

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
Conseil, comités permanents et commission**

Motion

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Item / Article: Notice of Motion

Re: **Changes to Policing and Police Budget Process in Ottawa**

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor C. McKenney**

Seconded by / Appuyée par: **Councillor S. Menard**

WHEREAS our city, province and nation are currently dealing with continued instances of anti-Black racism and systemic racism in our society, including in our Police Services; and

WHEREAS many in our community have strongly advocated for the Ottawa Police Services budget to be reconsidered and reinvested into community health and interventionist programming; and

WHEREAS many in our community have called for the reallocation of funds towards frontline, unarmed mental health citizen response teams for de-escalation;

WHEREAS if Ottawa City Council had the authority to directly impact the Ottawa Police Services budget, it could adequately address community concerns and create solutions; and

WHEREAS if Ottawa City Council had the authority to impact the Ottawa Police Services budget, this would ensure greater transparency and strengthen public trust by making debate and efforts more publicly informed and scrutinized; and

WHEREAS this enhanced budgetary role would allow the police board to continue to serve its purpose, with the only meaningful difference being that Council would be the highest and final decision-making body, as is already the case for other City committees and boards; and

WHEREAS other municipalities across the country have also passed motions that seek to change their police services in response to growing calls for police reform

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That City Council direct the City Manager, in consultation with the Ottawa Police Services Board and Community and Protective Services, to develop alternative models of community safety response that would:

- a. Involve the creation of non-police led response to calls which do not involve weapons or violence, such as those involving individuals experiencing mental health crises and where a police response is not necessary;**
- b. Reflect the City's commitment to reconciliation;**
- c. Involve extensive community consultation on a proposed response model; and**
- d. Detail the likely reductions to the Ottawa Police Services budget that would result from these changes; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council request the Province of Ontario to amend the Police Services Act, 1990 to allow for Ottawa City Council to have control over the Ottawa Police Services Budget by creating a clause in Section 39 that exempts the City of Ottawa from the following restriction:

- a. 39 (4) In establishing an overall budget for the board, the council does not have the authority to approve or disapprove specific items in the estimates; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council request the Government of Ontario to eliminate all appeal powers for the Ottawa Police Services Board as set out in the Police Services Act, 1990 for the Ontario Civilian Police Commission to overturn Ottawa City Council decisions pertaining to Police Budget matters including requests for reduction, abolition, creation or amalgamation of Police services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council request the Ottawa Police Service Board to post its Use of Force Policy on its public website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council request the Province immediately review and re-do the Equipment and Use of Force Regulation, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 926, so as to incorporate further modifications based on alternative models and best practices in peer jurisdictions, which address the use of deadly force, including de-escalation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council request the Ottawa Police Services Board to promptly adopt the recommendations from the Ontario Human Rights Commission on race-based data and report on the implementation status by [January 1, 2021](#); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council requests that the Province immediately reinstate the Police Services Act reforms recommended by Justice Tulloch - namely reforms surrounding the independence and requirements for the Special Investigations Unit (Recommendation 5.7); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council request the Ottawa Police Services Board to ensure policies are enacted requiring all instances of alleged racial profiling and bias to be investigated under the *Police Services Act*.