

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee

Thursday, July 16, 1998

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee met on Thursday, July 16, 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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee held on June 18, 1998, were confirmed.

95. National Child Benefit Supplement.

The Committee had before it a report (June 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the recently announced Federal National Child Benefit Supplement (N.C.B.S.) which will be introduced on July 1, 1998; outlining the implications for social assistance clients; and identifying implementation issues; advising that social assistance program savings for the City of Toronto in 1998, based on the five-month period August 1 to December 31, 1998, resulting from the introduction of the National Child Benefit Supplement are estimated at approximately \$15 million gross/\$3 million net, and on an annualized basis program savings are estimated at \$36 million gross/\$7.2 million net; and recommending that:

- (1) upon finalization of the Provincial framework governing how municipal program savings achieved as a result of the introduction of the N.C.B.S. are to be used, the Department will develop a plan for reinvestment of City of Toronto savings and report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in the fall of 1998; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 7)

96. Elimination of Special Assistance and Supplementary Aid.

The Committee had before it a report (July 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the elimination of Special Assistance and Supplementary Aid under the new Provincial Ontario Works regulations; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council request the Province to reinstate the former level of services to low income families, including coverage of the cost of prescription drugs and medical items provided through Special Assistance and Supplementary Aid;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services implement Provincial changes to Special Assistance and Supplementary Aid resulting from the introduction of the new Ontario Works regulations;

- (3) City Council continue to advocate to the Province that the Assistive Devices Program be modified to cover the full costs of medical items formerly covered through Special Assistance and Supplementary Aid; and
- (4) 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.

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 7)

97. 30 St. Lawrence Street - Status Report on Development of Housing for the Homeless.

The Committee had before it a report (June 25, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the progress made in realizing proposed permanent housing at 30 St. Lawrence Street for formerly homeless men and women; outlining the background and details of this project; and recommending that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to advance \$40,000.00 of the grant monies from the Capital Leverage Fund to permit completion of working drawings, to allow tendering to proceed, and to pay the application fee for a Building Permit.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 7)

98. Impact of Health Care Requirements on the Homeless.

The Committee had before it a report (July 2, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton and Ms. Alison Kemper, Co-Chairs, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Person, advising of the serious health care access issues for homeless people resulting from changes imposed by the Ministry of Health on March 1, 1998; and recommending that Council request an urgent meeting with the Minister of Health, in conjunction with representatives of the Health Care for the Homeless Group, to discuss strategies for ensuring effective health care access for people who are homeless in light of the imposition of strict health card requirements by the Ministry of Health.

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 7)

99. Hostel Ombudsperson.

The Committee had before it a report (July 2, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton and Ms. Alison Kemper, Co-Chairs, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, proposing a one-year hostel ombudsperson pilot project, to be operated independently of the hostel system, which would assist hostel users in resolving complaints with Toronto's hostel system; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve funds in an amount no greater than \$100,000.00 for a one-year hostel ombudsperson pilot project operated independently of the hostel system;
- (2) the pilot project be funded through a purchase of service agreement with a community-based agency selected through a proposal process; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Committee referred the aforementioned report 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; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons - July 17, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(b), Report No. 7)

100. Amendments to Housing By-laws - Harmonization of Procedural and Other Matters.

The Committee had before it the following communications:

- (June 24, 1998) from the Corporate Secretary, The City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation, advising that the Board of Directors on June 22, 1998, had before it a report (June 9, 1998) from the City Solicitor, advising that By-law No. 9 governs, among other things, the calling, place and proceedings of Board meetings and the structure of the Board Committees; submitting a draft amending by-law which addresses these issues, headed "By-Law No. 19"; and recommending that:
 - (1) the draft amending by-law attached to this report be enacted as a by-law of Cityhome;
 - (2) the amending by-law enacted pursuant to Recommendation No. (1) be forwarded to the Clerk of the City of Toronto for confirmation by City Council; and
 - (3) the appropriate members of Cityhome staff be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect to Recommendation No. (2); and

- (June 24, 1998) from the Corporate Secretary, The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited, advising that the Board of Directors on June 22, 1998, had before it a report (June 8, 1998) from the City Solicitor, advising that By-law No. A-8 governs the calling, place and proceedings of Board meetings; submitting a draft amending by-law which addresses these issues, headed "By-law No. A-19"; and recommending that:
 - (1) the draft amending by-law attached to this 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 City Council; 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 King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Board of Directors of The City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation and the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited, embodied in the aforementioned communications from the Corporate Secretaries.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 7)

101. Towards A Canadian Children's Environmental Health Network.

The Committee had before it a communication (June 22, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Children's Action Committee on June 12, 1998, had before it a communication on the City of Toronto Environmental Protection Office and an overview of work on Children's Environmental Health Issues, submitted by Dr. Jack Lee, Regional Director of the Downtown Health Area, Public Health Division; and that the Children's Action Committee recommended that:

