

Bill #2

The Police Reform and Social Accountability Act

WHEREAS “Ontario’s criminal justice system heavily favours police and gives officers breaks at every turn – from the SIU, which hardly ever charges officers, to prosecutors, juries and judges.”¹; and

WHEREAS “The police subculture puts emphasis on “toughness” and “courage.” New officers are often not accepted until they have proven that they can handle a violent or dangerous civilian encounter. This increases the likelihood that officers will want to prove their courage and demonstrate their willingness to resort to physical force.”²; and

WHEREAS “...the use of violence in the pursuit for justice and socio-economic change is unacceptable, and the perpetrators of such crimes should be brought to face justice.”³ .

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 As of January 1, 2016 the Government of Canada shall unify Canada’s current municipal, provincial and federal police forces in order to create one nationalized police force **MOUNTIE** [Managed Officers Under Newly-Enforced Teachings of Ideal Ethics]. The structure of **MOUNTIE** will be as follows:
 - (1) All members of **MOUNTIE** will be of the same rank and power, hereby known as officers, with the exception of one commanding officer per province.
 - (a) The officers of **MOUNTIE** will elect this commanding officer every 10 years, based on their respective provincial district.
 - i. The commanding officer must have served in their elected province for at least 5 years prior to the election and must attend an 18-month leadership-training program before announcing their candidacy.
 - ii. Commanding officers of **MOUNTIE** may designate deputies at their discretion to make decisions on their behalf.
 - (2) Officers will be organized into patrolling districts based on population densities within each province.
 - (3) The body of officers in each patrolling area must be demographically representative of the area that they are serving in. This includes, but is not limited to: ethnicity and sex.
- 2 Potential officers of **MOUNTIE** will be required to attend a 3-year police academy in order to gain their certification.

¹ Bruser, David, and Michele Henry. "Are These Cops above the Law?" Toronto Star. October 28 2010. http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2010/10/28/are_these_cops_above_the_law.html.

² Wortley, Scot. *Police Use of Force in Ontario: An Examination of Data from the Special Investigations Unit*. Rep. Centre of Criminology, University of Toronto, 2006. https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/inquiries/ipperwash/policy_part/projects/pdf/AfricanCanadianClinicIperwashProject_SIUStudybyScotWortley.pdf.

³ Momodou, Jallow. "Sweden Punishes Its Rioters and Its Police Very Differently." The Guardian. May 27 2013. <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/may/27/sweden-punishes-rioters-police-stockholm-riots>.

- (1) The areas they will be required to specialize in include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Conflict management and resolution
 - (b) Defensive and self-defensive tactics
 - (c) Face-to-face interaction and communication
 - (d) Tactical thinking (mental precaution, distancing, positioning)
 - (e) Body language
 - (f) Stress effects
 - (g) Human rights and ethics
 - (2) **MOUNTIE** officers will be required to pass with a score above 85 percent throughout their 3 years in order to receive certification. Failing potential officers will be allowed to retake failed portions of the course once more to try and gain their certification.
 - (3) **MOUNTIE** officers will be required to complete 80 hours of annual training in order to maintain their certification.
 - (a) 10 of those 80 hours must be in firearms training.
 - (b) Districts are allowed to mandate more at the commanding officer's discretion.
- 3** All officers of **MOUNTIE** must wear a surveillance camera at all times when they are on duty, to be attached to the front of their uniform.
- (1) Video footage from any **MOUNTIE** officer's camera must be kept on file for 3 months, unless the footage is used as evidence in a case or the officer is put on probation.
- 4** Counseling will be made available for all **MOUNTIE** officers, trainee officers, and retired/dismissed officers upon request.
- 5** A special investigations tribunal known as **COPS** [Canadian Organization of Police Surveillance] will be established in order to monitor police activity and police conduct. **COPS** will be responsible for ruling over all police-related criminal activity. Special attention will be held to matters of racial discrimination and tampering of evidence.
- (1) The government of Canada will be tasked with appointing the head officer of **COPS**, who in turn will select a jury of 6 other officers.
 - (a) The tribunal will be established to conduct legal proceedings for any convictions concerning **MOUNTIE** officers on-duty.
 - (2) If an officer of **MOUNTIE** is convicted of a criminal offence, their sentence will be double that of the sentence for equivalent conviction of a civilian.
 - (3) Any officer who has committed a felony that results in over 5 years in prison will permanently lose their police certification and will be unable to return to **MOUNTIE** indefinitely.
 - (4) Any officer of **MOUNTIE** who is proven to have let another officer commit a crime or serious offense, on- or off-duty, may be subject to: suspension or revoking of his or her certification, up to \$10,000 dollars in fines, and/or up to 5 years in prison to be decided on a case by case basis.
- 6** All **MOUNTIE** officers will remain unarmed whilst on duty.
- (1) All firearms will be locked in patrol vehicles, and can only be unlocked and used with the permission of the commanding officer or a designated deputy.