

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 1998

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee held on January 13, 1998, were confirmed.

7. Public Access Defibrillation Trial (Pad Trial).

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (January 22, 1998) from Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair, Emergency and Protective Services Committee, forwarding a communication (January 16, 1998) from Dr. R. Verbeek, M.D., FRCPC, Medical Director, Defibrillation Program, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, requesting support of an application being submitted by the Centre's Division of Prehospital Care to be chosen as a research site in a Public Access Defibrillation Trial; and recommending that this application be supported;

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- (b) (January 29, 1998) from the Director, EMS Operations, Toronto Ambulance, advising that Toronto Ambulance strongly endorses the application by the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre to participate in the PAD Trial; and
- (c) (January 29, 1998) from the Fire Chief addressed to Dr. R. Verbeek, M.D., FRCPC, Medical Director, Defibrillation Program, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, in support of the application by the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre to participate in the PAD Trial.

Dr. Brian Schwartz, Director, Division of Prehospital Care, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, addressed the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Committee referred the foregoing communications to the Mayor with the recommendation that he provide a letter to the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in support of its application to be chosen as a research site in a Public Access Dibrillation Trial.

(Mayor Lastman; c. Dr. Brian Schwartz, MD, CCFP (EM), Director, Division of Prehospital Care, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON M3H 5R9; Commissioner, Toronto Ambulance; Fire Chief; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 12, 1998)

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

8. Status of Existing Committees and the Task Force on Community Safety.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (January 27, 1998) from the Acting Executive Commissioner of Emergency and Protective Services recommending that when terms of reference for the new Task Force on Community Safety have been prepared, they be sent to the East York Safety Council, the Emergency Planning Advisory Committee (Metro), the Etobicoke Crime Scope, the Safe City Committee (Toronto), the Safety Council (Etobicoke), and the Taxis on Patrol Committee (Metro), together with a copy of this report, and that each committee be asked to comment on the ongoing need for their work, if any; on their relationship to the Task Force; and on their ongoing staff support needs.

- A. Councillor Duguid moved that the foregoing report be referred to Councillors Rob Davis and Brad Duguid, Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Community Safety.

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Councillor Rob Davis, York Eglinton, addressed the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

B. Councillor Fotinos moved that:

- (1) the Task Force on Community Safety and the Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team review the financial implications of continuing the committees listed therein and report back to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee; and
- (2) the forthcoming report include information on staff time and other costs related to continuing these committees and that this matter be dealt with in a timely fashion.

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

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

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

(Councillors Rob Davis and Brad Duguid, Co-Chairs, Task Force on Community Safety; Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor J. Layton, Don River - February 16, 1998)

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

9. Acquisition of Replacement Ambulances.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (January 27, 1998) from the Commissioner, Toronto Ambulance, recommending that:

- (1) the Emergency and Protective Services Committee approve the Department's request for the acquisition of 24 ambulances through the Ministry of Health;
- (2) the cost of the acquisition inclusive of the purchase of the vehicles and any conversion charges not exceed \$1.948 million;

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- (3) the Budget Committee be requested to recommend pre-authorization of the amount; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
 - A. Councillor Nunziata moved that this matter be deferred for consideration during the 1998 Operating Budget process.
 - B. Councillor Holyday moved the adoption of the foregoing report (January 27, 1998) from the Commissioner, Toronto Ambulance.
 - C. Councillor Giansante moved that the necessary approval be granted for the purchase of 14 cube vans at this time and that the purchase of the ten remaining ambulances be considered during the 1998 Operating Budget process.

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

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

Councillor Nunziata requested the permission of the Committee to withdraw her foregoing motion A. The Committee concurred with the request.

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

(Budget Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner, Toronto Ambulance, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 11, 1998)

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

10. Emergency Planning Committee and Emergency By-law for the City of Toronto.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (February 5, 1998) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to introduce a bill before Council to enact an emergency by-law substantially in the form of By-law No. 31-96 of the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and reflecting structural and organizational changes resulting from the establishment of the City of Toronto.
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief of Police review the existing municipal emergency plans and report back on a new emergency plan for Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report and that the necessary Bill be introduced in Council to give effect thereto.

(Clause No. 1 - Report No. 2)

11. Fire Vehicle Standardization - 1998 Interim Capital Budget.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (February 3, 1998) from the Fire Chief recommending that:

- “(1) the amount of \$170,130.00 be deleted inclusive of GST from the \$189,000.00 requested in the 1998 Capital Budget, for the conversion of the aerial ladder vehicles; and
- (2) the balance of \$18,870.00 be requested for the alteration of two pumper vehicles under construction by General Safety Equipment of White Bear, Minnesota. The alterations to the design will allow for the continuation of the multi-purpose rescue/pumper concept of the Department in 1998.”

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Committee recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Budget Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Fire Chief; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 11, 1998)

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

12. Emergency Planning Committee and Emergency By-law for the City of Toronto.

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On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Emergency and Protective Services Committee reopened consideration of the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Committee reaffirmed its previous decision on this matter.

(Clause No. 1 - Report No. 2)

13. Protocol for Consultation with Community Councils and Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee was verbally advised by Councillor Fotinos, Chair, that the report requested by the Committee on January 13, 1998, on this matter will be submitted to the Committee at a future meeting.

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Committee received the foregoing verbal report for information.

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

14. Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (January 23, 1998) from Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs, advising that the recent, terrible tragedy in his Ward that resulted in two deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning has resulted in a call for a by-law requiring carbon monoxide detectors in homes and buildings in the City of Toronto; and recommending that, in the interim:

- (1) a campaign be undertaken to promote the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in homes and buildings throughout the City; and
- (2) the possible means of making carbon monoxide detectors more affordable be explored with the manufacturers of these devices.

The Committee referred the foregoing communication to the Fire Chief for a report to the next meeting of the Committee to be held on March 24, 1998

(Fire Chief; c. Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 12, 1998)

(Clause No. 2(f) - Report No. 2)

15. Gun Related Crimes in Toronto.

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The Emergency and Protective Services Committee discussed recent incidents of gun related crimes in Toronto.

The Committee:

- (1) requested the Chief of Police to report back to the Committee on:
 - (a) the alarming increase of gun related crimes on the streets of Toronto,
 - (b) a strategy to reduce the proliferation of guns on our streets,
 - (c) the level of cooperation and commitment of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in stemming the flow of illegal firearms into our City, and
 - (d) an overview of programs that have been implemented with success in other cities which have reduced crime, i.e. New York City; and
- (2) referred the following motion by Councillor Holyday to Councillor Fotinos, Committee Chair:

“that a special meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, to be arranged by the Chair, be scheduled to consider the forthcoming report from the Chief of Police.”

(Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair, Emergency and Protective Services Committee; Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs - February 12, 1998)

(Clause No. 2(g) - Report No. 2)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Chair.