- (1) Council endorse the following principles contained in the report "Towards a Canadian Children's Environmental Health Network" and that the Children's Action Committee be requested to take an active role at both the national and provincial levels when such a network is established:
 - “- That the mission of the Network should be to protect the environment, and to protect the fetus/child from environmental hazards.
 - That the Network should focus on advocacy, education, public awareness and some research-related activities.
 - That the Network should be housed in the non-governmental (NGO) sector, but that it should be based on a partnership with national, regional and local agencies/groups in diverse sectors.
 - That the Network should develop a website and use computer-based technology to connect its partners and to disseminate information to a broad audience.”;
- (2) Council endorse the Canadian Institute of Child Health in taking a leadership role in housing the merging Children's Environmental Health Network; and
- (3) Council urge all levels of government to move with all possible speed to set up this network.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication 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 - July 17, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(e), Report No. 7)

102. Child Care Status Research Project.

The Committee had before it a communication (June 22, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Children's Action Committee on June 12, 1998, had before it a communication (undated) from Mr. Peter Clutterbuck, Co-Director, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, regarding the Child Care Status Research Project; and that the Children's Action Committee recommended to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee that Council endorse the Child Care Status Research Project and authorize a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the overall budget for the project, such funds to be paid out from the Children's Action Committee Budget, Account Code CD200-G39951.

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

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 7)

103. Homes for the Aged - Uncollectible Accounts.

The Committee had before it the following reports from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (June 9, 1998) recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears in the amount of \$5,367.56 accumulated on behalf of M.I.H. while she was a resident at Cummer Lodge; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

- (June 9, 1998) recommending that:
 - (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears in the amount of \$7,544.75 accumulated on behalf of E.D. while she was a resident at Cummer Lodge; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 7)

104. Mayor's Youth Employment Initiative.

The Committee had before it a report (July 10, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of allocations to deliver the Mayor's Youth Employment Initiative; and recommending that:

- (1) the \$200,000.00 for the Mayor's Youth Initiative be allocated in the following manner: \$78,000.00 to North York YMCA, \$76,000.00 to Alternative Youth Centre for Employment, \$16,000.00 to College de grands Lacs, and \$30,000.00 to Goodwill Industries, as per the conditions and requirements outlined in this report;
- (2) staff provide an evaluation report at the conclusion of the Initiative; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 7)

105. Ontario Works Pilot Projects.

The Committee had before it a report (June 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising of recent changes to the Ontario Works (O.W.) funding model; noting that, based on these changes, the Social Services Division, in partnership with contracted community agencies, is preparing to test new approaches to delivering training and employment placement services to Toronto's O.W. clients; providing a brief description of one pilot project; and recommending that:

- (1) the Social Services Division develop and fund pilot projects for 1998 with a range of community-based agencies and organizations which provide a blended approach to delivering services under the Employment Support and Employment Placement streams of Ontario Works;
- (2) the Department, in concert with the area office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, evaluate the outcomes of these pilot projects in order to determine the benefits of the approach, and the required funding levels for the development of the 1999 budget; and
- (3) 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.

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 7)

106. Uniform Policy for Leashed and Unleashed Dogs in City Parks.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the process and guidelines for designating off-leash areas in City of Toronto parks, as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2, be adopted;
- (2) the number of dogs allowed under the control of one person in a City of Toronto park be limited to three which is the maximum allowed to be owned by one household, and the City Solicitor be asked to draft appropriate legislation to give effect thereto;

- (3) Animal Services be requested to report back on any additional resources required to increase their capacity to work with the community to encourage voluntary compliance with park by-laws; and further that Animal Services be authorized to approach potential corporate partners to solicit funding for educational programming;
- (4) staff be directed to review all existing arrangements where off-leash areas currently exist and report back with suggested amendments in accordance with Recommendation No. (1);
- (5) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report on the feasibility of using vacant City lands for the development of “dog parks”;
- (6) this report be sent to the Board of Health for comment to City Council; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following:

- (May 7, 1998) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park, forwarding a copy of Clause 31 of Report No. 12 of the Neighbourhoods Committee, entitled “Dogs Off-Leash in Designated Areas - City of Toronto”, which was adopted, as amended, by the former City of Toronto Council on September 22 and 23, 1997;
- (May 22, 1998) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park, submitting a communication (May 15, 1998) from Mr. and Mrs. D. Teixeira forwarding a petition of approximately 132 names requesting a designated “leash-free” area in Rennie Park near the ravine;
- (June 16, 1998) from Mrs. Joyce E. Ball requesting a leash free area at Bloordale Park, and attaching a petition of approximately 22 signatures in this regard;
- (July 14, 1998) from Ms. Paola Franceschetti in opposition to off-leash areas;
- (July 14, 1998) from Mr. Paul Hecht providing suggestions for leash-free areas in Sorauren Park;
- (July 16, 1998) from Mr. R. Burt expressing concern with respect to off-leash areas and suggesting that such areas be fenced-in areas only;

