

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee

Thursday, June 18, 1998

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee met on Thursday, June 18, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 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
Councillor Joan King
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor George Mammoliti
Councillor Michael Prue

Also Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid
Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Howard Moscoe

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee held on May 21, 1998, were confirmed.

73. Articles of Amendment - Cityhome and

The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited.

The Committee had before it the following communications:

- (May 8, 1998) from the Corporate Secretary, The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited, advising that the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited on May 8, 1998, adopted a report (April 20, 1998) from the General Manager attaching a communication from the City Solicitor respecting Articles of Amendment, and wherein he describes such amendments to the Housing Company's by-laws, effective April 1, 1998, which address the size of the Board and Finance Committee, alters the quorum stipulation and identifies newly confirmed Directors.

- (May 8, 1998) from the Corporate Secretary, Board of Directors of The City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation, advising that the Board of Directors of the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation on May 8, 1998, had before it a report (April 28, 1998) from the General Manager, Cityhome, respecting the membership of the Cityhome Board of Directors appointed effective April 1, 1998; noting that Cityhome's Articles of Incorporation and City By-law No. 18 were amended as a result of the amalgamation; and that the Board adopted the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to City Council for information.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee received the aforementioned communications; and directed that they be forwarded to Council for information.

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 6)

74. Review of the Use of Motels for Homeless Families.

The Committee had before it a report (May 19, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising of the need to undertake a review of the practice to shelter homeless families in motels and recommending that:

- (1) the Department be authorized to conduct a review of the use of motels for homeless families;

- (2) a steering committee be established which is composed of the four City Councillors from Scarborough and two Councillors from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee;

- (3) the consultations seek appropriate input from homeless families, social agencies, Toronto Board of Education, neighbourhood associations and affected City Councillors;
- (4) a final report be submitted to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee by the end of 1998; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that Councillors Raymond Cho and Olivia Chow be appointed to the steering committee referred to in Recommendation No. (2).

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 6)

75. Community of Origin of People Admitted to Emergency Hostels.

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submitting, for information, the results of a survey investigating the community of origin of hostel admissions from March 16-29, 1998.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(a), Report No. 6)

76. Homelessness Action Task Force.

The Committee had before it a report (May 29, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of Council on April 16, 1998, to report on the workplan and budget of the Homelessness Action Task Force, including the status of the Federal Government contribution; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(b), Report No. 6)

77. Classification of Rooming Houses.

The Committee had before it a report (May 29, 1998) from the City Solicitor responding to the request of the Committee on March 26 and 27, 1998, to report regarding the classification of rooming houses for property tax assessment purposes; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 19(c), Report No. 6)

78. Homes for the Aged - Uncollectible Account.

The Committee had before it a report (May 8, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears accumulated on behalf of I.S. while she was a resident at Bendale Acres; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 6)

79. Visitors' Parking - Seven Oaks Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 28, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 28, 1998, recommended to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee the adoption of a report (May 21, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting visitors' parking at Seven Oaks, and wherein she recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto approve the plan of Centenary Health Centre to offer reduced rate parking in their Shoniker Parking Lot for visitors to Seven Oaks Home for the Aged;
- (2) in exchange for the consideration outlined in Recommendation No. (1), the City of Toronto enter into a licensing arrangement with Centenary Health Centre to install and operate eight parking meters on the City-owned land on which Seven Oaks is situated, at a cost of \$0.25 per fifteen minutes;
- (3) the license arrangement include a provision to maintain the parking meter fees at \$0.25 per fifteen minutes with no increase for two years;
- (4) the license arrangement be in a form and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 6)

80. 1999 United Nations International Year of Older Persons.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 28, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 28, 1998, recommended the adoption of a report (May 26, 1998) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the 1999 United Nations International Year of Older Persons, and wherein she recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee;

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- (2) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee support the official involvement of the City of Toronto in the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP);
- (3) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee determine the most appropriate committee/task force that should be charged with the responsibility of planned IYOP recognition events and advocacy issues; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

and indicating that the Advisory Committee further recommended that a staff group, comprised of representatives of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, Healthy City Office, Public Health Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and any other interested parties involved in seniors' issues, including the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged and the Seniors' Task Force, be established to ensure that an integrated plan for events is in place for the 1999 United Nations International Year of Older Persons, and report thereon through the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 6)

81. Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 28, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 28, 1998, recommended the adoption of a report (May 26, 1998) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, wherein she recommended the appointment of Mr. Julien LeBourdais to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged for a three-year term, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 6)

