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Item 6 - Confronting Anti-Black Racism Update Report
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Item 6 Board report on the CABR update

TORONTO CITY HALL MONITOR & TCHC NEWZ

I am a regular at the Police Services Board since 2010 and have watched the process of modernization of the Service with great interest.

Today I had the unique opportunity to educate new and old Toronto Police Officers that are joining 51 Division about the reality of living in TCHC, our challenges and hopes and yes **“the bad ,the good and the ugly”** in a way that is useful to complete their knowledge of the community.

Also took the opportunity to UPDATE the RECRUITS on the TOWER RENEWAL PROJECT.. they were interested about the POOL that was closed for 2 decades at 220 OAK STREET and it will be a COMMUNITY ACTIVITY ROOM for Zumba , Yoga or Dance Classes. etc. etc..

here the video of the 220 Oak Street Pool : <https://youtu.be/kZ2RBFOyh48>

I used my skills , knowledge and training that I learned during 13 years of Activism in Regent Park to deliver a good positive message to the new recruits who will become our next NCO's

I want to thank my 220 Service Hub Office the CSC (Community Services Coordinator) Ms Felicia Whyte for the invitation to join in this unique opportunity to share my knowledge and experience of living at 220 Oak Street as the Tenant Representative and other duties in the community of Regent Park , City Hall and the Toronto Police Services Board

I was also joined by the Community Neighborhood Officer (NCO's) Nigel Thomas who shared with the new recruits his experience in Regent Park and particularly 220 Oak Street

Overall it was a positive experience for the officers as they start their career with 51 Division