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From: Rick Robson

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To: Rowe, Linda <LRowe@London.ca>

Subject: Request For Delegation Status

Ms. Rowe,

Please accept this as my formal request for delegation status at the upcoming SPPC meeting scheduled for January 30th. My request includes the opportunity to make verbal submissions to the Committee directly at the aforementioned date in addition to my written submission.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you.

Richard Robson

Executive Director

London Police Association



January 5, 2017

Chair and Members Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee

On Thursday, November 10th, the London Police Services Board passed a motion calling for an investigation in relation to its budget appeal to the Ontario Civilian Police Commission. More specifically, the motion called for an investigation into identifying the cause of a potential compromise discussed in February 2016 by Budget Chair Paul Paolatto, CFO Martin Hayward and Ward 7 Councillor and Budget Advisor Josh Morgan to not reach city council.

The motion was carried with Budget Chair Paolatto, Chair Eberhard, Vice-chair Deeb and Mayor Brown supporting the motion and Councillor Turner opposed.

The Mayor's public position is that the Police Services Board failed to engage the appropriate mechanism to get a potential proposal in front of city council via the City Clerk's office. If so, this error or oversight potentially resulted in a tremendous waste of resources and cost by preparing for a hearing that might not have otherwise been necessary. It is important to be independently assured that this oversight or error was not borne out of a negligent act on behalf of a member of the Police Services Board, if this is indeed the case.

There is also public information that Mayor Brown, a sitting member of the Police Services Board, was involved in a meeting in February-March 2016 to discuss the Police Services Board's compromise with Councillor Morgan and CAO Art Zuidema. The potential compromise from the Police Services Board was discussed but not put forward to council as a whole publicly.

Again, the lack of a compromise at this time ultimately resulted in delays and expense. In fact, the matter was finally resolved in November 2016 without the need for a hearing but at a higher cost to the city than the previously proposed compromise that did not reach council.

As Councillor Squire publicly stated, there was an obligation to bring that proposal to city council. Public comments from Councillor Morgan suggest that decision rested with Mayor Brown.

The Ontario Civilian Police Commission is the appropriate oversight authority of the Police Services Board. As such, the London Police Association is calling on city council to engage the Ontario Civilian Policing Commission under the authority of the Police Services Act to conduct the investigation. With the potential of Police Services Board member(s) engaged in conduct that requires investigation it is only appropriate that the Ontario Civilian Policing Commission be the contracted authority to investigate the circumstance and come to the appropriate conclusions and remedy.

Council is conducting its own review of staff and their knowledge or involvement in the impasse. The LPA is making no comment in relation to council's authority over its staff.

Chair and Members of the Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee, will you support the Ontario Civilian Police Commission as the lead agency to conduct the investigation into the cause of the potential budget compromise to not reach city council as moved and carried by the London Police Services Board?

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Gilmore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Gilmore
President
London Police Association