

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee**

**Thursday, March 26, 1998**

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee met on Thursday, March 26, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Gordon Chong, Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Brown  
Councillor Raymond Cho  
Councillor Olivia Chow  
Councillor Rob Davis  
Councillor Michael Feldman  
Councillor John Filion, Friday only  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski  
Councillor George Mammoliti  
Councillor Michael Prue

Regrets:

Mayor Mel Lastman

Also Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid  
Councillor Jack Layton

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor King, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee held on February 12, 1998, were confirmed.

**34. Crisis in Youth Employment.**

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The Committee had before it a communication (February 26, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Community Council on February 18, 1998, had before it a communication (February 5, 1998) from Councillor Michael Walker, North Toronto, respecting the crisis in youth employment; and indicating that the Toronto Community Council referred the following recommendations to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee:

- (i) that the ideas and concept expressed in the communication (February 5, 1998) from Councillor Walker be endorsed in principle;
- (ii) that the urgency to the matter of youth unemployment and underemployment in Toronto be recognized; and
- (iii) that the concept of commencing a dialogue with Mayor Lastman, Councillor Walker, Councillor Chow and other interested Councillors to discuss the idea of a summit meeting on jobs for youth be endorsed.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee directed that the aforementioned communication be forwarded to Council; and further that Mayor Mel Lastman and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit directly to Council for consideration at its meeting to be held on April 16, 1998, a status report thereon, and on the proposed summit meeting on youth employment.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mayor Mel Lastman; Councillor Michael Walker, North Toronto - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 3)**

**35. Report of the Dementia Task Force.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services summarizing the findings and recommendations from the Dementia Task Force, which was comprised of staff from the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, and York, and the City of Toronto; providing facts related to dementia projections specific to the population of the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council support the recommendations detailed in the report of the Dementia Task Force, namely:
  - (a) that the Province formally recognize the current and future funding shortfall for long-term care service in the "seven regions," including long-term care facilities and community services, by immediately allocating additional resources for these areas of need;
  - (b) that the Minister of Health allocate financial resources for specific research into the prevention, cause, cure, and management of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias; and
  - (c) that a copy of the report be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Minister without Portfolio responsible for Seniors Issues, local MPPs, Opposition Leaders and Health Critics, District Health Council, Alzheimer Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors, Health Services Restructuring Commission, Ontario Public Health Association, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and Ontario Community Support Association;
- (2) City Council advocate for the enhancement of funding and resources to provide care and service for individuals with dementia and their families within the City of Toronto which focus on supporting the individual in an environment that is as normalized as possible, and includes both facility and community options, and:
  - (a) support the Health Services Restructuring Commission's (HSRC) recommendation that an additional 5,207 new long-term care beds be added by 2003;
  - (b) support the HSRC's recommendation that an additional 4,181 new long-term care spaces in the community be added by 2003; and
  - (c) encourage the Ministry of Health's adoption of a resident classification system that captures the care and service needs of a population with dementia;

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- (3) future care and service delivery for those with dementia within the City of Toronto be planned and implemented with recognition of unique needs encountered as a result of the multicultural and linguistic diversity of the City's population;
- (4) future financial investments by the Ministry of Health include dedicated enhanced funding for the provision of (short-term) respite services in both facilities and the community; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (March 4, 1998) from Mr. John Daly, Legislative Co-ordinator, Regional Municipality of Peel, advising of the action taken by the Peel Regional Council on February 26, 1998, with respect to the Report of the Dementia Task Force.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 3)**

**36. Amendments to Terminology of Housing Company  
By-laws Nos. A-4 and A-9.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 6, 1998) from the Corporate Secretary, The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited, advising that the Board of Directors on February 6, 1998, had before it a report (January 20, 1998) from the City Solicitor respecting amendments to terminology in By-laws Nos. A-4 and A-9; and recommending that:

- (1) the draft amending by-law attached to the report be enacted as a by-law of the Housing Company;
- (2) the amending by-law enacted pursuant to Recommendation No. (1) be forwarded to the Clerk of the City of Toronto for confirmation by the Council thereof; and
- (3) the appropriate members of the Housing Company staff be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect to Recommendation No. (2).

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited embodied in the aforementioned communication from the Corporate Secretary.

