

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair
Councillor Brian Ashton
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 Holyday, the Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee held on March 24 and 25, 1998, were confirmed.

41. By-law to amend By-law No. 20-85 - Stolen Property in Possession of Pawnbrokers.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (March 18, 1998) from Councillor Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Toronto Police Services Board on February 26, 1998, recommended that Schedule 25 of By-Law No. 20-85 be amended to include the following:

- a) regulating second hand shops;
- b) requiring proper photo identification from clients;
- c) having a minimum age for customers;
- d) strengthen the penalty section for non-compliance with the act; and
- e) give officers: search, seizure, and disposition authority for stolen property located at these businesses.

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The Committee referred the foregoing matter to the City Solicitor and the General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission, for a report thereon to the next meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee to be held on May 22, 1998.

(City Solicitor; General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission; c. Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Jeff Abrams, Solicitor, Legal Department - April 24, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(c) - Report No. 4)

42. Contingency Plans for Natural Disasters.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (March 24, 1998) from Councillor Case Ootes, East York, and Deputy Mayor of Toronto, forwarding an E-Mail communication (February 9, 1998) from Ms. Anne Carruthers, outlining her concern about the recent ice storm in Montreal and requesting what contingency plans would be in place if such a storm were to happen in the Toronto area, particularly for those living in high rise apartment buildings and recommending that this matter be referred to staff for response to Ms. Carruthers' concerns.

The Committee referred the foregoing communication to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for a report thereon to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Councillor Case Ootes, Deputy Mayor and Councillor, East York - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(f) - Report No. 4)

43. Parking Tag Issuance: October - December 1997.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (March 19, 1998) from Councillor Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Toronto Police Services Board on February 26, 1998, received a report (February 2, 1998) from the Chief of Police providing data related to the issuance of parking tags by Parking Enforcement Officers, Police Officers and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the months of October to December 1997.

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

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(g) - Report No. 4)

44. Fire/Ambulance Services Consolidation Options.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a joint report (March 30, 1998) from the Fire Chief and the Acting General Manager, Toronto Ambulance, recommending that Model One - Strategic Partnership - described in the joint report continue to be adopted as the consolidation model of choice in any discussions or planning about integration of fire and ambulance services.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee referred the foregoing matter to the Budget Working Group - Fire/Ambulance Services for a report thereon to the next meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee to be held on May 22, 1998.

(Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Budget Working Group - Fire Ambulance Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Acting General Manager, Toronto Ambulance - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(i) - Report No. 4)

45. Amendments to the Ambulance Act of Ontario.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (April 1, 1998) from the Acting General Manager, Toronto Ambulance, advising of recent changes to the Ambulance Act of Ontario and its Regulations that will impact on all ambulance services - including Toronto Ambulance - as well as the municipalities within which they operate.

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

(Acting General Manager, Toronto Ambulance; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(j) - Report No. 4)

46. Existing Committees and the Task Force on Community Safety.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1998) from the City Clerk, advising that the Task Force on Community Safety on March 30, 1998, received a report (March 23, 1998) from the Co-Chairs, Task Force on Community Safety, clarifying the relationship between existing committees associated with former municipalities which deal with community safety, and the Task Force on Community Safety created by the City of Toronto Council.

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

(Task Force on Community Safety; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(k) - Report No. 4)

47. Parking Enforcement.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee received a presentation from Mr. Charles Barnes, Consultant, Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service, together with the following staff, with regard to parking enforcement:

Mr. Bryan Kerr, Acting Manager, Parking Tag Operations, Toronto Finance; and
Acting Staff Sergeant Robert Skinner, Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service.

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

Councillor John Adams, Midtown
Councillor Ila Bossons, Midtown
Councillor David Miller, High Park
Councillor Mario Silva, Trinity-Niagara

- A. Councillor Holyday moved the Toronto Police Services Board, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be requested to report back to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee providing a comparison between the "old" system and the "new" system of parking tag issuance.

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- B. Councillor Giansante moved the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on the feasibility of establishing a First Appearance Facility at the Etobicoke Civic Centre.
- C. Councillor Nunziata moved that the presentation by the Toronto Police Service be forwarded to each Community Council to place this matter on their agendas if they wish and to provide an opportunity for the members of the public to be invited to address the Community Councils on this issue.