82. Metro Youth Employment Outreach Program.

The Committee had before it a report (June 3, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that, subject to Human Resources Development Canada budget approval:

- (1) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to enter into an agreement with Human Resources Development Canada to renew operations of the Youth Employment Outreach Program up to March 31, 1999.
- (2) the total cost of the program not to exceed \$331,800.00, and the City of Toronto's contribution to the program for 1998 not to exceed \$73,000.00 net; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 6)

83. Metro Youth Job Corps.

The Committee had before it a report (June 2, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that, subject to Human Resource Development Canada approval:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with Human Resource Development Canada for the operation of the Metro Youth Job Corps for the period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999, and to renew agreements with St. Christopher House and West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre to deliver the program;
- (2) the total cost of the agreement not to exceed \$1,503,000.00 gross, and the City of Toronto's contribution to the program not to exceed \$135,000.00 net for 1998; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 6)

84. Change of Name of the Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 21, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that on May 12, 1998, the Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly changed its name to the Seniors' Task Force.

The Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(d), Report No. 6)

85. Proposed Use of Birkdale Villa as a Hostel for Women and Their Children.

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that Birkdale Villa has been used as a temporary hostel since August 1996, while renovations were being done to Robertson House at 291 Sherbourne Street; indicating that the renovations will be completed this summer and Robertson House will reopen in September 1998; noting that a review of the use of Birkdale Villa has been completed; and recommending that:

- (1) the use of Birkdale Villa at 1229 Ellesmere Road be approved as a hostel for homeless mothers and their children;
- (2) the current directive to not exceed a maximum enrolment of 25 students at Edgewood Public School continue; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following:

- (June 11, 1998) from Mr. Bruce Rivers, Executive Director, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, supporting the continued use of Birkdale Villa as a shelter for women and children; urging the Committee not to approve any portion of the report restricting access to the shelter for women with school age children, due to the cap on children attending the local public school; and noting that there are often empty beds at Birkdale Villa while women with school age children are placed in motels; and

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- (June 17, 1998) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough Civic Centre, in support of the recommendations embodied in the report dated June 1, 1998, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and recommending that Parks and Recreation staff be requested to investigate the need to enhance the Edgewood Park playground located directly to the south of Birkdale Villa home for women with children and take the appropriate measures to ensure that their recommendations are completed as soon as possible.

Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough Civic Centre, appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor King moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to investigate the need to enhance the Edgewood Park playground located directly to the south of Birkdale Villa home for women with children and take the appropriate measures to ensure that the recommendations of the Midland Park Community are addressed as soon as possible; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to invite Mr. Bruce Rivers, Executive Director, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, to visit the Birkdale Villa facility.

Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to submit to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in November 1998 a progress report on the use of Birkdale Villa as a hostel for women and their children, such report to include the financial implications of the program.

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

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough Civic Centre; Mr. Bruce Rivers, Executive Director, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 6)

86. Capital Funding of Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority Projects.

The Committee had before it a report (June 3, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on April 23, 1998, to report on whether funding details provided by the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority (MTHA) in their presentation included the \$200 million repairs highlighted by the Provincial Auditor in his 1997 report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to confirm the amount of capital funding which has been included for MTHA in the total costs attributed to the downloading of social housing in the City of Toronto;
- (2) the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to provide City staff with copies of final reports on the condition of the MTHA portfolio that are currently underway and access to the consultants that have been retained to do the work;
- (3) staff meet with the consultants currently retained by MTHA and OHC (IBI and KPMG) in order to establish a fuller understanding of the background and terms of reference for their reports and the methodology which they have used in preparing the reports;
- (4) the City retain a qualified technical consultant to report on the capital needs of the MTHA portfolio. The consultant would review the material that has been provided by MTHA on the condition of their portfolio, comment on the apparent differences in the estimates of capital funding requirements in this material and conduct further audits, verifications, etc., as required. As well, the consultant would also provide an opinion to the City as to what funding options would be appropriate to financing the capital needs of the MTHA portfolio in the next five and ten-year period; and
- (5) in view of the time constraints on the carrying out of a full due diligence study, the City support the principle of a cap on its exposure for capital work as recommended

to the Social Housing Committee by the Public Housing Working Group, and that this cap include the OHC building functionality category, as well as the life-safety, structural integrity and legislative categories.

Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina, appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

A. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to send out immediately the invitation to representatives of the two local unions that represent the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority on-site workers, tenant representatives, and others who may be interested in addressing the Committee, as requested by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee at its meeting on April 23, 1998; and
- (2) the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority be requested to:
 - (a) stop immediately the awarding of tenders for the management of the 4,500 MTHA units; and
 - (b) desist from selling off any more scattered MTHA units.

B. Councillor Feldman moved that the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be adopted, subject to deferring consideration of Recommendation No. (4) with respect to the hiring of a consultant.

C. Councillor King moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit a report to the July 16, 1998, meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the Department's position with respect to selling off MTHA scattered units.

D. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the foregoing motion by Councillor Feldman be amended to provide that Recommendation No. (4) be approved in principle pending receipt of the KPMG and Carson reports; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services consider the necessity of hiring a qualified technical consultant at that time; and
- (2) a work group be established to assist the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services in negotiations with the Federal and Provincial Governments on the downloading of social housing, and that she be requested to seek the assistance of MTHA unions, tenant representatives, and interested housing coalitions in this regard.

Councillor Chong appointed Councillor Davis Acting Chair and vacated the Chair, in order to speak to the foregoing matter.

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Mammoliti, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2)(a) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Mammoliti, it was lost on a tie vote.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2)(b) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Mammoliti, it was carried.

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

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

Having regard to the action taken by the Committee, that portion of motion B. by Councillor Feldman pertaining to the deferral of Recommendation No. (4) was declared redundant.

Upon the question of the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, as amended, it was carried.

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

“The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (i) the adoption of the report dated June 3, 1998, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, subject to Recommendation No. (4) being approved in principle pending receipt of the KPMG and Carson reports; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services consider the necessity of hiring a qualified technical consultant at that time;
 - (ii) that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority (MTHA) be requested to desist from selling off any more scattered MTHA units; and
 - (iii) that a work group be established to assist the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services in negotiations with the Federal and Provincial Governments on the downloading of social housing, and that she be requested to seek the assistance of MTHA unions, tenant representatives, and interested housing coalitions in this regard; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) send out immediately the invitation to representatives of the two local unions that represent the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority on-site workers, tenant representatives, and others who may be interested in addressing the Committee, as requested by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee at its meeting on April 23, 1998; and
 - (b) submit a report to the July 16, 1998, meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the Department's position with respect to selling off MTHA scattered units.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 6)

87. Proposed Redevelopment - North-East Quadrant,

North Regent Park, Don River Ward.

The Committee had before it a report (May 25, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the progress of negotiations with the Province, the developer, and the City respecting the proposed redevelopment of the North-East Quadrant, North Regent Park, Don River Ward site, and on the principal issues relating to the redevelopment; and recommending that:

- (1) subject to such amendments as may be approved by Council as redevelopment proposals are more fully developed, the appropriate City officials be authorized to execute an Agreement with the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC), releasing the City's reversionary interest in the lands in North Regent Park bounded by Gerrard, River, Oak and Sumach Streets, subject to the following conditions being met:
 - (a) the developer obtaining approval, from all required regulatory agencies, of any Official Plan Amendment and/or rezoning that may be required, and the subdivision of the land to implement the intended redevelopment of the subject site, and entering into any development, collateral and/or other agreements that the City may require;
 - (b) the developer and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) entering into an agreement satisfactory in form and content to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, regarding the implementation of the proposed redevelopment;
 - (c) the intended owner entering into a Social Housing Agreement, or an equivalent, with the City regarding the 163 units which replace the existing assisted housing stock on the lands in question, which assures:
 - their long term existence as assisted housing;
 - adequate funding to ensure their maintenance in good physical condition;
 - their operation on a long-term basis as rental housing for low-income households; and
 - that the units will be owned and operated by a non-profit corporation both before and after the expiry of the existing Operating Agreement;
 - (d) CMHC restructuring its debenture interest in the subject lands, and providing such mortgage insurance as may be required, both on terms which permit implementation of the redevelopment proposal;
 - (e) the developer obtaining a commitment to finance the entire proposed redevelopment from an institutional or other lender acceptable to the City;

