

Satirical Headlines & Articles

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Toronto Police Service Drops 'To Protect and Serve' from Official Motto to Avoid Any Further Confusion

by James Jordan

TORONTO - A statement issued earlier today by Toronto Police Commissioner Mark Saunders confirmed the department's plans to drop the 'misleading' and 'unnecessary' portion of their official motto. The new motto, a "much more honest reflection of our duties as officers," has been changed to a line's worth of empty space followed by a period.

In abandoning the long-held slogan, the Toronto Police Service now joins airlines, banks, and mega-corporations on the long list of organizations which have no obligation whatsoever to the average citizen or common societal good.

"It was a holdover from a bygone era," said department representative Allison Sparkes. "It's important to recognize tradition, you know--recognize where the idea came from. But it's time we jumped into the 21st century of policing, and we want to start with a clean slate and a message of openness."

Reactions from the public have been mostly positive so far, with many praising the department's sudden penchant for both communication and action. Still, there are some who question whether this decision is the city's best move going forward.

Twitter user @BonerQueen421 tweeted the department's official account earlier today, asking "Wait. What is TPS actually going to *do* now?"

According to one preliminary report, officers' duties will consist mainly of lunch breaks, Nintendo GameCube, and standing around looking tough and big. On an as-needed basis, officers will also be dispatched to smoke cigarettes and grunt near reported hotspots of criminal activity. Furthermore, TPS is aiming to have the majority of mounted units repurposed for horsie rides by March of 2021--"But just for us," clarified Saunders.

Though unprecedented, the move is already being hailed as 'historic' by police departments across North America, with over three thousand precincts across Canada and the United States making preparations to follow suit as soon as possible.

"Well, shit," said one Edmonton policeman. "It's about time we made it official."

TTC Exposed as Eldritch Beast Which Feeds on Misery of Lesser Creatures

by James Jordan

TORONTO - Confirming suspicions long held by many, a recent study revealed Line 1 of the Toronto Transit Commission subway to be a shapeshifting Lovecraftian horror masquerading as public transit in order to harvest the pain and frustration of inferior beings.

The nightmare's deception was uncovered by one Varad Kothari, 32, who noticed stains on the TTC seats which were "definitely not just the usual spit and jism."

"It's really quite remarkable," said Eric Neiberholdt, Head of Microbiology at the University of Calgary. "All this time, we thought the constant, egregious transit delays were the fault of Toronto's underdeveloped municipal infrastructure and borderline slapstick budgetary mismanagement by its city council." He went on:

"Now that we've found out what's what, it seems obvious that it was really the work of a many-tentacled, thousand-eyed antediluvian horrorscape bent on draining every living creature of its joy and life-force." He went on to note that "Whether it's been acting out of necessity, amusement, or sheer contempt for all extant happiness, well... science doesn't have all the answers."

The 60-year study, conducted using revolutionary sad-track technology, confirms the impersonation of the TTC by Nyarlathotep—the Crawling Chaos, Dweller in Darkness, Effigy of Hate, Bat God of L'gy'hx—as far back as "that one really bad lightning storm" in September of 1979.

“For years, my father would come home from work looking tired and listless,” said 43-year-old Toronto resident Candace O’Granahan. “A brittle husk of a man, really. And for years, I chalked it up to my mother’s philandery and emotional unavailability. What a fool I was, huh? Besides, I always had my doubts about the slick, organ-like texture of those subway poles.”

When prompted for comment, TTC Commissioner Rick Leary confirmed plans to replace the green line with a similar cosmic malevolence, because “We ran the numbers, and I’ll be damned if that sucker isn’t a little lighter on service interruptions.

Canadian Water Table Sold to Nestle Corporation for Bag of Beans

by James Jordan

OTTAWA - A newly-ratified trade agreement has granted the Nestle Corporation the legal rights to siphon, bottle, and resell the entirety of the Canadian water table in exchange for a large burlap sack of assorted beans.

The deal--which includes all groundwater, aquifers, wells, and lakes within Canadian borders--was signed into law this morning by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, seen gleefully jiggling the bag as he exited the offices of parliament. “It’s like... a *really* big bag of beans,” said Trudeau. “Think of all the bean plants we could grow with these.”

Numerous activist groups have already raised concerns about the negative effects of privatizing our nation’s finite land and resources.

“It’s disgusting,” said Tim Gray, Executive Director of the ecological non-profit *Environmental Defense*. “Canada has the largest reserve of fresh water in the entire world, and we gave it away for what--twenty, thirty beans? This is our planet. Anything less than fifty beans is a travesty.”

In response, the Office of the Prime Minister has released a statement reiterating Trudeau’s commitment to the Canadian people regarding the bean deal. In it, he promises to divide the beans evenly between key areas of the Canadian agricultural industry, including the Saskatchewan Farmers’ Association, various First Nations outreach programs, and a big honkin’ crock pot full of dirty chili.

“It is my solemn vow that one day, each and every Canadian citizen, including those from the Maritimes and from Quebec, will know how it feels to cradle their own pillowcase full of beans,” said Trudeau. “Metaphorically-speaking,” he added. “The beans are mine.”

Still, some aren’t so sure that the bean-based benefits are worth the cost. With climate change already a major environmental issue, students at universities across Canada have taken to social media with the hashtag #BeanGate to question how we’re even going to grow the beans in the arid late-capitalist dystopia our country will inevitably become.

Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson had this to say to the nation’s youth:

“From where I’m sitting, you could make a stew. You could make a gumbo. You could make a jambalaya with these beans. We’ll be good on meal prep for the next week, maybe two. I really don’t see a downside here. Put ‘em wherever you like, just don’t look at mine.”

When prompted for comment, the Nestle Corporation was unavailable, with sources saying they were too busy toasting champagne while planning their celebratory *Eyes Wide Shut* orgy.