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

- D. Councillor Fotinos moved that:
 - (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on a change in Council policy that would provide for revenues from parking enforcement to be placed into reserve accounts rather than treating such funds as revenue;
 - (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to submit a report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee meeting to be held on May 22, 1998, on options available to provide visitor parking on residential permit parking streets;
 - (3) the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to:
 - (a) assign Parking Enforcement Staff to participate on the Emergency and Protective Services Committee's By-law Enforcement Working Group;
 - (b) amend the grace period for alternate side parking to 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon;
 - (c) circulate the current parking enforcement policy to all Members of Council with the request that they provide comments, if any, prior to the May 22, 1998, meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee;
 - (d) revise the wording on the back of parking tags so that citizens are informed that:

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- (i) they may have a ticket reviewed over the telephone rather than appearing in person at a First Appearance Facility; and
 - (ii) if they choose to appear in person at a First Appearance Facility, they may designate another person to act as their agent;
- (e) inform each Councillor:
- (i) of the name of the Parking Enforcement Supervisor in their respective area; and
 - (ii) that they can work with staff to tailor parking enforcement to local needs; and
- (4) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Toronto Parking Authority, be requested to report back to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on the implementation of the use of reserve funds generated from parking tags for the acquisition of off-street parking facilities for residents in areas of persistent waiting lists for on-street residential parking permits.

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

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

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

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Nunziata, it was lost.

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

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Charles Barnes, Consultant, Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service; Harold Bratten, Interim Functional Lead for By-law Enforcement/Licensing; President, Toronto Parking

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Authority; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services - April 24, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(m) - Report No. 4)

48. Booting Devices - Use of Wheel Locking Devices to Immobilise Vehicles parked on Private Property.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (April 1, 1998) from the Superintendent, Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service, advising that the Toronto Police Service does not support the use of "the boot" or any similar device to immobilise vehicles parked on private property; that the Toronto Police Service's Parking Enforcement Unit does not allow the use of this device by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers; and that currently there is no authority in the by-law to use a wheel locking device.

On motion by Councillor Gardner, the Committee received the foregoing communication for information.

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; City Solicitor - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(h) - Report No. 4)

49. Liquor Licences.

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

- (i) (February 13, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on February 4, 5 and 6, 1998, referred to the Committee a Motion moved by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Fotinos, recommending that Council request the Provincial Government to amend the Liquor Licence Act and any other appropriate related legislation to give municipalities greater control over the issuance of liquor licences; and that such amendments include, but not be limited to, the ability of the municipality to place appropriate and necessary restrictions on liquor licences and to hold public meetings prior to the granting of a liquor licence;
- (ii) (March 23, 1998) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown, in support of the recommendation to amend the Provincial Liquor Licence Act to give municipalities greater control over the issuance of liquor licences;

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- (iii) (March 24, 1998) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park, forwarding a submission to formulate resolutions regarding liquor licences; and
- (iv) (March 26, 1998) from the Executive Assistant to Councillor Frances Nunziata, York Humber, forwarding the following proposed amendment to the motion referred to the Committee by Council:

“AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all new applicants accept the following conditions on their liquor licences:

- (1) a six-month probationary period to follow the issuance of a new licence. Any police charges or violations of any conditions of operation laid down by the municipality and/or the LLBO will result in the LLBO convening a public hearing to determine the future status of the licence;
- (2) the LLBO will inform the City Councillor and, through the Councillor, all appropriate community groups of any infractions of the terms and conditions of operation that it becomes aware of at any time; and
- (3) a liquor licence shall not be transferable without public notice to allow the community an opportunity to provide input to the LLBO and the municipality. This involves posting a placard notice in a visible location (front window, eye level) for 30 days.

A. Councillor Nunziata moved that:

- (1) Council request the Provincial Government to amend the Liquor Licence Act and any other appropriate related legislation to give municipalities greater control over the issuance of liquor licences; and that such amendments include, but not be limited to, the ability of the municipality to place appropriate and necessary restrictions on liquor licences and to hold public meetings prior to the granting of a liquor licence;
- (2) a six-month probationary period to follow the issuance of a new licence. Any police charges or violations of any conditions of operation laid down by the municipality and/or the LLBO will result in the LLBO convening a public hearing to determine the future status of the licence;
- (3) the LLBO will inform the City Councillor and, through the Councillor, all appropriate community groups of any infractions of

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the terms and conditions of operation that it becomes aware of at any time; and

- (4) a liquor licence shall not be transferable without public notice to allow the community an opportunity to provide input to the LLBO and the municipality. This involves posting a placard notice in a visible location (front window, eye level) for 30 days.

Councillor John Adams, Midtown, addressed the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Nunziata requested permission to amend Part 4 of her motion to read as follows:

- “(4) a liquor licence shall not be transferable without public notice, as is the current practice for new applicants to advertise in the daily newspapers, to allow the community an opportunity to provide input to the LLBO and the municipality. This involves posting a placard notice in a visible location (front window, eye level) for 30 days.”