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 3)**

**37. Response to the Joint Report of the Co-Chairs,  
Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 27, 1998) from Mr. Richard Barnhorst, Director, Health Policy Branch, Ministry of Health, responding to the recommendations contained in the joint report of the Co-Chairs, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; attaching a copy of the Ministry's response to the Chief Coroner on the recommendations and issues identified as a result of the Coroner's Inquest into the deaths of Eugene Upper, Mirsalah-Aldin Kompani and Irwin Anderson; outlining types of initiatives within the mental health area to serve the homeless population; and noting that the Ministry is continuing to develop strategies that will improve services for homeless people with serious mental illness.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons - March 26, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(f), Report No. 3)**

**38. Homelessness in the City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 11, 1998) from the Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham, advising that on February 11, 1998, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham adopted the following recommendations of its Health and Social Services Committee in response to the resolution passed by the Metropolitan Council on October 8 and 9, 1997, regarding "Homeless Families in Metropolitan Toronto":

- “(a) That staff of the Social Services Department be directed to liaise with the City of Toronto to maintain an accurate estimate of alternative housing arrangements;
- (b) that an estimate be provided of the number of individuals who may be transferred to the Region of Durham;
- (c) that an estimate of the long term financial effects associated with emergency housing, the pooling of GTA Social Housing and Welfare costs be provided; and
- (d) that the Region of Durham not endorse the following:
  - (i) asking the Province to insist that other municipalities pay the administrative costs incurred by Metro as a result of Metro staff having to make arrangements for emergency housing accommodation in these other municipalities;
  - (ii) requesting other GTA municipalities provide an estimation of the accommodation that may be available within their respective jurisdictions for homeless people; and
  - (iii) examining the feasibility of an office inside the immigration office at Pearson International Airport, in order to simplify the process of assisting people to settle within the Greater Toronto Area;

at this time.”

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a response thereto.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. P.M. Madill, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(g), Report No. 3)**

**39. Municipal Support Services to Seniors and People with Mobility Limitations in the City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on January 15, 1998, to report on the cost of providing home support services to seniors and people with disabilities, including program areas such as snow removal and gardening; providing an overview of the support services the City of Toronto provides and/or funds to enable senior citizens and citizens with mobility limitations to continue to maintain residency within the community; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly for consideration in the development of a seniors' strategy; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Committee received the aforementioned report, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(h), Report No. 3)**

**40. Quotations for Food and Related Supplies for Child Care Centres.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 10, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the quotation submitted by Derry Foods Limited in the estimated amount of \$1,200,000.00, including all charges and applicable taxes, for the supply and delivery of food and related supplies for Child Care Centres in 1998 be accepted being the lowest acceptable quotation received, with the option to extend the contract for two additional one year periods; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the next meeting of Council.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 3)**

**41. Proposal for Food Products for the Homes for the Aged and Hostels.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 10, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the proposal submitted by Gordon Food Services in the estimated amount of \$4,927,000.00, including all charges and taxes, for the supply and delivery of food products be accepted being the proposal meeting all requirements of Community and Neighbourhood Services - Homes for the Aged and Hostel Services, with the option to extend the contract for two additional one year periods; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the next meeting of Council.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 3)**

**42. Implementation of the Business Plan for the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts.**

The Committee Secretary orally advised that the Board of Directors of The Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts on March 25, 1998, decided not to forward its report on the implementation of its Business Plan at this time.



**43. Parks and Recreation - Facility Planning Initiatives.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation respecting the need to undertake two major planning studies for Parks and Recreation, the first a feasibility study for the development of three major Parks and Recreation facilities, and the second to undertake a facility rationalization study of existing facilities; advising that the immediate costs of these studies are identified in the 1998 Capital Works Program submission; noting that both studies will include a public consultation process with steering committees consisting of local Councillors and staff from Parks and Recreation and other departments; and recommending that the report be received for the information of the Committee.

The Committee also had before it a communication (March 25, 1998) from Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore Queensway, requesting the opportunity to provide input into the terms of reference for the studies referred to in the aforementioned report on facility planning initiatives.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and referred the aforementioned communication from Councillor Jones to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that Councillor Jones be consulted during consideration of the terms of reference for the proposed studies.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Irene Jones; c. Mr. Joe Halstead, Interim Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(i), Report No. 3)**

**44. Development of Uniform Policy -  
Leashed and Unleashed Dogs in City Parks.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that York Community Council on January 21, 1998, recommended to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report on the development of a City-wide uniform policy regarding leashed and unleashed dogs in City Parks.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Medical Officer of Health for a report thereon to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health; c. Mr. Joe Halstead, Interim Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(j), Report No. 3)**

**45. Request for Recreation Centre in Cedarvale Park, York.**

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on March 26 and 27, 1998, had before it a communication (February 16, 1998) from Mr. Chaitanya K. Kalevar advising that he has a petition from over 1,000 residents in support of building a recreation centre in Cedarvale Park, behind the Arlington Middle School.