- (f) agreements being in place between the developer, OHC, and MMAH which ensure the relocation of existing tenants from the redevelopment area, into equivalent units in the MTHA or OHC portfolios, to allow for site clearance and redevelopment, and which provide for the rehousing of the displaced tenants in the new units should they so desire, or their right to remain in their replacement units;
 - (g) municipal facilities to be conveyed to the City as part of the proposed redevelopment of the subject lands are designed to City standards, and to the satisfaction of the appropriate City officials;
 - (h) the Chief Building Official has issued a letter to the effect that building permits will be available for the 163 replacement units upon payment of the required fee;
 - (i) the developer guaranteeing that sufficient funds from the proceeds of sales be directed to pay down the mortgage on the 163 replacement units, or to the purchase of an annuity (the determination of the appropriate approach will require financial modeling of both) to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover their on-going operation based on the current level of subsidy;
 - (j) cost savings realized through negotiation with utilities or regulatory agencies be directed to the benefit of the redevelopment;
 - (k) Council declaring its reversionary interest surplus under Section 193 of the Municipal Act; and
 - (l) if the above conditions are satisfied, the City's release of its reversionary interest will be conditional upon commencement of construction of the 163 replacement units within six months of the date upon which they are satisfied;
- (2) staff be requested to report again, as necessary, on progress in meeting the above conditions; financial implications for the City, if any, as they are identified; and the extent to which the City's goals and objectives are being met; and
 - (3) the City request the Provincial and Federal Governments to address the problem of ensuring on-going funding for all the assisted housing developments for which the existing Federal/Provincial Operating Agreement expires in 2013.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River, appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in support of the aforementioned report.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 6)

88. Land Acquisition - 3100 Weston Road.

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism advising that staff of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Parks and Recreation Department have attended a number of meetings regarding the acquisition of part of lands owned by The Order of St. Basil The Great Holding Company at 3100 Weston Road; noting that the subject property is an important component of the Humber Valley greenspace system; and recommending that:

- (1) financing in the amount of \$325,000.00 be approved; this amount to be financed from the Parkland Acquisition Reserve;
- (2) funding, to a maximum of \$325,000.00, be made available to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for the purchase of land at 3100 Weston Road, subject to TRCA approval of the purchase; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Mammoliti moved that the report of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be deferred until the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee to allow him the opportunity to meet on-site with staff and other interested parties.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing deferral motion by Councillor Mammoliti, it was lost on a tie vote.

Councillor Davis moved that the appropriate representatives of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Parks and Recreation Department be requested to attend Councillor Mammoliti's community meeting on the land acquisition at 3100 Weston Road prior to consideration by City Council on July 8, 1998, which was carried.

Councillor Prue moved that the report of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be adopted, which was carried.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Councillor George Mammoliti, North York Humber; Mr. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 6)

89. Proposed Policy for Renaming of Parks.

The Committee had before it a communication (June 2, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that North York Community Council on May 27, 1998, recommended to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee the adoption of a report dated May 19, 1998, from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism recommending a proposed policy for the renaming of parks, as follows:

- (1) parks should generally be named on the basis of either the street or geographic area which most appropriately describes and identifies the location of the park;
- (2) where an exception is being considered and the naming of a park after an individual or group is being recommended, the following criteria should apply:
 - (a) the contributions of the individual or group must be well documented and broadly acknowledged within the community;
 - (b) the contribution of land or money by the individual or group for the acquisition of parkland should be deemed to be substantial;
 - (c) a direct relationship should exist between the place of residence/activity of an individual/group and the park named;
 - (d) the agreement of local residents in close proximity to the park shall be secured;
 - (e) the agreement of the individual or next of kin in the case of deceased individuals, and of the duly elected senior representatives, in the case of groups, shall be obtained; and
 - (f) name duplication, similar surrounding or cumbersome names should be avoided; names which may be interpreted as an advertisement or being either discriminatory or connoting political affiliation must not be used;

subject to amending criteria (d) to read as follows:

- “(d) the agreement of local residents in close proximity to the park shall be secured by means of a mail ballot over a defined area to be carried out by City staff;”.
- A. Councillor Prue moved that the report of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be adopted.
- B. Councillor King moved that the recommendation of the North York Community Council be adopted, subject to adding to the criteria 2(d) the words “during the formal consultation process”.
- C. Councillor Davis moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the North York Community Council, subject to:
- (i) amending the criteria in section 2(d) by deleting the words “a mail ballot” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “consultation with the community”, so that such criteria reads as follows:
- “(d) the agreement of local residents in close proximity to the park shall be secured by means of consultation with the community over a defined area to be carried out by City staff;”; and
- (ii) adding the following new criteria as 2(g):
- “(g) existing parks named after individuals shall not be altered or changed.”
- D. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that deputations be heard at Community Councils when matters relating to renaming of parks appear on their agenda.

