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Mr. Chair,

**Board of Police Commissioners' (BoPC)
Correspondence and Recommendations of April 17th, 2019**

Having reflected on your correspondence of April 17 and the Board of Police Commissioners' (BoPC) outstanding recommendation, I would like to provide my response.


Firstly, I want to thank you and the BoPC for your leadership in the days and weeks since the release of the Wortley Report and your willingness to work closely with the RCMP, community members and the many other stakeholders on the issue of street checks.

The RCMP is committed to working with the communities we serve, the BoPC and the Department of Justice on a way forward, particularly as it helps to strengthen the relationship between the RCMP and our African Nova Scotian communities in the Halifax Regional Municipality and across the province.

The Wortley Report - Action Planning Working Group has shone a brighter light on the need for improved trust and accountability in policing. We are taking action as a result of the Wortley Report, but these actions have and will extend beyond street checks as do trust and accountability.

On this note, I appreciate the BoPC's sentiments behind issuing an apology to the African Nova Scotian community, however, I fear this would appear disingenuous at this time and disrupt efforts to create lasting change, which will bring us closer to improving trust and accountability.

Regards,


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