Councillor Chong appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Budget Committee for consideration with the 1998 Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation on March 30, 1998.

(Budget Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Interim Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation; Mr. Chaitanya K. Kalevar - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(k), Report No. 3)**

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

**46. General Education Development Preparation Courses.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 12, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on February 12, 1998, to report on a communication from Dr. Dale Shuttleworth of The Training Renewal Foundation seeking funding through purchase of service under Ontario Works for the Foundation's General Education Development (G.E.D.) preparation course; advising that the Social Services Division surveyed a range of G.E.D. preparation courses provided and summarizing the findings from such survey; outlining the Division's position concerning the funding of G.E.D. through Ontario Works; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (March 19, 1998) from Dr. Shuttleworth providing the comments of The Training Renewal Foundation with respect to the aforementioned report; and requesting that interim funding of \$4,500.00 per month be provided to ensure the continued operation of the GED Preparation Centre in serving the employment preparation needs of social assistance recipients.

Dr. Dale Shuttleworth appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee received the aforementioned report and communication.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;  
Dr. Dale E. Shuttleworth, Executive Director, The Training Renewal  
Foundation - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(d), Report No. 3)**

**47. Proposal for Affordable Shared Accommodation.**

The Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton, Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Accommodation, advising of the need to create pilot projects for affordable housing for singles in private bedrooms within shared apartments; indicating that this second stage housing would benefit those currently in the hostel system and those in danger of becoming homeless due to their inability to continue paying market rent; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee adopt the proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee for Shared Accommodation;

- (2) City of Toronto allocate staff time and outside consulting up to an amount of \$10,000.00 to develop the specifications of the shared accommodation model;
- (3) the City of Toronto direct a 96-unit pilot project as outlined in the proposal; there would be no subsidy, excepting a loan guarantee; the City of Toronto would guarantee the construction loan and mortgage up to a maximum of \$2.5 million, this project would be developed by City staff and owned by the City after completion; and
- (4) based on the nature of the above pilot project, the City of Toronto develop calls for proposals (to be evaluated by City staff and returned to Council for review):
  - (i) asking private developer/managers to develop proposals to identify the extent of subsidy required to provide the specified accommodation and building management; and
  - (ii) asking agencies and private firms to develop proposals, which incorporate varying levels of accommodation, management and services.

The Committee also had before it the following:

- the proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee for Shared Accommodation, submitted by Mr. Bob Barnett, Architect; and
- (March 26, 1998) from Dr. Bob Frankford, a regular general practitioner at Seaton House.

The following persons appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Bob Barnett, Architect; and submitted a brief in regard thereto, together with a communication from Touchtone Youth Centre in support of the foregoing proposal;

Councillor Chong appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

- Mr. Larry Chilton, Hometeam, and Toronto Rooming House Association; and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Accommodation.

- A. Councillor Davis, on behalf of Councillor Layton, moved that:
- (1) the aforementioned communications and briefs be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon through the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes (Homeless Strategy Task Force), such report to include an exploration of models that provide necessary supports within the proposed pilot project for those in need, but which are outside the housing project budget; and
  - (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to approach Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to ascertain their interest in providing funds for development of this pilot project.
- B. Councillor Cho moved that the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Davis be amended to provide that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services include in her report the potential impact of the distribution/location of this type of housing.

Councillor Chong appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

- C. Councillor Chong moved that the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Davis be amended to provide that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services include in her report suggestions on how the private sector can become involved in the pilot project.

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

- D. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Davis be amended to provide that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services include in her report the feasibility of a separate policy, including waiting lists, for this type of housing.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Cho, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Chong, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Mammoliti, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Davis, as amended, it was carried.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Committee:

“The Committee directed that:

- (1) the aforementioned communications and briefs be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon through the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes (Homeless Strategy Task Force), such report to include:
  - (a) an exploration of models that provide necessary supports within the proposed pilot project for those in need, but which are outside the housing project budget;
  - (b) suggestions on how the private sector can become involved in the pilot project;
  - (c) the potential impact of the distribution/location of this type of housing; and
  - (d) the feasibility of a separate policy, including waiting lists, for this type of housing; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to approach Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to ascertain their interest in providing funds for development of this pilot project.”

