

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee**

**Tuesday, January 13, 1998.**

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair  
Councillor Brian Ashton  
Councillor Bas Balkissoon  
Councillor Milton Berger  
Councillor Brad Duguid  
Councillor Joanne Flint  
Councillor Norman Gardner  
Councillor Mario Giansante  
Councillor Doug Holyday  
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong  
Councillor Frances Nunziata

**1. Amendments to By-law No. 20-85 - Sale of Tobacco Products.**

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (December 30, 1997) from the General Manager, Metropolitan Licensing Commission, advising that the reports dated October 9, 1997, and November 6, 1997, from Ms. Amanda Ross, Prosecutions Officer, regarding By-law Amendment to Section 3 of Schedule 11 - Sale of Tobacco to Persons Under Age and By-law Amendment to Section 2, Subsection 13 - Change in Enforcement Policy were before the Metropolitan Licensing Commission's Business meeting on November 21, 1997; and that the Commission approved the reports and requested that they be forwarded to Council for implementation; and that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee adopt the recommendations set out in this report.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee recommended to Council that:

(a) section 3 of schedule 11 of By-law No. 20-85 be amended to read as follows:

“3. Every person to whom this Schedule relates shall at all times post and keep posted in a conspicuous place in the premises, in a manner

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satisfactory to the Metropolitan Licensing Commission, a sign or signs advising that federal legislation prohibits the sale of tobacco to any person under the age of eighteen years and that provincial legislation imposes restrictions on the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of nineteen years.”;

(b) section 2(13) of By-law No. 20-85 be amended to read as follows:

“2. There shall be taken out by:

(13) the keeper of every store or shop (other than a hotel as defined by the Municipal Act) where tobacco, cigars or cigarettes are offered for sale or sold by retail;

a licence from the Commission authorizing them respectively to carry on their several trades, callings, businesses, and occupations in the Metropolitan Area for which said licence the person obtaining the same shall pay to the Commission at the time of taking out such licence the fee fixed by this By-law, and no person shall, within the limits of the Metropolitan Area, carry on or engage in any of the said trades, callings, businesses or occupations, until he has procured such licence to do so.”

**(Clause No. 1 - Report No. 1)**

**2. Emergency and Protective Services Committee Membership - 1998.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 9, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on January 2, 6, 8 and 9, 1998, appointed the following as members of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, for a term of office expiring on May 31, 1999, and/or until their successors are appointed:

Councillor B. Ashton  
Councillor B. Balkissoon  
Councillor M. Berger  
Councillor B. Duguid  
Councillor J. Flint  
Councillor N. Gardner  
Councillor M. Giansante  
Councillor D. Holyday  
Councillor D. Minnan-Wong  
Councillor F. Nunziata  
Mayor M. Lastman, Ex-officio

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Councillor D. Fotinos, Committee Chair

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 2(e) - Report No. 1)**

**3. Standing Committee Briefings.**

Briefings were received by the Emergency and Protective Services Committee from the following persons:

Barry Gutteridge  
Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services

John Dean, Commissioner of Ambulance Services

On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Committee requested the Commissioner of Ambulance Services to report on the impact of the elimination of the provincial subsidy on ambulance services.

Briefings continued as follows:

Al Speed, Fire Chief; and

Harold Bratten, Interim Lead  
By-law Enforcement/Licensing

Deputy Chief Steve Reesor  
Hugh Moore, Chief Administrator Officer  
Toronto Police Service

The following Members of Council also appeared before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

Councillor J. Adams, Midtown  
Councillor I. Bossons, Midtown; and  
Councillor H. Moscoe, North York Spadina

Councillor Fotinos appointed Councillor Gardner Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Fotinos moved that:

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- (i) three working groups comprised of the Chair (as an ex-officio member) and other members of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee be established to meet regularly and monitor the work of the Service Review Teams with respect to the amalgamation of the Fire Department; the restructuring of the Toronto Licensing Commission and the coordination of by-law enforcement functions for the new City and that the Service Review Teams report regularly through the proposed working groups to this Committee; and
- (ii) three working groups comprised of the Chair (as an ex-officio member) and other members of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee be established to review the budgets of the Toronto Police Services Board, the Ambulance\Fire services and the Toronto Licensing Commission.