The Committee concurred with the foregoing request by Councillor Nunziata.

- B. Councillor Ashton moved that this matter be referred to the City Solicitor for a report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee by June 16, 1998, providing a coordinated strategy with respect to the amendments to the Liquor Licence Act.
- C. Councillor Duguid moved that:
 - (1) the report from the City Solicitor include recommendations to improve the process to revoke liquor licences from problem establishments; and
 - (2) a representative from the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario be invited to attend the meeting when the report from the City Solicitor comes forward.

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

- D. Councillor Fotinos moved that:

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- (1) the City Solicitor report back to the Committee on a strategy to have the same 'public interest' provisions which apply to liquor licensing applied to the issuance and revocation of business licences; and
- (2) the Chair of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, and other interested members of the Committee, be requested to meet with the appropriate Ontario cabinet ministers to solicit their support in working together to achieve these changes.

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of referral motions B, C and D, they were carried.

(City Solicitor; c. Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair, Emergency and Protective Services Committee; Councillor Frances Nunziata, York Humber; Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park; Councillor John Adams, Midtown; Mr. Jeff Abrams, Solicitor, Legal Department; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Liquor Licence Board of Ontario - April 24, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(b) - Report No. 4)

50. Transitional Project - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (April 2, 1998) from the Fire Chief, recommending that:

- (1) funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, for the introduction of one standard of self contained breathing apparatus across the City, be approved as part of the Transition Funding; and
- (2) the City of Toronto Fire Services proceed to review the different types of self contained breathing apparatus available and select one type for purchase.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the foregoing report; and
- (2) requested the Fire Chief to report back to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on the chosen technology, the criteria and rationale for its selection, the opportunities for salvaging existing equipment and information on the life span of the current stock.

(Budget Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief
- April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(d) - Report No. 4)

51. Toronto Fire Services - Training Transition Investment Costs - 1998.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it the following report (April 6, 1998) from the Fire Chief, recommending that:

- (1) transitional funding in the amount of \$570,000 for the purchase of training materials be approved;
- (2) the City of Toronto Fire Services proceed to purchase the necessary training materials; and
- (3) the City of Toronto Fire Services proceed to arrange with Human Resources for a facilitator for management, media relations and conflict resolution sessions.

The Committee recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Budget Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief
- April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(e) - Report No. 4)

52. Central Computerized Call-Taking/Dispatch System for the Fire Services.

The Committee had before it a report (April 20, 1998) from the Fire Chief recommending that:

- (1) budgetary approval for a consolidated dispatch system for Fire Services, at an estimated cost of \$15 million, be provided under transition funding; and
- (2) the Fire Chief present a further report to the Committee on the process to be used to meet requirements in conjunction with the review of the upgrade to the Communications System.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee:

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- (a) recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the foregoing report;
- (b) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report back to the Committee on a corporate strategy for the employment of information technology and telecommunications; and
- (c) referred this matter to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee's Budget Working Group on Fire\Ambulance Services.

(Budget Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Fire Chief; Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Budget Working Group - Fire\Ambulance Services - April 27, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(l) - Report No. 4)

53. Task Force to Review the Taxi Industry.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee was advised by the Chair that the first meeting of the Task Force to Review the Taxi Industry has been scheduled to be held on Monday, May 4, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room C at Metro Hall.

(Clause No. 1(n) - Report No. 4)

54. Emergency and Protective Services Committee - Time of Meetings.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 20, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on April 16, 1998, adopted Clause 1 of Emergency and Protective Services Committee Report No. 3 in which it was recommended that the City Clerk be directed to:

- (1) reschedule future meetings of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, commencing with the meeting scheduled for April 21, 1998, to start at 9:30 a.m.; and
- (2) reassign the Committee Rooms for Standing Committee meetings as follows:
 - (a) Room A for the first day of a Standing Committee meeting; and
 - (b) Room C for the second day of a meeting when a second day is required.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Committee received the foregoing communication.

55. Police Complaints Process.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (February 4, 1998) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton, advising that he has received concerns from various members of the community regarding the development of the new police complaints process; that he has suggested to the new Chair of the Police Services Board, Councillor Norm Gardner, that this would be an excellent opportunity for the Police Services Board to bring forward its concerns, and its efforts at allaying community concerns, in dealing with police complaints; and recommending that the Committee encourage greater public awareness and debate of any new proposed policy.

The Committee deferred consideration of the foregoing matter to its next meeting to be held on Friday, May 22, 1998 at 9:30 a.m.

(Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board - April 24, 1998)

(Clause No. 1(a) - Report No. 4)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Chair.