



May 13, 2019

Christine Hanson, Director & CEO
Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission
Via email [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Hanson:

Re: Street Checks legal opinion

In the Board of Police Commissioners' ongoing work on the independent March 2019 Wortley Report that was initiated by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, I am providing you the motion passed at today's meeting.

Since The Wortley Report's release there has been considerable questioning over whether Street Checks are legal or not. This specific question is, in the Board's opinion, one that needs to be addressed before meaningful progress can be made toward addressing Dr. Wortley's options and recommendations.

May 13, 2019 motion:

"That the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners request from the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission any legal opinion concerning the legality of street checks as outlined in recommendation 2.1 of The Wortley Report on Street Checks".

I look forward to your positive response; in the meantime, should you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at steve.craig@halifax.ca or 902-240-0441.

Respectfully,
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~~Commissioner, Councillor Steve Craig~~
Chair, Board of Police Commissioners



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Dear Mr. Craig:

Re: Street Checks Legal Opinion

Thank you for your letter of May 13, 2019, regarding the Board of Police Commissioners' motion to request that the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission provide the Board with an independent legal opinion concerning the legality of street checks as outlined in recommendation 2.1 of Dr. Wortley's report.

The Commission agrees that the independent legal opinion on police street check practices is vital to ensure that meaningful progress can be made in addressing Dr. Wortley's options and recommendations.

I am pleased to advise you that The Honourable Michael MacDonald, Former Chief Justice of the Nova Scotia Appeal Court, has agreed to assist the Commission with this important task. We will be working with stakeholders in the coming weeks to outline the terms of reference for the legal opinion and will certainly share a copy of the opinion with the Board as soon as the work is completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Christine Hanson
Director and CEO