- (July 16, 1998) from Ms. Naseen Malik, Public Affairs Officer, Toronto Humane Society, advising that the Society was not consulted with respect to proposed changes governing leashed and unleashed dogs; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Toronto Humane Society be permitted to participate in ongoing discussions before there is any action taken to implement changes to the leashing policy;
 - (2) the Toronto Human Society be permitted to engage in public consultations with the Board of Health and the Department of Health, concerning the harmonization of animal control by-laws; and
 - (3) the process to determine a uniform policy for leashed and unleashed dogs be folded into the consultations undertaken with the Board of Health and the Department of Public Health, concerning the harmonization of animal control by-laws;

and from the following in opposition to limiting the number of dogs under one dog walker and in support of off-leash areas for dogs in City parks;

- (July 10, 1998) from Ms. Gabby Naylor;
- (July 13, 1998) from Ms. Shirley Gulliford;
- (July 13, 1998) from Ms. Julie Cohn;
- (July 13, 1998) from Ms. Marilyn Linton;
- (July 14, 1998) from Mr. Victor Tovey;
- (July 14, 1998) from Ms. Marce Riddell; and suggesting a limit of six dogs per dog walker;
- (July 14, 1998) from Ms. Stephanie S. Miller;
- (July 14, 1998) from Mr. Christopher Killey;
- (July 15, 1998) from Wendy and Jeff Herman;
- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. Mark J. Decker;
- (July 14, 1998) from Ms. Judy Righton, Pet Partners Inc.; and suggesting four to five dogs per person is a safe and reasonable limit for a bonafide professional dog walker;

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- (July 14, 1998) from Dr. Shana Friedman-Midroni and Dr. Ran Midroni;
- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. Andrew L. Basek;
- (July 15, 1998) from Ms. Charlene Butler; and suggesting that a solution might be to license professional dog walkers;
- (July 15, 1998) from Ms. Vivianne Cowley;
- (July 15, 1998) from Ms. Sarie Jenkins;
- (July 15, 1998) from Ms. Jean Cockburn and Mr. Michael Cretzman;
- (July 15, 1998) from Ms. Caren McCracken;
- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. Richard Boraks;
- (July 15, 1998) from Ms. Linda Kilpatrick;
- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. W. Barrie Thomson;
- (July 15, 1998) from the Litowitz family;
- (July 16, 1998) from Mr. David Stickney and family;
- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. William L. Stanford, and providing suggestions on how to better enforce the current by-laws;
- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. Eric Pressman, owner and operator of Leader of the Pack;
- (July 16, 1998) from Ms. Elizabeth Woodmansey;
- (July 16, 1998) from M. Rogers; and
- (July 16, 1998) from Ms. Celia Johnstone.

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

- Ms. Diane Eibner, on behalf of Ms. Martha Shea, Professional Dog Walkers Association; and submitted Ms. Shea's brief in regard thereto;

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

- Ms. Diane Eibner, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;

Councillor Chong resumed the Chair.

- Mr. Eric Pressman;
- Ms. Andrea Mann;
- Ms. Joyce Ball;
- Ms. Cynthia Prestula, and showed a video in regard to dogs running off-leash in a local park;
- Mr. Robert Ball;
- Mr. Patrick Williams, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Jane Brooks;
- Ms. Nina Balodis;
- Ms. Wanda Juraskek;
- Ms. Terry Wade;
- Mr. Ross Waddell;
- Ms. Karen Ito;
- Ms. Grace Petrucci; and
- Mr. Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society.

(See also Minute No. 108)

107. Election of Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Councillor Gordon Chong advised the Committee that he was resigning from the position as Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, effective immediately, in that he had been appointed by the Provincial Government to serve on the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority and the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation, and wished to dedicate more time to these issues; and suggested that, since all Members of the Committee were present, the Committee proceed with the election for the position of Chair for the balance of the term expiring on May 31, 1999.

Councillor Chong nominated Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski as Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

Councillor Davis nominated Councillor Prue as Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and further that the Committee recommend to Council that the necessary by-law or policy be waived to give effect thereto.

There being no further nominations, voting proceeded by a show of hands, as follows:

For Councillor Prue	-	4
For Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	-	5

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski was declared Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for the balance of the term expiring on May 31, 1999.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski assumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee expressed its sincere appreciation to Councillor Gordon Chong for his contribution and hard work while chairing the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

(Clause No. 19(a), Report No. 7)

108. Uniform Policy for Leashed and Unleashed Dogs in City Parks.

(See also Minute No. 106)

The Committee resumed consideration of the joint report (June 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health, headed "Uniform Policy for Leashed and Unleashed Dogs in City Parks."

A. Councillor King moved that:

(i) Item 1(c) in Appendix 2 be amended to read as follows:

"(1)(c) Environmentally sensitive areas which have been identified by the Parks and Recreation Division, such as ravine areas and naturalized planting areas."

