

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of The East York Community Council

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

The East York Community Council met in a special session on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, in the True Davidson Council Chamber, East York Civic Centre, East York, commencing at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Michael Prue, Chair
Councillor Case Ootes
Councillor Jane Pitfield

Regrets: Mayor Mel Lastman

205. Options for Ward Boundary Changes.

The East York Community Council had before it a joint report (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk and Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services to provide options for: (1) minor refinements to the existing 28 City Wards, and (2) ward boundary divisions to permit single member ward representation and recommending that:

- (1) if the Legislature does not enact the necessary amendments to the City of Toronto Act, 1997 before the end of the current legislative session, the City Solicitor be authorized to commence a court application under Rule 14 of the Rules of Civil Procedure (R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194, as amended) seeking a determination of City Council's right to enact a by-law changing the size and composition of Council under the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act, 1997;
- (2) Community Councils recommend to the November 30, 1998, meeting of the Urban Environment and Development Committee a preferred option, within its Community Council jurisdiction, for divisions within City wards, based on minor refinements, to permit single member ward representation;
- (3) the Urban Environment and Development Committee, at its November 30, 1998, meeting, consider this staff report, and the public input provided to and the recommendations submitted by each Community Council, and forward overall recommendations on ward boundary changes to City Council;

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- (4) City Council adopt a preferred option for ward boundary minor refinements and ward divisions as the basis for ward revisions for the municipal elections to be held in 2000;
- (5) subject to City Council's decision to divide the wards to permit single member representation, the staff work team be requested to propose to City Council, through the Community Councils and with public input, recommendations for ward names that reflect the communities which make-up the new single member wards; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

The East York Community Council also had before it the following communications:

(November 3, 1998) from Ms. Carol Burtin-Fripp, President, Leaside Property Owners' Association, East York, opposing the division of boundaries in Ward One, East York;

(November 3, 1998) from Mr. Colin MacLeod, East York, opposing the division of boundaries in Ward One, East York;

(November 3, 1998) from Mr. Justin Van Dette, East York, opposing the division of boundaries in Ward One, East York; and

(Undated) from Ms. Margaret Simpson, East York, opposing the division of boundaries in Ward One, East York.

The following persons appeared before the East York Community Council in connection with the foregoing:

- Mr. John Papadakis, East York;
- Ms. Carol Burtin-Fripp, President, Leaside Property Owners Association, East York;
- Mr. John Ridout, East York;
- Mr. Colin MacLeod, East York;
- Ms. Margaret Simpson, East York;
- Mr. Justin Van Dette, East York;
- Mr. Gord Crann, East York;
- Ms. Donna-Lynn McCallum, East York;
- Mr. Brian Barron, President, Ward 2 Property Owners Association, East York;
- Mr. Jerry Hagen, East York; and
- Mr. Allan Gaw, East York.

Councillor Prue appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

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On motion by Councillor Prue, the East York Community Council recommended, as follows:

- (1) requested the Urban Environment and Development Committee to submit a consolidated report to City Council which shall incorporate recommendations from all Community Councils, including the following:
 - (a) by striking out Recommendation No. 1 contained in the joint report (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services and replacing it with the following Recommendation No. 1:
 - (1) that the City Solicitor be requested to clarify whether the Province of Ontario accepts or concurs with the position of single member wards and report further to City Council on the legal ramifications;
 - (b) that the City Council be requested to re-open the issue of single member wards for further public consultation;
 - (c) that the East York Community Council defer any recommendations to the Urban Environment and Development Committee until legal advice has been received regarding recommendation (1) (a) (1) and staff have investigated other ward division options such that the Todmorden Community is maintained in one ward and that this issue should be delayed until the first meeting of the East York Community Council to be held in January, 1999;
 - (d) that the East York Community Council has no objections to moving the southern boundary line to Danforth Avenue;
 - (e) that notwithstanding the railway lines, the neighbourhoods of Governors Bridge and

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701 Don Mills Road remain as part of the East York Community;

- (f) that a preferred option for ward boundary minor refinements and ward divisions as the basis for ward revisions for the municipal elections to be held in the year 2000 be deferred until advice has been received from the City Solicitor;
 - (g) that if the division of the ward boundaries to permit single member ward representation requires provincial legislation, the Members of Provincial Parliament for the ridings of York East, Don Mills, Beaches-Woodbine and Riverdale be advised that the East York Community Council is opposed to these changes and requests their assistance;
 - (h) that the Urban Environment and Development Committee be advised that further public meetings must be held in the community of East York before any divisions or changes are made to the boundaries in the East York area;
- (2) that aforementioned communications (November 3, 1998) from Ms. Carol Burtin-Fripp, President, Leaside Property Owners' Association, East York; (November 3, 1998) from Mr. Colin MacLeod, East York; (November 3, 1998) from Mr. Justin Van Dette, East York; and (Undated) from Ms. Margaret Simpson, East York, be received;
 - (3) that the aforementioned joint report (October 26, 1998) of the City Clerk and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be received; and
 - (4) that the presentation by Mr. Peter Fay, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst and Mr. John Hollies, Director of Elections, regarding the Options for Ward Boundary Changes, be received.

Councillor Prue resumed the Chair.

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(Clause No. 1(a), Report No. 17)

(City Solicitor; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; City Clerk; Mr. Peter Fay, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst; Mr. John Hollins, Director of Elections; All Interested Parties - November 30, 1998)

The East York Community Council adjourned its meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, at 8:55 p.m.

Chair.