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Lovasi-Wood, Andrea

From: El Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:54 PM
To: Lovasi-Wood, Andrea
Subject: [External Email] Re: Presenting at the BOPC on June 20th

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Good afternoon,

Sorry, I wasn't aware that the deadline was a week before. In particular as regards the issue of use of force, this is a matter of national significance given the news coverage of the Toronto data on use of force and Black communities. For the past weeks, I have been working with people in Uniacke Square who are traumatized by recent use of force incidents in delivering warrants. My purpose in presenting to the Board is to raise the following issues:

- 1) The need for data similar to that gathered in Toronto to track use of force incidents by race in Halifax.
- 2) The lack of access to policies particularly around the detention of minors, women, people with trauma and people with medical issues.
- 3) The worrisome escalation in the uses of "SWAT" or ERT to deliver warrants, including the use of an armoured vehicle.
- 4) The community impacts of this policing and its traumatic effects.
- 5) The recommendations in the Defunding Report that address these trends.

My delay in submitting a request to present was due to the need to make sure those impacted had accessed counselling and legal advice before speaking. However, I feel that this issue is important and within the Board's sphere of governance.

Thank you,
El Jones

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2022, at 4:47 PM, Lovasi-Wood, Andrea <lovasia@halifax.ca> wrote:

Dear El Jones,

Thank you for your email. This is to confirm that your request has been received by the Municipal Clerk's Office. With respect to your request to present at the Commission's June 20, 2022 meeting, the Commission's Policy regarding the submission of presentation requests requires that requests be placed no later than noon, one week before the desired meeting date. Your request will be taken forward to the Board of Police Commissioners Agenda Review Committee for their consideration at a future meeting.

Please advise whether your organization has a request to make of the Commission, or if the presentation is to provide information only? Any detail you can provide for the Agenda Review Committee would be appreciated.

The Board of Police Commissioners schedule for the remainder of 2022 will be set at their June 20th meeting. I will email you after that meeting to let you know the next two meeting dates to determine if either of those dates would pose a scheduling conflict. Following a decision by the Agenda Review Committee I will reply by email to let you know the outcome of your request to present.

Please note that if your request to present is approved, your below email and any accompanying documentation (i.e. presentation slides, handouts etc.) will form part of the agenda and public record, including being posted on Halifax.ca. Further information regarding presentations at the Board of Police Commissioners is available on our website at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/a-c/board-police-commissioners/engagement-bopc> click on "Presentations".

Meetings are audio and/or video recorded for the purpose of creating a record of the proceedings. If you do not wish to be recorded, please withdraw your request to present; you can provide a written submission instead.

Best Regards,
Andrea

ANDREA LOVASI-WOOD
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Good afternoon,

I would like to present at the BOPC meeting about use of force and arrest policies particularly in the context of executing warrants in African Nova Scotian communities. This issue is particularly important given the recent use of force and race data from Toronto.

Thank you,
El Jones