(ii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on:

(a) the potential off-leash areas which conform to the new off-leash guidelines in Toronto;

(b) the cost to properly fence off-leash areas; and

(c) the feasibility of increasing the number of dogs under the control of one person in the designated off-leash areas.

B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

(i) Appendix 1 be amended to provide that, prior to recommendation and park designation of new off-leash areas, staff obtain the approval of both Ward Councillors;

(ii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on the potential implementation of a City-run training facility for dogs, and the cost to the City; and further that such report be submitted to the User Fee Committee;

(iii) the current By-law fines be increased to \$500.00 for irresponsible dog owners who do not obey the By-law; and

- (iv) the North York "Poop Patrol Program" be expanded to include all the amalgamated City parks.

C. Councillor Prue moved that:

- (i) Appendix 2 be amended to provide that staff of the Parks and Recreation Division review the ratio of park space to residents;
- (ii) Recommendation No. (4) be amended by adding thereto the following:

"and further that all current off-leash areas in City Parks be confirmed until such time as the staff have conducted their review and reported on any amendments to Community Councils, and Council, accordingly;"; and

- (iii) Recommendation No. (5) be amended by adding thereto the following:

"and on exploratory comments and/or arrangements for vacant industrial lands;".

D. Councillor Cho moved that the joint report of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health be referred to the Community Councils, Rouge Park Alliance and the Toronto Board of Health for comment thereon to the Economic Development Committee.

E. Councillor Filion moved that:

- (i) the Community Councils, when holding public hearings on possible amendments to the Animal Control By-law in October, 1998, be requested to hear depositions on the uniform policy for leashed and unleashed dogs in City parks; and that the outcome of such hearings on this issue be forwarded to the Board of Health and Economic Development Committee; and
- (ii) Step 3 in Appendix 1 under "Community input" be amended by adding thereto the following:

“and that this meeting will provide input on whether an off-leash area is desirable at the proposed location and, if so, what rules and restrictions should apply.”

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski appointed Councillor Mammoliti Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

- F. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that:
- (i) the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
 - (ii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on an effective enforcement by-law with respect to illegal unleashed dogs in City parks and violations of stoop and scoop regulations;
 - (iii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to Council on the possibility of implementing dog off-leash and on-leash periods in City parks;
 - (iv) a pamphlet regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership be widely circulated throughout the City; and
 - (v) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to provide improved signage for all off-leash areas in City parks.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing referral motion D. by Councillor Cho, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (i) and (ii) of the foregoing motion E. by Councillor Fillion, they were carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (i) and (ii) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor King, they were carried.

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

Upon the question of the adoption of part (ii) of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Mammoliti, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (iii) of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Mammoliti, it was lost.

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

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (i), (ii) and (iii) of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Prue, they were carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of the foregoing motion F. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, they were carried.

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

“The Committee:

(A) recommended to Council:

(1) the adoption of the joint report dated June 30, 1998, from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health, subject to:

(a) amending Recommendation No. (4) by adding thereto the following:

“and further that all current off-leash areas in City Parks be confirmed until such time as the staff have conducted their review and reported on any amendments to Community Councils, and Council, accordingly;”

so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

“(4) staff be directed to review all existing arrangements where off-leash areas currently exist and report back with suggested amendments in accordance with Recommendation No. (1); and further that all current off-leash areas in City Parks be confirmed until such time as the staff

have conducted their review and reported on any amendments to Community Councils, and Council, accordingly;”,

- (b) amending Recommendation No. (5) by adding thereto the following:

“and on exploratory comments and/or arrangements for vacant industrial lands;”,

so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

“(5) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report on the feasibility of using vacant City lands for the development of “dog parks,” and on exploratory comments and/or arrangements for vacant industrial lands;”;

- (c) amending Step 3 in Appendix 1 under “Community input” by adding thereto the following:

“and that this meeting will provide input on whether an off-leash area is desirable at the proposed location and, if so, what rules and restrictions should apply.”;

- (d) amending Appendix 1 to provide that, prior to recommendation and park designation of new off-leash areas, staff obtain the approval of both Ward Councillors;

- (e) amending Item (1)(c) in Appendix 2 to read as follows:

“(1)(c) Environmentally sensitive areas which have been identified by the Parks and Recreation Division, such as ravine areas and naturalized planting areas.”; and

- (f) amending Appendix 2 to provide that staff of the Parks and Recreation Division review the ratio of park space to residents;

- (2) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to provide improved signage for all off-leash areas in City parks;
- (3) that a pamphlet regarding the responsibilities of dog ownership be widely circulated throughout the City;
- (4) that the North York “Poop Patrol Program” be expanded to include all the amalgamated City parks; and

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- (5) that the Community Councils, when holding public hearings on possible amendments to the Animal Control By-law in October, 1998, be requested to hear depositions on the uniform policy for leashed and unleashed dogs in City parks; and that the outcome of such hearings on this issue be forwarded to the Board of Health and Economic Development Committee; and
- (B) directed that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to:
 - (i) report directly to Council on July 29, 1998, on:
 - (a) the feasibility of increasing the number of dogs under the control of one person in the designated off-leash areas;
 - (b) the possibility of implementing dog off-leash and on-leash periods in City parks;
 - (ii) report to the Economic Development Committee on:
 - (a) the potential off-leash areas which conform to the new off-leash guidelines in Toronto;
 - (b) the cost to properly fence off-leash areas; and
 - (c) an effective enforcement by-law with respect to illegal unleashed dogs in City parks and violations of stoop and scoop regulations.”