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

Councillor Ashton moved that:

- (i) the Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services be requested to submit a report to the Committee on:
  - (1) current studies and reviews of the three protective services; and
  - (2) a work plan to achieve re-organizational efficiencies;
- (ii) the Chair be requested to report to the Committee on a protocol for consultation with Community Councils and the respective agencies, boards and commissions on issues of input and timing with respect to budgets, service standards and reorganization.

Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that the Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team be informed of the action taken by this Committee.

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

Councillor Fotinos appointed Councillor Gardner Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

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

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

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Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong, it was carried.

The Committee then appointed the following members to the Working Groups previously established:

Working Group on Amalgamation of Fire Department

Councillor B. Balkissoon  
Councillor B. Duguid  
Councillor D. Fotinos, Chair (ex-officio)  
Councillor N. Gardner  
Councillor M. Giansante  
Councillor D. Minnan-Wong  
Councillor F. Nunziata

Working Group on Coordination of By-law Enforcement Functions

Councillor B. Ashton  
Councillor M. Berger  
Councillor J. Flint  
Councillor D. Fotinos, Chair (ex-officio)

Working Group on Restructuring of Toronto Licensing Commission

Councillor D. Holyday  
Councillor D. Fotinos, Chair (ex-officio)  
Councillor D. Minnan-Wong  
Councillor F. Nunziata

Budget Working Group - Toronto Police Services Board

Councillor B. Ashton  
Councillor B. Duguid  
Councillor D. Fotinos, Chair (ex-officio)  
Councillor N. Gardner  
Councillor F. Nunziata

Budget Working Group - Toronto Licensing Commission

Councillor D. Holyday  
Councillor D. Fotinos, Chair (ex-officio)

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Councillor D. Minnan-Wong  
Councillor F. Nunziata

Budget Working Group - Fire\Ambulance Services

Councillor B. Balkissoon  
Councillor B. Duguid  
Councillor D. Fotinos, Chair (ex-officio)  
Councillor N. Gardner  
Councillor M. Giansante  
Councillor D. Minnan-Wong  
Councillor F. Nunziata

The Committee also referred the following communications submitted at the meeting to the respective Working Groups for information:

- (1) (January 13, 1998) from Councillor D. Fotinos, Toronto - Davenport, addressed to the Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services, requesting that a report be submitted to the February 10, 1998, meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee regarding the policy development and adjudication functions of the Toronto Licensing Commission; and
- (2) (January 13, 1998) from Councillor D. Fotinos, Toronto - Davenport, addressed to the Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services, requesting that a report be submitted to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on the feasibility and desirability of combining all the by-law enforcement functions of the various departments under one roof and advising that he would be recommending to the Committee that a task force be convened to work with staff to rationalize by-law enforcement in the City.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Ambulance Services; Councillor D. Miller, Chair, Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team; Chair and Members, Emergency and Protective Services Committee; Acting Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services; c. Fire Chief; Harold Bratten, Interim Lead, By-law Enforcement/Licensing; Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission - January 20, 1997)

**(Clause No. 2(c) - Report No. 1)**

**4. Radio Communications Switch - Toronto Police Service.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 15, 1997) from the Chair, Metro Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board on December 12, 1997, was in receipt of a report (November 18, 1997) from David J. Boothby, Chief of Police, embodying the following recommendations:

"That

- (i) Subject to the approval by the City of Toronto Transition Team of the report titled Emergency and Protective Services: Radio Communication Systems recommending an integrated radio communication technology infrastructure for the new City of Toronto, the Police Services Board approve this urgent request for pre-budget approval in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, along with the release of funds, from the new City Council for a replacement radio dispatch switch for Metro Police. Capital funds in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 have been proposed in the 1998-2002 Capital Budget for this purchase; and
- (ii) the Board forward this request to the Emergency and Protective Services Standing Committee for approval";

and that the Metro Toronto Police Services Board recommended that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee approve a request for pre-budget approval in the amount of \$5 million along with the release of funds, from the new City Council for a replacement radio dispatch switch for the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service.

