

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee

Friday, May 22, 1998

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee met on Friday, May 22, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Acting Chair
Councillor Bas Balkissoon
Councillor Brad Duguid
Councillor Joanne Flint
Councillor Norman Gardner
Councillor Mario Giansante
Councillor Doug Holyday
Councillor Frances Nunziata

Also Present:

Councillor Howard Moscoe, ex officio member, representing Toronto Licensing

56. Appointment of Weed Inspectors.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a joint report (April 20, 1998) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that:

- (1) Pending a decision about which City Department will administer and enforce the provincial Weed Control Act in the new City of Toronto, this responsibility continue to rest with the functional areas in each of the former municipalities which have traditionally handled weed control inspections; and
- (2) Toronto City Council pass a By-law to appoint certain staff as Weed Inspectors and that they be authorized to do all things necessary to carry out such as provided for under the authority of the Weed Control Act.

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. 5)

57. Towing from Private Property.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the East York Community Council, on April 1, 1998, recommended to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee that a review of the Towing of Private Property By-laws from the former municipalities with the purpose of harmonizing the various By-laws be undertaken.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee:

- (a) referred the foregoing matter to the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Toronto Police Services Board for a report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee; and
- (b) directed that a public meeting be scheduled when this matter is brought forward for the Committee's consideration.

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; c. General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission - May 25, 1998)

(Clause No. 5(c) - Report No. 5)

58. Accident Towing - Regulation of Collision Reporting Centres.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (April 30, 1998) from the City Solicitor recommending that Section 15 of Part 6 to Schedule 24 of By-law No. 20-85 of the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto not be amended as proposed in the following motion referred to the City Solicitor by the former Metropolitan Toronto Council:

“It is expressly forbidden for any employee or official of a Collision Reporting

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Centre or a representative of an insurance company on the premises, to recommend verbally or by telephone, computer or other electronic medium, a body shop or automotive repair facility.”

- A. Councillor Moscoe moved that the foregoing report be received for information.
- B. Councillor Gardner moved that the foregoing report be referred back to the City Solicitor for a further review to determine if wording can be found to assist Council to achieve its intent.

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

(City Solicitor; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission - May 25, 1998)

(Clause No. 5(b) - Report No. 5)

59. By-law to Amend By-law No. 20-85 - Accident Towing - Mandatory Drop and Accreditation of Vehicle Repair Facilities.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (May 15, 1998) from the General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission, recommending that:

- (1) By-law No. 20-85, Schedule 24, be amended to:
 - a) implement the mandatory drop and the accredited vehicle repair facilities system on July 2, 1998;
 - b) specify the criteria a vehicle repair facilities must meet to qualify for accreditation;
 - c) revise “forms as approved by the Commission” to “forms as approved by the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services or her/his designate”; and
 - d) describe an Appeal Process for applicants who are refused accreditation;
- (2) the recommendation of the Working Group, for an interim accreditation program, operated through the Toronto Licensing Commission and by Reg Quinn Ltd. be

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approved and the existing contract with the Toronto Licensing Commission be amended accordingly;

- (3) an appeal process to either the Toronto Licensing Tribunal or the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be approved;
 - (4) a review of the need to continue the interim program be conducted within the next six months; and
 - (5) the appropriate City of Toronto Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- A. Councillor Moscoe moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the foregoing report and that an appeal process to the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be approved.
 - B. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the foregoing matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee to be held on June 16, 1998.

Councillor Blake Kinahan, Lakeshore-Queensway, addressed the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

(General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission; c. Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services - May 25, 1998.)

(Clause No. 5(e) - Report No. 5)

60. 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 Norman 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.

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On motion by Councillor Gardner, the Committee:

- (a) received the foregoing communication from Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton; and
- (b) directed that the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on the existing structure for handling civilian complaints and its plans or proposals for the future.