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
Medical Officer of Health; Toronto Board of Health; All Interested Parties -
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(Clause No. 1, Report No. 7)

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Brown
Councillor Raymond Cho
Councillor Gordon Chong

Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Rob Davis
Councillor Michael Feldman
Councillor George Mammoliti
Councillor Michael Prue

Also Present:

Councillor Ila Bossons
Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Frances Nunziata

**109. Sale of Scattered Units Owned by Ontario
Housing Corporation in the City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee to report on the Department's position regarding the sale of Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority scattered units; and recommending that:

- (1) Council oppose the sale of the scattered houses owned by the Ontario Housing Corporation in the City of Toronto;
- (2) Council's position be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to the Chairs of the Boards of the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority (MTHA); and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following:

- (July 15, 1998) from Mr. William McMillin Carson, Ontario Housing Corporation, outlining a recommendation from the OHC's Policy and Program Committee to be considered by the OHC Board on July 16 and 17, 1998, with respect to the issue of scattered units for consideration for sale by the Board; and further outlining instructions to staff should such recommendation be adopted;
- (July 15, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on July 8, 9 and 10, 1998, in adopting, as amended, Clause No. 5 of Report No. 6 of The Community and

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Neighbourhood Services Committee, headed “Capital Funding of Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority Projects”, directed that the matter of representation on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority be referred to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration;

- (July 16, 1998) from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 767, regarding MTHA’s proposal to expand their private management partnerships;
- (June 1998) from The Public Housing Fightback Campaign, headed “The Future Management of Public Housing - The Case Against Further Privatization of Public Housing in MTHA)””; and
- (June 29, 1998) from Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina, submitting a Notice of Motion with respect to representation on boards of local housing authorities; noting that, in the case of MTHA, the Minister of Housing appointed two representatives without consultation with the municipality; and recommending that Council advise the Minister that Toronto will be nominating its two representatives; and that this matter be referred to the Striking Committee.

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

- Mr. Wally Devoe and Mr. Lyttleton Joseph, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 767;
 - Mr. Cliff Martin and Mr. Vance Latchford on behalf of The Public Housing Fightback Campaign;
 - Mr. Henderson Phillips;

 - Ms. Nicole Seguin, Community Health Worker, Regent Park Community Health Centre, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
 - Ms. Suzanne Kelly, President, Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 592; and
 - Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina.
- A. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the Public Housing Fightback Campaign, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 767, the Ontario Public Services Employees Union, Local 592, and any other interested party, be given the opportunity to present their concerns on

the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority at the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on September 10, 1998; and that this matter be considered as the first item of business on the agenda for such meeting.

- B. Councillor Cho moved that the Committee recommend to Council:
- (i) the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
 - (ii) that the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that the City of Toronto will be nominating its two representatives to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority; and further that the matter of these nominations be referred to the Striking Committee for consideration.
- C. Councillor Chong moved that the aforementioned communications and brief from The Public Housing Fightback Campaign, the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 767, and the Regent Park Community Health Centre be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority for review and comment thereon to the September 10, 1998, meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.
- D. Councillor Feldman moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the feasibility of selling MTHA housing stock once the ownership and management responsibility has been fully downloaded to the City of Toronto.
- E. Councillor Prue moved that the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be forwarded to the Federal Government and Federal Minister responsible for housing; and further that the Minister be advised of the proposed sale of the Provincial housing stock prior to ownership of such housing stock being transferred to the City of Toronto.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motions A. to E. by Councillors Mammoliti, Cho, Chong, Feldman and Prue respectively, they were carried.

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

“The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
 - (b) that the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be forwarded to the Federal Government and Federal Minister responsible for housing; and further that the Minister be advised of the proposed sale of the Provincial housing stock prior to ownership of such housing stock being transferred to the City of Toronto; and
 - (c) that the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that the City of Toronto will be nominating its two representatives to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority; and further that the matter of these nominations be referred to the Striking Committee for consideration;
- (2) directed that The Public Housing Fightback Campaign, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 767, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local 592, and any other interested party, be given the opportunity to present their concerns on the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority at the next meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on September 10, 1998; and that this matter be considered as the first item of business on the agenda for such meeting;
- (3) referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority the aforementioned communications and brief from The Public Housing Fightback Campaign, the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 767, and the Regent Park Community Health Centre for review and comment thereon to the September 10, 1998, meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; and

- (4) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the feasibility of selling MTHA housing stock once the ownership and management responsibility has been fully downloaded to the City of Toronto.”