The following persons appeared before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, on behalf of the Toronto Police Service, in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Hugh Moore, Chief Administrative Officer; and
- Deputy Chief Steve Reesor.

Councillor Gardner moved that:

- i) the Committee recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report dated December 15, 1997, from the Chair, Metro Toronto Police Services Board, wherein it was recommended that:

“The Emergency and Protective Services Committee approve a request for pre-budget approval in the amount of \$5.0 million, along with the release of funds, from the new City Council for a replacement radio dispatch switch for the Toronto Police Service.”

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- (ii) this matter be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration on January 19, 1998, in view of the time constraints;

Councillor Balkissoon moved that:

- (i) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on January 19, 1998, on the overall capital budget of the Toronto Police Service;
- (ii) the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to submit a report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on January 19, 1998, providing further details on this expenditure; and
- (iii) a copy of this report also be forwarded to the Budget Committee for information.

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

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

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Budget Committee; Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services - January 15, 1998)

**(Clause No. 2(a) - Report No. 1)**

**5. Results of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Alarm Cost Recovery Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 15, 1997) from the Chair, Metro Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Metropolitan Toronto Police Services Board on December 12, 1997, was in receipt of a report (October 27, 1997) from David J. Boothby, Chief of Police, entitled "One Year Report on the Alarm Cost Recovery Initiative"; such report advising that in September 1996, the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service commenced a process of levying fees against Alarm Central Monitoring Stations when they called upon the police to respond to false alarms; that since the start of this process, the Service has faced a number of challenges, including a legal challenge to the by-law, and refusals to pay the invoiced fees; that the legal challenge put forth by the Canadian Alarms and Security Association (CANASA) has been abandoned and Central Monitoring Stations are now paying invoiced fees; that during the period of September 1996 to September 1997, the Service issued invoices totalling \$2,122,248.79, for responding to 26,968 false alarm calls;



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that the Service has seen a significant reduction in alarm calls since the implementation of the cost recovery initiative; that over the last six months service demands and revenue levels have stabilized; that it is expected that revenue and service demands relating to false alarms will remain within 10-15 per cent of our current level for the next 12 months; that the revenue projection for 1998 is approximately \$1.7 million; and that the Board recommended that the aforementioned report be received for information.

Deputy Chief Steve Reesor, Toronto Police Service, appeared before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 2(b) - Report No. 1)**

**6. Proposal to Retain Special Committees and Task Forces Pending Completion of the Review of the Transition Team Report.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 13, 1998) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, recommending that:

- (i) the following special committees and task forces be encouraged to continue to meet and carry on their important work, pending the outcome and implementation of Council's review of the Transition Team Report and that the appropriate staff continue to support the work of these entities as they have in the past:

East York Safety Council  
Emergency Planning Advisory Committee  
Etobicoke Crime Scope  
Safe City Committee  
Safety Council (City of Etobicoke)  
Taxis on Patrol Committee (Metro)

- (ii) as interim reporting arrangement, these committees and task forces report through the Emergency and Protective Services Committee.

Councillor J. Layton, Don River, appeared before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee referred the foregoing communication to the City Clerk and the Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services for a report to the Committee on February 10, 1998, and requested the committees and task forces listed therein to continue to meet in the interim with their existing

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memberships.

(City Clerk; Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services;  
c. Councillor Layton, Don River - January 23, 1998)

**(Clause No. 2(d) - Report No. 1)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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Chair.