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Accommodation; Mr. Bob Barnett; Mr. Larry Chilton, Hometeam; Dr. Bob Frankford; c. General Manager, The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(e), Report No. 3)**

**48. An Eviction Prevention Strategy for the City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, respecting the need to prevent further homelessness in the City of Toronto by ultimately reducing preventable evictions through research, analysis, public education and the co-ordinated efforts of legal clinics, social service agencies, municipal politicians and staff; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on a request for a purchase of service agreement with the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations (FMTA) to provide for the following services:
  - co-ordination of CourtWatch program, including: training of volunteers, collection, analysis and report of all data;
  - maintenance of web site;
  
  - maintenance of telephone hot line;
  - development of a Tenant Eviction Prevention Kit; and
  - development of multi-media campaign;
- (2) the City of Toronto allocate in-house printing and translation services for the Eviction Prevention Kit in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00;
- (3) the City of Toronto adopt a policy that economic evictions from City-owned housing not be pursued except as a means of last resort;
- (4) a joint meeting be convened between the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority (MTHA), the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited (MTHCL), Cityhome and members of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to review current practices for identifying early arrears cases and to develop best practices, policies and procedures for working with tenants to avoid arrears and economic evictions;
- (5) Community and Neighbourhood Services Housing Division staff be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee with a recommendation for a uniform accessory units by-law across the City of Toronto;
- (6) the Legal Department report back to the next Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee meeting on whether rooming houses of up to seven units could be classified as single family dwellings;

- (7) Community and Neighbourhood Services Housing Division staff report back to the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on a rent bank pilot project to prevent evictions of women and children;
- (8) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee develop a strategy to bring forward the report dated October 7, 1997, adopted by Metropolitan Council on October 8, 1997, from the Commissioner of Community Services, headed "The Homeless Crisis in Metro"; in particular, a report should be brought forward as soon as possible outlining an aggressive City of Toronto policy on use of vacant housing units ("use it or lose it");
- (9) City Council write to Premier Mike Harris, the Honourable Charles Harnick, the Honourable Isabel Bassett, and the Honourable Janet Ecker urging that regulations to the Human Rights Code governing tenant selection be drafted so as to:
  - (a) prohibit any use of minimum income criteria in tenant selection, except where such criteria are used to determine the eligibility for subsidy;
  - (b) prohibit landlords from disqualifying young applicants or newcomers for the reason that they have no landlord reference or credit rating; and
  - (c) prohibit co-signor requirements except where the landlord has received negative information with respect to credit or previous tenancies;
- (10) Mayor Mel Lastman, or his designate, meet with the Minister of Citizenship responsible for drafting of the regulations to communicate these concerns directly to the Minister (the full text of the motion passed at the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons is appended); and
- (11) the Mayor and Members of Council communicate its concerns about the impact of the Tenant Protection legislation on affordable rental housing stock in the City of Toronto, and urge the Provincial Government to:
  - (a) fund two additional Tenant Duty Counsel representatives in light of the fact that there will be three physically separate tribunal locations to hear evictions; and
  - (b) change the tribunal member criteria to either allow tenants to be on the tribunal or disqualify landlords.

The following persons appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:



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- Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons;
- Mr. Howard Tessler, Executive Director, Federation of Metropolitan Toronto Tenants Associations;
- Ms. Nancy Hindmarsh, Tenant Duty Counsel; and
- Mr. Bruce Porter, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation.

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (i) the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (9), (10) and (11);
- (ii) the Committee recommend to the Budget Committee for consideration at its meeting on March 31, 1998, the adoption of the following motion, referred to under the heading "Financial Implications" in the aforementioned communication (March 12, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons:

"That City Council approve an amount no greater than \$55,000.00 to support programs that deal with evictions prevention."; and
- (iii) Recommendations Nos. (1) to (8) be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee to be held on April 23, 1998.

Councillor Mammoliti moved that the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow be amended to provide that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services include in her report the feasibility of:

- (a) establishing a City Tenant Help Centre in each municipal office to assist tenants with respect to information on the Landlord and Tenant Act and with tenant representation; and
- (b) streamlining the process to enable local housing offices to have more authority in decision-making.