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority; Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina; All Interested Parties - July 17, 1998)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 7)

110. The Public Housing Inquiry.

The Committee had before it a report (July 2, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton and Ms. Alison Kemper, Co-Chairs, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that on June 12, 1998, the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons heard from representatives of a Public Housing Inquiry concerned with the future of social housing in Ontario; indicating that recommendations were developed in ten key areas, including the mandate of social housing, the role of governments in social housing, keeping housing affordable, the RGI subsidy system, tenants rights and the privatization of management in social housing; and recommending that Council endorse the recommendations contained in The Public Housing Inquiry Final Report thereby making a commitment at the municipal level toward the achievement of real social and public housing reform.

Mr. Cliff Martin, Mr. Vance Latchford and Ms. Nicole Seguin of The Public Housing Fightback Campaign appeared before the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee referred the aforementioned report to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Mr. Cliff Martin, The Public Housing Fightback Campaign - July 17, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(c), Report No. 7)

**111. Capital Funding Support for Child Care Centres
Facing Eviction from Schools.**

The Committee had before it a report (July 10, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) any user revenue from subsidized child care not required to maintain the approved service levels and the approved level of municipal cost sharing contribution be added to the Child Care Capital Reserve to assist child care programs with renovation costs associated with relocation following eviction from school premises;
- (2) the criteria and guidelines governing the use of the existing Child Care Capital Reserve be extended to include this purpose;
- (3) the renovation costs associated with the relocation of Pelmo Park Child Care Centre, Silverthorne Day Care and Playhouse Child Care Centre be considered for funding from the Child Care Capital Reserve; and
- (4) the Department, with the assistance of the Mayor's Office and the Children's Advocate request the Federal and Provincial Governments to recognize the importance of having a child care capital funding program and provide matching capital funding support.

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

- Ms. Kim Cross, Pelmo Park Child Care Centre; and
- Ms. Vicki Anderson, Playhouse Child Care Centre.

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

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 7)

112. Diversion Options for Youth Involved in the Squeegee Trade.

The Committee had before it a report (July 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing viable strategies for diverting youth from the squeegee trade and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse diversion strategies as a necessary accompaniment to any enforcement strategies that might be adopted by the City;
- (2) Council provide \$150,000.00 to support the Partnership Advocating for Youth Employment (PAYE) in providing transitional, pre-employment training and in developing an alternative employment and business development program as described in this report;
- (3) Council allocate \$350,000.00 to support the development of new business ventures and effective transition strategies for street-involved youth as identified in this report, and that emerge as a result of ongoing work by the Children and Youth Action Committee;
- (4) the source of funding for these initiatives be identified by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
- (5) staff continue to work with the Children and Youth Action Committee and community-based agencies to further develop the alternative employment strategies identified in this report;
- (6) these initiatives be evaluated by staff from Community and Neighbourhood Services and Urban Planning and Development Services after a year and the results be reported to Council;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee for information;
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Ms. Karen Positano, Youth Link Inner City;
- Pierre, squeegee youth; and
- Councillor Ila Bossons, Midtown.

A. Councillor Davis moved that:

- (i) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services, be requested to report to the appropriate Committee on:
 - (a) a possible partnership with the Partnership Advocating for Youth Employment in operating a vending business for the sole purpose of employing street youth; and
 - (b) the concept of reserving some of the vending sites in the downtown area to allow persons involved in the squeegee industry an opportunity to enter into a legitimate business venture to gain income;
- (ii) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on possible partnerships with the Canadian Armed Forces Recruitment Offices and with the Toronto Catholic District School Board; and
- (iii) Recommendation No. (1) of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be amended by deleting the words "as a necessary accompaniment to any", and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and".

B. Councillor Chong moved that the City Solicitor, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be requested to report directly to Council on July 29, 1998, on an effective legal and/or practical remedy to deal with those squeegee individuals who are obnoxious and making a nuisance of themselves.

- C. Councillor Prue moved that the strategies and monies recommended in the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be incorporated into existing youth employment programs.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski appointed Councillor Brown Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

- D. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that:
- (i) the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
 - (ii) the resources approved by Council be targeted to those neighbourhoods where there is a high concentration of squeegee activities and high youth unemployment;
 - (iii) the Toronto Police Service be requested to work closely with the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department in the implementation of the diversion options;
 - (iv) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief of Police be requested to submit an interim progress report on the success and outcomes of the diversion strategies by October, 1998;
 - (v) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to expedite the recommendations embodied in her report dated July 9, 1998; and
 - (vi) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Committee on possible squeegee zones in the City of Toronto.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski resumed the Chair.

