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Dear Mr. Mavani:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 18, 2022 inquiring as to whether the Edmonton Police Service will be accepting the recommendations of the Honourable Judge G.B. Lepp.

I can advise that the Edmonton Police Service is adopting both of the recommendations outlined in the Report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. While it is standard practice that Edmonton Police Service Members consider whether they need to enter a dwelling notwithstanding the fact that they have lawful authority to do so, we agree that this consideration should be formalized in our relevant policy/procedure and in the Search Warrant Execution Planning and Reference Guide. The Chief has already assigned this task to our Legal Advisors Section and it will be completed shortly.

I also wanted to take a moment to commend both the Honourable Judge G.B. Lepp and Inquiry Counsel for their thoughtfulness and professionalism throughout the Inquiry. The loss of Dan was devastating to his family, friends, the Edmonton Police Service and the broader community and the good work of all involved in the Fatality Inquiry was very much noticed and appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Geoff Crowe
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