Councillor Prue moved that the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow be amended to provide that Recommendation No. (3) be referred back to the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Prue, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mammoliti, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, as amended, it was carried.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Committee:

“The Committee:

- (i) recommended to the Budget Committee for consideration at its meeting on March 31, 1998, the adoption of the following motion, referred to under the heading “Financial Implications” in the aforementioned communication (March 12, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons:

“That City Council approve an amount no greater than \$55,000.00 to support programs that deal with evictions prevention.”;
- (ii) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (9), (10) and (11);
- (iii) referred Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2) and (4) to (8) to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee to be held on April 23, 1998; and further that such report also include the feasibility of:
  - (a) establishing a City Tenant Help Centre in each municipal office to assist tenants with respect to information on the Landlord and Tenant Act and with tenant representation; and
  - (b) streamlining the process to enable local housing offices to have more authority in decision-making; and
- (iv) referred Recommendation No. (3) back to the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.”

(Budget Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; c. Mr. Howard Tessler; Ms. Nancy Hindmarsh; Mr. Bruce Porter - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 3)**

The Committee recessed at 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 27, 1998**

The Committee reconvened at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto.

Members Present:

Councillor Gordon Chong, Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Brown  
Councillor Olivia Chow  
Councillor Rob Davis  
Councillor Michael Feldman  
Councillor John Filion  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor George Mammoliti

Also Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid

**49. Status of Devolution and Reform of Social Housing Programs.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the status of the current social housing reform process intended to occur prior to devolution, the delay in the Federal plans to devolve their social housing programs to the Province, and the impact of this delay on provincial plans to devolve the administration of social housing to municipalities; and recommending that:

- (1) Council support efforts to reform social housing prior to devolution and request the Federal Government to co-operate with the Province, the municipal sector and the non-profit housing sector to reform social housing programs prior to devolution of administrative responsibilities to municipalities, so that all possible administrative complexity and duplication can be eliminated;
- (2) as Toronto has been forced to accept the former provincial funding responsibility for social housing, the Province and the Federal Government be advised that the municipal management of a simplified and reformed set of programs is the only reasonable and acceptable outcome to the City, and, furthermore, that the establishment of a provincially controlled special purpose body to administer social housing programs is not acceptable to the City;
- (3) the Provincial Government be requested to transfer ownership of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority stock to the City;
- (4) the City indicate to the Federal Government that it has no interest in administering the existing unilateral Federal non-profit and co-op units;
- (5) these positions be communicated to the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Federal Minister Responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

The Committee received an overhead presentation, entitled "Devolution and Reform of Social Housing Programs," from Ms. Joanne Campbell, General Manager, The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited.

Councillor King moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, which was carried.

Councillor Mammoliti moved that Councillor Gordon Chong, Chair, be requested to write to officials of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority

inviting them to make a presentation to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on their plans for the Authority, which was carried.

(Councillor Gordon Chong, Chair, Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 3)**

**50. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets.**

The Committee had before it the following reports and communications:

- (A) (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a status report on the Community and Neighbourhood Services 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets; attaching a summary of the budgets as submitted, and the changes made during the budget review process to date; and recommending that the report be received for information;

1998 Operating Budgets:

- (B) (March 24, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Operating Budget for Arts, Culture and Heritage, noting that:
- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of the following budget, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer as embodied in Section "C" or equivalent thereof; and
  - (2) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;
- (C) (March 24, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Operating Budget for Community and Neighbourhood Services, noting that:

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- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of the following budgets, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer as embodied in Section "C", and also subject to the deletion of funds in the amount of \$298,000.00 requested in the 1998 Operating Housing Budget for housing demonstration projects and grants:
    - (i) Hostels;
    - (ii) Housing;
    - (iii) Children's Services;
    - (iv) Homes for the Aged;
    - (v) Community Development and Support;
    - (vi) Social Services; and
    - (vii) Social Services and Housing Administration; and
  - (2) such budgets will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;
- (D) (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the requests of the Children's Action Committee and the Budget Committee to report on the pressures being faced by child care programs serving subsidized clients and the priority areas in need of support; outlining recent changes in the traditional cost-sharing formula for child care, and highlighting the role resulting from user fees collected from subsidized clients in the overall funding of the system; and recommending that the report be received for information;
- (E) (March 12, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Budget Committee to provide additional information concerning the current levels of child care service in support of social assistance recipients, and to identify the future child care service demand related to the Ontario Works program; and recommending that the report be received for information;
- (F) (March 9, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Children's Action Committee on March 6, 1998, recommended that the following principles be considered during the 1998 Operating Budget process:
- (1) that there be expansion of child care subsidies to ensure that the 2,000 vacancies in the licensed child care system are filled;
  - (2) that adequate services are provided to children whose parents are participating in the Ontario Works program;