(Councillor Norman Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - May 25, 1998)

(Clause No. 5(a) - Report No. 5)

61. Collision Reporting Centres.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (April 14, 1998) Councillor Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Toronto Police Services Board on March 26, 1998, approved the following Motions:

- (1) a subcommittee of the Board be established pertaining to Collision Reporting Centres;
- (2) the Collision Reporting Centres Subcommittee be responsible for:
 - evaluating the performance of Collision Reporting Centres;
 - hearing complaints from representatives of the towing industry and auto body repair shops regarding Collision Reporting Centres; and
 - review on-going problems related to Collision Reporting Centres.
- (3) the structure of the Subcommittee be composed as follows:
 - 2 members of the Toronto Police Services Board;
 - 1 City of Toronto Councillor;
 - 1 staff representative from the Toronto Police Service; and
 - 1 staff representative from the Ontario Provincial Police.
- (4) the Chief of Police provide the Board with semi-annual statistical reports on the results of the Collision Reporting Centres and include any recommendations which he feels the Board should consider; and
- (5) copies of the foregoing reports be provided to the Emergency and Protective Services

Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Gardner, the Committee recommended to Council that the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to appoint a City of Toronto Councillor who is a member of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee to its Collision Reporting Centres Sub-Committee.

(Clause No. 2 - Report No. 5)

62. Court Challenge to Metropolitan Toronto By-law No. 129-95 Respecting Lap Dancing.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (April 28, 1998) from the City Solicitor advising that an appeal of the legal validity of Metropolitan Toronto By-law No. 129-95 respecting lap dancing was dismissed with costs by the Supreme Court of Canada on February 19, 1998.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee referred the foregoing matter to the City Solicitor and the General Manager of the Toronto Licensing Commission for a joint report on the effectiveness of the enforcement By-law No. 129-95.

(City Solicitor; General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission - May 25, 1998)

(Clause No. 5(d) - Report No. 5)

63. Seizing and Impounding of Vehicles used by Persons Charged with Prostitution Offence.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a motion (May 11, 1998) from Councillor Frances Nunziata, York-Humber, recommending that Council request the Government of Ontario, through the Attorney General, to introduce enabling legislation similar to Manitoba's, that would permit the Toronto Police Service to seize and impound vehicles, for a specified period of time, owned or occupied by individuals or "johns", that have been charged with communicating for the purpose of prostitution.

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing motion.

(Clause No. 3 - Report No. 5)

64. Transitional Project - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

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The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (May 21, 1998) from the Fire Chief recommending that this report be received for information purposes, that staff be authorized to release a Request for Proposal for SCBA equipment, and that staff be directed to report back to council through committee when the terms and conditions of an agreement to purchase new SCBA equipment and trade-in existing SCBA equipment from one or more recommended suppliers is ready for council approval.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Committee recommended to Council that the appropriate City Officials be authorized to release a Request for Proposal for SCBA equipment and to report back to Council through the Committee when the terms and conditions of an agreement to purchase new SCBA equipment and trade-in existing SCBA equipment from one or more recommended suppliers is ready for Council approval.

(Clause No. 4 - Report No. 5)

65. Olde Town Toronto Tours Limited - Proposed Amendment to By-law No. 20-85, Schedule 35.

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a report (May 20, 1998) from the General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission, recommending that:

- (1) By-law No. 20-85, Schedule 25, Section 17, be amended to permit the operation of horse drawn trolleys with a passenger capacity of 25 persons; and
- (2) By-law No. 20-85, Schedule 25, Section 23(3), be amended to delete the word "Commission" and to insert the words "Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services."

The Committee deferred consideration of the foregoing matter to its next meeting to be held on June 16, 1998.

(General Manager, Toronto Licensing Commission; c. Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - May 25, 1998)

(Clause No. 5(f) - Report No. 5)

66. Request for Briefing from the Toronto Police Services Board on the Need and Options for a Helicopter Patrol Service.

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The Emergency and Protective Services Committee had before it a communication (May 22, 1998) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre, recommending that the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to provide a briefing to the Committee on the need, advantages and disadvantages of a helicopter patrol capability including:

- (1) an analysis of the past consideration and reports on this issue;
- (2) an estimate of the capital and operating costs of a helicopter patrol capability;
- (3) the viability of a pilot program to better determine the effectiveness of a helicopter patrol in Toronto; and
- (4) options to make a helicopter patrol program more cost effective such as corporate sponsorship of the capital and/or operating costs of such a program.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee directed that the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to provide a briefing to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on this issue as soon as possible.

(Councillor Norman Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre - May 25, 1998)

(Clause No. 5(g) - Report No. 5)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Acting Chair