**
- 5. The Board endorse Bill C-9 (also known as the *Combatting Hate Act*) and recommend that the Federal government amend the federal law to:**
 - a. Create a new intimidation offence under the Criminal Code to protect entrance to and exit from community buildings such as schools, places of worship, and community centres; and**
 - b. Give police clear authority to seize flags bearing symbols of terrorist entities, which is not the case under current legislation.**
- 6. The Board authorize the Chief of Police to advocate for the above requests and recommendations to the Provincial and Federal governments and other stakeholders, where appropriate.**
- 7. The Board forward the above requests to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the federal Minister of Public Safety, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, and the Minister of Transportation of Ontario.**
- 8. The Board directs the Executive Director to enhance meaningful, governance-level engagement between the Board and Toronto's Jewish community, through such initiatives as:**
 - a. Developing and delivering a short, plain-language educational webinar explaining the role and mandate of the Board, the distinction between governance and police operations, and the practical ways the public can engage with the Board;**
 - b. Supporting smaller, relationship-based engagement sessions, including curated roundtables with Board Members focused on listening and dialogue on issues such as antisemitism, protest policing, and community safety;**
 - c. Establishing clear, time-limited governance-level touchpoints, such as a temporary Jewish community advisory table or quarterly Board-hosted governance listening sessions, explicitly differentiated from Toronto Police Service operational consultations;**
 - d. Improving public communications to clearly outline pathways for public input, including deputations, when and how public input informs Board oversight or policy decisions, and the limits of the Board's authority;**
 - e. Increasing Board visibility in Jewish community spaces and forums, where appropriate; and**

- f. Ensuring that, following Board-led engagement activities, the Board communicates back to participants on what was heard, what actions the Board can take within its mandate, what matters fall outside its authority, and any follow-up or next steps.
9. The Board request that the Chief of Police review the Toronto Police Service’s current training as it concerns antisemitism and consider whether it requires further alignment with the *Canadian Handbook on the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism* and consult with Jewish education and community groups as appropriate, such as the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

The Board approved Motion and the foregoing report.

Moved by: S. Carroll
Seconded by: C. Brillinger