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- (3) that any savings in Public Health incurred as a result of amalgamation be redirected back into services for children;
  - (4) that there be sufficient resources available to ensure equitable access to services for children and youth across the City of Toronto;
  - (5) that the budget for the general grants programs be maintained at existing levels, and specifically that the funding of children's and youth programs be maintained at current levels; and
  - (6) that opportunities to explore creative, flexible and optimal use of resources to meet the needs of children and youth be facilitated;
- (G) (March 11, 1998) from the Children's Advocate outlining the workplan and budget for the Children's Action Committee; advising that the Children's Action Committee is proposing a budget of \$150,000.00 to support its activities; noting that this is included in the request for \$500,000.00 under a Corporate expenditure account to cover the budget requirements for all the task forces related to Community and Neighbourhood Services; and recommending that:
- (1) Council approve the workplan and budget for the Children's Action Committee; and
  - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (H) (March 25, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Operating Budget for the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, noting that:
- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of such budget; and
  - (2) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;
- (I) (March 24, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation, noting that:
- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the

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adoption of such budget, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer as embodied in Section "C"; and

- (2) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;
- (J) (March 25, 1998) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre, respecting the 1998 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation; and recommending that staff be requested to report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee prior to implementing the second proposed set of increases in ice rates for community youth", such report to outline the impact of the initial increases and the anticipated impact of the proposed future increases on minor hockey and on other ice surface users;
- (K) (March 19, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Operating Budget for Public Health, noting that:
- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of such budget, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer as embodied in Section "C", with the exception of the user fee proposed for prenatal and infant parenting classes;
  - (2) it does not support the concept of the reinvestment of savings within a Department or envelope and any new programs be submitted through the normal process; and
  - (3) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;
- (L) (March 25, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Board of Health on March 24, 1998, had before it reports (March 11, and 12, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to investing in public and children's health and child nutrition programs; and indicating that the Board took the following action with regard to the recommendations contained therein:



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- (1) amended Recommendation No. (1) of the report dated March 11, 1998, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Investing in our Children's Health by revising the requested amounts therein so as to read:

“(1) That the Board of Health forward to the Budget Committee for consideration of allocation of funds to Public Health totalling \$2,905,100.00 on an annualized basis, including \$2,450,300.00 for 1998 in operational costs and \$130,000.00 in capital costs for children's health services in the City of Toronto (as per Appendix 1)”;

and adopted the report, as amended, and directed that this report also be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and the Children's Action Committee for their consideration in the development of a children's strategy;

- (2) deleted Recommendation No. (2) of the report dated March 11, 1998, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Child Nutrition Programs in Toronto and adopted the report; and requested that this report be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, the Budget Committee, the Children's Action Committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic School Board and all Members of Council for information; and
- (3) adopted the report dated March 12, 1998, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Investing in Public Health and directed that it be forwarded to the Budget Committee, the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and all Members of Council for information;

- (M) (March 19, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Operating Budget for the Toronto Public Library, noting that:

- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of such budget, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer as embodied in Section “C”; and

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- (2) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;

1998 Capital Budgets:

- (N) (March 24, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Capital Budget for Arts, Culture and Heritage, noting that:

- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of such budget, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) transferring the amount of \$99,000.00 allocated to the Capital Maintenance - Health and Safety Repairs category, to the 1998 Operating Budget; and in future years it be considered as an operating expense;
- (b) deleting \$300,000.00 from the Guild Inn Capital Budget which was allocated for repairs;
- (c) the amount of \$35,000.00 allocated to the Guild Inn for conducting a feasibility study for future uses of the facility being conditional upon the Guild Inn providing Terms of Reference for this feasibility study;
- (d) an amount of \$50,000.00 being allocated to the Etobicoke Public Art Acquisition Project; and
- (e) \$26,000.00 be deleted for the replacement of a vehicle; and

- (2) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;

- (O) (March 24, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Capital Budget for Community and Neighbourhood Services, noting that:

- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of the following budgets:

- (a) Hostels;

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- (b) Homes for the Aged;
  - (c) Housing; and
  - (d) Social Services; and
- (2) such budgets will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998;
- (P) 1998 Capital Program for Parks and Recreation; and
- (Q) (March 19, 1998) from the City Clerk submitting, for review and comment, the 1998 Capital Budget from the Toronto Public Library, noting that:
- (1) the Budget Committee proposes to recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting to be held on April 14, 1998, the adoption of such budget, subject to the following amendments:
    - (a) that the loan for the Burrows Hall Library in the amount of \$270,000.00 be repaid and such funds be allocated from the Capital Reserve Fund;
    - (b) that funds in the amount of \$137,500.00 be allocated for Project No. 809 - Minor Capital Program (Toronto); and
  - (2) such budget will again be considered by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998.

The Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services provided the Committee with an overview of the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets under the purview of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Children's Services

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) \$12.1 million be put into the Corporate Contingency Account to address the impact of emerging financial pressures on the child care program;

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- (2) any savings from further welfare caseload reductions, achieved after the budget is approved, be redirected to provide child care support to families involved in the Ontario Works Program; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee clarifying the cost of adjusting child care per diem rates and provider rates to reflect the cost of inflation.

Councillor King moved that part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow be amended by adding thereto the following:

“as a first priority; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report on an implementation plan which addresses these and any other unmet social services needs.”

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor King, amending part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, as amended, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (3) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

Grants:

Councillor Chow moved that the amount of \$200,000.00 be reinstated to the Homeless Initiatives Grants Program, which was carried.

Councillor Davis moved that any grants programs that have been inadvertently not included in the 1998 budget base be reinstated by the Budget Committee and referred to the Municipal Grants Review Committee for consideration, which was carried.

Parks and Recreation:

Councillor Feldman moved that the following motion contained in communication (J) from Councillor Brad Duguid be adopted:

“that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee prior to implementing the second proposed set of increases in ice rates for “Community Youth”, such report to include the impact of the initial increases and the anticipated impact of the proposed future increases on minor hockey and on other ice surface users;”

which was carried.

Public Health:

Councillor Filion moved that the recommendations by the Board of Health embodied in communication (L) dated March 25, 1998, from the City Clerk with respect to reports from the Medical Officer of Health on “Investing in Public and Children’s Health” and “Child Nutrition Programs” be endorsed, which was carried.

Councillor Chong appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Arts, Culture and Heritage:

Councillor Chow moved that Tourism Toronto be requested to provide assistance to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division for its marketing and communications strategies, having regard that Tourism Toronto’s grant was not reduced, which was carried.

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

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Councillor King moved that:

- (1) the following reports (D) and (E) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be referred to the Budget Committee for information:

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- (D) March 11, 1998, respecting the pressures facing child care programs serving subsidized clients; and
- (E) March 11, 1998, respecting child care demand related to the Ontario Works Program; and
- (2) the communication (G) dated March 11, 1998, from the Children's Advocate recommending Council approval of the workplan and budget for the Children's Action Committee be adopted,

which was carried.

Councillor Chong appointed Councillor King Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Chong moved that communication (F) dated March 9, 1998, from the City Clerk be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that she report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the implications of the principles outlined by the Children's Action Committee, which was carried.

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

The following is a summary of the action taken by Committee:

"The Committee recommended the following with respect to the 1998 Operating Budgets under its purview:

Arts, Culture and Heritage:

- (1) that Tourism Toronto be requested to provide assistance to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Division for its marketing and communications strategies, having regard that Tourism Toronto's grant was not reduced;

Grants:

- (2) that any grants programs that have been inadvertently not included in the 1998 budget base be reinstated by the Budget Committee and referred to the Municipal Grants Review Committee for consideration;
- (3) that the amount of \$200,000.00 be reinstated to the Homeless Initiatives Grants Program;

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- (4) that any savings from further welfare caseload reductions, achieved after the budget is approved, be redirected to provide child care support to families involved in the Ontario Works Program as a first priority; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report on an implementation plan which addresses these and any other unmet social service needs;
- (5) that communication (G) dated March 11, 1998, from the Children's Advocate recommending Council approval of the workplan and budget for the Children's Action Committee be adopted;

Parks and Recreation:

- (6) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee prior to implementing the second proposed set of increases in ice rates for "Community Youth", such report to include the impact of the initial increases and the anticipated impact of the proposed future increases on minor hockey and on other ice surface users; and

Public Health:

- (7) that the recommendations by the Board of Health embodied in communication (L) dated March 25, 1998, from the City Clerk with respect to reports from the Medical Officer of Health on "Investing in Public and Children's Health" and "Child Nutrition Programs" be endorsed, viz:

"The Board of Health at its meeting on March 24, 1998:

- (1) amended Recommendation No. (1) of the report dated March 11, 1998, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Investing in our Children's Health by revising the requested amounts therein so as to read:
  - "(1) That the Board of Health forward to the Budget Committee for consideration of allocation of funds to Public Health totalling \$2,905,100.00 on an annualized basis, including \$2,450,300.00 for 1998 in operational costs and \$130,000.00 in capital costs for children's health services in the City of Toronto (as per Appendix 1)";

and adopted the report, as amended, and directed that this report also be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and

the Children's Action Committee for their consideration in the development of a children's strategy;

- (2) deleted Recommendation No. (2) of the report dated March 11, 1998, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Child Nutrition Programs in Toronto and adopted the report; and requested that this report be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, the Budget Committee, the Children's Action Committee, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic School Board and all Members of Council for information; and
- (3) adopted the report dated March 12, 1998, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting Investing in Public Health and directed that it be forwarded to the Budget Committee, the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and all Members of Council for information.”;

and further:

Children's Services/Children's Action Committee:

- (i) referred the attached reports (D) and (E) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to the Budget Committee for information:
  - (D) March 11, 1998, respecting the pressures facing child care programs serving subsidized clients; and
  - (E) March 11, 1998, respecting child care demand related to the Ontario Works Program;
- (ii) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee clarifying the cost of adjusting child care per diem rates and provider rates to reflect the cost of inflation; and
- (iii) referred communication (F) dated March 9, 1998, from the City Clerk to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that she report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the implications of the principles outlined by the Children's Action Committee.”

(Budget Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Councillor Brad Duguid; General Manager, Children's Services Division; Interim Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation; Interim Functional Lead, Arts, Cultural and Heritage; Medical Officer of Health; Interim



Functional Lead, Toronto Library Board; General Manager, Hummingbird  
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**(Clause No. 10(a), Report No. 3)**

**51. Current Gaps in Public Health Services for Children.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 26, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on February 23, 1998, recommended that the report (February 11, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health identifying current gaps in public health services for children and families across the City of Toronto be forwarded to the Children's Action Committee and the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration, and to the Budget Committee with a request that the Medical Officer of Health report to that Committee with respect to the amount of funding required.

The Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Medical Officer of Health - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(b), Report No. 3)**

**52. The State of the City's Health: Implications for Public Health.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 26, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on February 23, 1998, had before it a report (February 19, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the State of the City's Health: Implications for Public Health which updates the view of health and health trends in Toronto and outlines key issues for Public Health programs and resource allocations; and that the Board recommended that the report be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, the Budget Committee, and City Council for consideration during the budget process.

The Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Medical Officer of Health - March 27, 1998)

**(Clause No. 10(c), Report No. 3)**

**53. Ontario Works Implementation: Phase 1 Update.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the progress of Ontario Works implementation to date, the issues that have affected implementation, and steps the Social Services Division will take in 1998 to complete implementation; and recommending that:

- (1) the Province be urged to change the current method for establishing participation targets by developing a formula for setting targets which focuses on program results, and which takes into account both the capacity of local communities to provide placements and the service needs of the local client population; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee received an overhead presentation, entitled "Ontario Works Update", from Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Councillor Chong provided a verbal update on his meeting with Mr. Frank Klees, the Parliamentary Assistant responsible for the carriage of Ontario Works, and on his site visit to a local Social Services Area Office; and noted that Mr. Klees, together with the appropriate Provincial technology staff, has agreed to visit an Area Office in an attempt to resolve the problems staff are having with the present system for processing Ontario Works clients.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 6, Report No. 3)**

**54. Resources to Support Inter-Related Task Forces.**

The Committee had before it a report (March 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the resource requirements identified for the following task force initiatives under the Community and Neighbourhood Services area;

- the Homeless Strategy Task Force (The Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes), chaired by Councillor Layton;

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- the Homelessness Action Task Force, chaired by Dr. Anne Golden;
- the Children's Action Committee, chaired by Councillor Chow, the Children's Advocate;
- the Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly (Seniors' Task Force) chaired by Councillor Johnston; and
- the Youth Summit on Employment;

advising that in-kind resources, including staffing and supplies, are being provided by Community and Neighbourhood Services, Corporate Services, Urban Planning and Development and the Healthy City Office to support these initiatives, but that additional resource requirements cannot be absorbed within existing operating budgets; indicating that an allocation of \$500,000.00, to be established within a Corporate expenditure account, has been requested in support of these initiatives for the 1998 budget year; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Committee recommended to Council that an upset limit of \$170,000.00 be established for the City of Toronto's direct charges by the Homelessness Action Task Force, chaired by Dr. Anne Golden.

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 3)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:40 p.m.

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Chair.