- E. Councillor Chow moved that Recommendation No. (1) of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be amended by deleting the words "as a necessary accompaniment to any", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "as an alternative to".

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- F. Councillor Cho moved that Recommendation No. (6) of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be amended by deleting the words "a year" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "six months", so that such Recommendation reads as follows:

"(6) these initiatives be evaluated by staff from Community and Neighbourhood Services and Urban Planning and Development Services after six months and the results be reported to Council;"

Councillor Chow requested the permission of the Committee to withdraw her foregoing motion E., which was carried.

Councillor Davis requested the permission of the Committee to withdraw part (iii) of his foregoing motion A., which was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (i) and (ii) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Davis, they were carried.

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

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

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

Upon the question of the adoption of part (ii) of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (iii), (iv) and (v) of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, they were carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (vi) of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (i) of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, as amended, it was carried.

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

“The Committee:

(1) recommended to Council:

(a) the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (6) by deleting the words “a year” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “six months”, so that such Recommendation reads as follows:

“(6) these initiatives be evaluated by staff from Community and Neighbourhood Services and Urban Planning and Development Services after six months and the results be reported to Council;”;

(b) that the strategies and monies recommended in the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be incorporated into existing youth employment programs; and

(c) that the Toronto Police Service be requested to work closely with the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department in the implementation of the diversion options; and

(2) directed that:

(i) the City Solicitor, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be requested to report directly to Council on July 29, 1998, on an effective legal and/or practical remedy to deal with those squeegee individuals who are obnoxious and making a nuisance of themselves;

(ii) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, be requested to report to the appropriate Committee on:

(a) a possible partnership with the Partnership Advocating for Youth Employment in operating a vending business for the sole purpose of employing street youth; and

(b) the concept of reserving some of the vending sites in the downtown area to allow persons involved in the squeegee industry an opportunity to enter into a legitimate business venture to gain income;

(iii) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on

possible partnerships with the Canadian Armed Forces Recruitment Offices and with the Toronto Catholic District School Board;

- (iv) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief of Police be requested to submit an interim progress report on the success and outcomes of the diversion strategies by October, 1998; and
- (v) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to expedite the recommendations embodied in her report dated July 9, 1998.”

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief of Police, Toronto Police Service; Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board - July 17, 1998)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 7)

113. Change in Funding Responsibility for Supportive Social Housing.

The Committee had before it a report (July 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information with respect to the reduction in City costs for social housing due to the Province's recent decision to retain funding responsibility for supportive housing portfolio; and recommending that:

- (1) Council strongly endorse the Province's decision to retain funding responsibility for 100 percent dedicated supportive housing portfolios. This recognizes that providing housing for people who need support to live independently is a Provincial concern and should be funded by the Province;
- (2) Council forward to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing a request that:
 - (a) the Province not pass on the housing cost of any unit which falls under the definition of supportive, even if it is located within a mixed project or mixed portfolio; and
 - (b) the Province expand its definition of supportive housing to include social housing provided for tenants who require support to live independently in their unit, and that the additional housing costs incurred in housing special needs tenants be paid for by the Province; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report back on reallocation of \$11.7 million which was set aside in the 1998 City Operating Budget for Social Housing Costs, and is no

longer required due to the Province's decision to retain funding for 100 percent supportive housing portfolios. Potential uses for this fund would include providing support for affordable housing demonstration projects.

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

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 7)

114. Homelessness and Request for Declaration of Disaster.

The Committee had before it a communication (July 7, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes on July 6, 1998, concurred in a report (June 26, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting homelessness and a request for a Declaration of Disaster, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) Council urge the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to establish policies, programs and funding practices which support and augment the City of Toronto's range of strategies for addressing the homeless crisis;
- (2) Council approach the Ontario Realty Corporation regarding use of provincially owned properties by the municipality for the development of hostels;
- (3) Council appeal to the Province to return to the practice of funding non-residents at the previous rate of 100 percent for the first year of residency in Ontario thereby reducing the costs to the municipality for both hostel accommodation and social assistance benefits;
- (4) Council encourage the Province to assist all municipalities in developing resources, such as hostels, which allow people the option of remaining in their home community and effectively reduce costs to Toronto for both hostel accommodation and social assistance benefits;
- (5) Council approach the Federal Treasury Board, Canada Lands Corporation, the Ministry of National Defence and any other relevant ministries regarding the use of Federally owned properties by the municipality for the development of hostels;
- (6) Council authorize City officials to work with the Toronto Real Estate Board in locating appropriate hostel sites in the private rental market;

- (7) Council continue to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to bring in senior levels of government to develop a national housing policy; and
- (8) 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 recommendation of the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 7)

115. Toward a Municipal Strategy to Encourage the Creation of Affordable Housing and A Framework for Proposals to Develop Affordable Housing Demonstration Projects.

