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Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Request for legislative amendment to expand the City of Toronto's Auditor General's jurisdiction to include auditing the Toronto Police Service – Toronto Police Services Board support for legislative amendment

Dear Deputy Minister Manson-Smith,

Further to my letter of September 22, 2020, I would like to share with you that the Toronto Police Services Board has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Auditor General of the City of Toronto to carry out audits of the Toronto Police Service on behalf of the Board. This agreement will go a long way towards expanding the Board's ability to carry out its governance and oversight roles, and ensure the Service's accountability.

The development of this MOU was made necessary by the current *City of Toronto Act* (COTA), which does not extend the authority of the Auditor General to the Toronto Police Service. To this end, and consistent with the request made of you by Toronto City Council, I would like to reiterate the Board's request to amend COTA to expand the Auditor General's jurisdiction to include auditing the Toronto Police Service, and reporting the results of any audits by the Auditor General to the Board.

The Board and Service have committed to working closely with the AG to ensure as much required information as possible is made available to the AG in carrying out the audits the Board has invited her to conduct. Nevertheless, amendments to COTA as the Board and Toronto City Council have requested would create the statutory framework and authority to make the AG's auditing approach entirely consistent with the manner in which other City services are currently audited.

The Board would be grateful if you could provide an update with respect to the Ministry's intentions with regard to this request. Of course, we always welcome the

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opportunity to discuss the Board's request with you further, should that be of assistance. Please have the appropriate Ministry staff contact Ms. Sheri Chapman, Executive Assistant to the Chair, to arrange a meeting. Ms. Chapman can be reached at sheri.chapman@tpsb.ca.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

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Copy: Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager, City of Toronto
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