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

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, it was carried.

Having regard to the action taken by the Committee the foregoing motions A. by Councillor Prue and B. by Councillor King were declared redundant.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 6)

**90. Development of Youth Shelter Demonstration Project -
11 Ordnance Street, Trinity Niagara Ward.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining a plan for the development of an existing City-owned warehouse at 11 Ordnance Street as a model shelter project for street youth; noting that the Capital Leverage Fund contains \$500,000.00 to support the capital costs of the project, and that the 1998 Homeless Initiatives Fund contains a grant of \$50,000.00 for the Youth Street Survivors Housing Support Project, which will assist with the development and implementation of this shelter project;

- (1) the youth shelter demonstration project be developed at 11 Ordnance Street and staff report back on the progress of this project;
- (2) the existing City-owned site at 11 Ordnance Street be assigned to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department for shelter projects;
- (3) if and when the property is required for the Front Street Extension, the building will be vacated; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 6)

91. Changes to Membership and Quorum - Children's Action Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 15, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Children's Action Committee recommended that:

- (1) Trustee Rose Andrachuk be appointed as the representative for the Toronto District Catholic School Board to replace Trustee Christine Nunziata;
- (2) Ms. Colette Murphy be appointed as the representative for the United Way to replace Ms. Cynthia D'Anjou-Brown; and
- (3) Ms. Valerie MacDonald be appointed to replace Ms. Annie Kidder as the representative for People for Education.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Children's Action Committee embodied in the aforementioned communication; and further that the following additional changes to the membership and quorum be approved:

- (a) that Trustee Lillian Schaeffer be appointed as the alternate of the Toronto District School Board Trustee;
- (b) that Ms. Clara Wills, Early Year's Action Group (North York), and Ms. Sue Hunter, Toronto Child Abuse Centre, be added to the membership of the Children's Action Committee; and
- (c) that the quorum of the Children's Action Committee be reduced to 12 members.

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 6)

92. Palliative Care Pilot Project for the Homeless.

The Committee had before it a report (June 4, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the Department be authorized to set up a palliative care pilot program at the Seaton House Annex;
- (2) this program be conditional on the appropriate support being provided by the Coroner's Office and Mount Sinai Hospital;
- (3) a progress report be submitted to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in about a year's time on the outcome of this pilot program and any research data developed; and

- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (3) by deleting the words “about a year’s”, and inserting in lieu thereof the words “six months”, so that such recommendation reads as follows:

“(3) a progress report be submitted to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in six months’ time on the outcome of this pilot program and any research data developed; and.”

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 6)

93. Provincial Announcement on Long-Term Care Reinvestment.

The Committee had before it a report (June 4, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the announcement by the Provincial Minister of Health on long-term care reinvestment and the implications for the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services undertake a review of the program and policy implications of expanded Provincial funding for long-term care services for the City and report back the findings to Toronto Council;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, with the General Manager of the Homes for the Aged, arrange a meeting with senior staff of the Ministry of Health to discuss the issues and concerns:
 - (i) raised within the report regarding the lack of a City-wide placement co-ordination system for facility referrals; and
 - (ii) regarding current and prospective gaps in community-based service provision that are arising out of the Community Care Access Centre structure and funding process;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Seniors’ Task Force (formerly known as the Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly) for consideration in the development of a seniors’ strategy; and

- (4) 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 (May 12, 1998), addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, respecting the expansion of the long-term care system; and requesting that the City of Toronto respond to the RFP with a proposal to renovate The Riverdale Hospital for use as a long-term care facility.

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

Councillor King resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Filion, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development and Planning Services, be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the feasibility of implementing policies to address the need for accommodation for seniors in secondary plan areas, particularly the North York City Centre and the Sheppard Subway Corridor; and
- (3) referred the communication from Mr. Denis Casey, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79 to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Urban Development and Planning Services; Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, CUPE Local 79; c. General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Executive Director, Social Development and Management Services Division - June 18, 1998)

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 6)

94. Ontario Disability Support Program/Social Benefits Tribunal.

The Committee had before it a report (May 28, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an:

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- overview of the new Ontario Disability Support Program regulations, which took effect June 1, 1998; and
- assessment of the new appeal system proposed for Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program;

highlighting the key changes as well as an impression of the cumulative impacts for Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Social Services; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

Having regard that a quorum was not present at this point in the proceedings, those members in attendance decided to view the overhead presentation on the Ontario Disability Support Program by Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 6)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Chair.