The Committee had before it a communication (July 7, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes on July 6, 1998, recommended the adoption of a report dated June 26, 1998, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Toward a Municipal Strategy to Encourage the Creation of Affordable Housing", and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the following recommendations, as contained in the report dated June 26, 1998, headed "Toward a Municipal Strategy to Encourage the Creation of Affordable Housing", be adopted:
 - (i) Council agree in principle to play the role of facilitator and partner in the creation of affordable housing and adopt the following goal to guide the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes in its work over the coming months:

"The goal of the Affordable Housing Development Strategy is to create an environment in which private sector and community partners will be able to develop affordable housing for people with a range of housing needs that are not currently being met in the market;"

- (ii) Council agree in principle that a capital revolving fund for affordable housing should be established to provide financial support to projects that demonstrate the City's role in facilitating the creation of affordable housing, and request the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report back on options for establishing such a fund and potential funding sources;
 - (iii) Council agree in principle to the provision of surplus City-owned land and buildings for affordable housing development, as a first priority, and request the Commissioners of Corporate Services, Urban Planning and Development Services, and Community and Neighbourhood Services to report back jointly on options for a "housing first" policy; and
 - (iv) Council urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to make a commitment to an affordable housing development strategy for the City of Toronto by making surplus publicly-owned sites available for housing as a first priority and by helping affordable housing projects to access capital financing and support service funding;
- (2) the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes advises the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee that it adopted the report, headed "Framework for Proposals to Develop Affordable Housing Demonstration Projects", and that staff are proceeding with the actions outlined in the said report; and
- (3) a communication be forwarded to The Urban Environment and Development Committee requesting that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes be allowed direct input in the new Official Plan for The City of Toronto process.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 7)

116. Future Direction of Riverdale Hospital.

The Committee had before it a report (July 3, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on June 18, 1998, to report on the proposal to renovate Riverdale Hospital for use as a long-term care facility, clarifying the status of Riverdale Hospital, its relationship to the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, and the City of Toronto; providing details regarding the plans of the Board of Directors of the hospital with respect to future directions; and recommending that the City of Toronto take no action with respect to the future direction of Riverdale Hospital, except if requested to do so by the Board of Directors of the Hospital.

The Committee also had before it a communication (July 14, 1998) from Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, in support of the recommendation embodied in the report dated July 3, 1998, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

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

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 7)

117. “Grow-As-You-Go” Housing Proposal.

The Committee had before it a report (July 2, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River - Ward 25, forwarding a copy of a report, entitled “Grow As You Go: From Homelessness to Housing, A Planned Approach to Progressive Housing Development In Toronto May 1998”, by van Nostrand DiCatri, Architects with Quantum Mortgage Advisors; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be referred to staff for review and research; and
- (2) staff report to the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes within two months and that the following issues be specifically addressed in their report:
 - (a) the potential of the proposed development model to provide affordable housing for low-income people and the income ranges that could be served by this housing;
 - (b) the constraints presented by Building Code, zoning and other regulatory mechanisms on the development of this type of housing; and

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- (c) the optimum size and location of development site for this type of housing, and potential City-owned sites that could be used for a pilot project.

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

- Mr. John van Nostrand of van Nostrand DiCastrì Architects, and presented slides with respect to his proposed housing model; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration, as part of the emerging process referred to in the report, headed "Framework to Develop Affordable Housing Demonstration Projects," and report thereon to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee through the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Don River; Mr. John van Nostrand, van Nostrand DiCastrì Architects - July 17, 1998)

(Clause No. 19(d), Report No. 7)

Councillor Brown moved that the Committee now recess to meet privately to discuss a contract issue with respect to the Future Provision of Laundry Services, in accordance with subsection 55.7 of the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 5:25 p.m. to meet in camera to consider the foregoing contractual matter.

Members Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Brown
Councillor Raymond Cho
Councillor Gordon Chong
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Michael Prue

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 5:32 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the aforementioned members in attendance.

118. Future Provision of Laundry Services.

The Committee had before it a confidential report (July 15, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the future provision of laundry services; and recommending that:

- (1) City of Toronto Council authorize staff to immediately arrange for the services of an alternative full service laundry operator (within the resources available), who has the qualifications, expertise, and capacity to process the volume of laundry generated by the City of Toronto operations presently serviced at 795 Middlefield Road by K-Bro Linen Systems Inc.;
- (2) staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with the selected laundry operator, as outlined in Recommendation No. (1), effective October 1, 1998, for a fixed period of time and on terms and conditions acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (3) City of Toronto Council direct staff to develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) with respect to the future ownership of the Central Laundry and the future provision of laundry services to the Homes for the Aged and other City of Toronto operations presently served by the Central Laundry;
- (4) staff report back to City of Toronto Council with respect to the results of the RFP process, outlining the possible options, and providing advice regarding the most desirable option which provides benefit to the City of Toronto, its operations, and its clients/residents; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 7)

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The Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Chair.