

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, June 17, 1999	Enquiry:	Ms. Rosalind Dyers
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Committee Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		392-8018
	2nd Floor, City Hall		
	100 Queen Street West		
	Toronto		

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

DEPUTATIONS. LIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

**1. PROPOSED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR
ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION-MAKING.**

Councillor Jack Layton,
Chair, Environmental Task Force
(June 1, 1999)

Submitting, for comment, draft recommendations on the proposed governance structure for advanced environmental decision-making for the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the recommendations from the Environmental Task Force to the July meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee be endorsed;
- (2) the report, entitled "The Proposed Governance Model for Advanced Environmental Decision Making for the City of Toronto", by the Environmental Task Force be received for information and comment; and
- (3) any comments on the proposed governance structure, as outlined in the report, be forwarded to the Environmental Task Force before June 28, 1999, for consideration

in the report and recommendations going to the Policy and Finance Committee in July, 1999.

**2. COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM -
1999 ALLOCATIONS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(June 3, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) the 1999 Community Services Grants Program (C.S.G.P.) allocations totalling \$10,471,323.00 for 307 agencies, as described in Appendices "A" and "D" be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

**(NOTE: COPIES OF APPENDIX D FORWARDED TO MEMBERS OF
COUNCIL ONLY.)**

**3. BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE GRANTS -
1999 ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(May 31, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants, totalling \$631,900.00 allocated to 60 applicants as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report, be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. CITY OF TORONTO HOMELESS INITIATIVES FUND.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(June 1, 1999)

Providing information on the process for distributing the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund which includes both the City's allocation of the Provincial Homeless Initiatives Fund and the City funded Homeless Initiatives Fund; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to execute the Agreement to Terms and Conditions for the Homelessness Initiatives Fund with the Ministry of Community and Social Services in order to receive the allocation of \$4.724 million from the Province; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. FOOD RELATED CAPITAL GRANTS -
FIRST ROUND ALLOCATIONS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(June 7, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) pending Council approval of the report titled "Allocation Criteria for a Food Related Capital Grants Program" on June 9, 10 and 11, 1999, that the Food For All Street Kids (Ontario) Inc. be allocated funding up to \$30,000.00, and that the Christie-Ossington Neighbourhood Centre be allocated funding up to \$9,000.00; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. CAPITAL LOAN GUARANTEE FOR EARL HAIG
COMMUNITY DAY CARE CENTRE.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(June 1, 1999)

Advising that Earl Haig Community Day Care Centre is proposing to develop a new child care facility, named the Beach and Child Family Centre at 1667-1671 Queen Street East; and recommending that:

- (1) subject to sufficient performance safeguards, the City of Toronto guarantee a capital loan of up to \$1,000,000.00 to be arranged by Earl Haig Community Day Care Centre;
- (2) the nature and terms of the guarantee, including any requirement for potential certification under the established debt and obligation limit, be subject to the

concurrence of the Treasurer, City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**7. CAPITAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR
PELMO PARK CHILD CARE CENTRE.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(June 1, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) approval for up to \$150,000.00 be allocated to Pelmo Park Child Care Centre from the Child Care Capital Reserve to support the renovation costs associated with their relocation to Westminster United Church; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**8. PROVINCIAL UPDATE TO THE CHILD CARE
FEE SUBSIDY GUIDELINES.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(June 2, 1999)

Providing an update on the provincial guidelines for determining child care fee subsidy eligibility; describing the anticipated impact on clients currently in receipt of or wait listed for child care subsidy in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) City officials track and continue to discuss with provincial officials the financial and service impacts for both subsidized families and the City that the changes in the provincial fee subsidy guidelines will have.

**9. CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVOCATE ANNUAL REPORT 1998
AND CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD POVERTY.**

City Clerk
(June 2, 1999)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 28, 1999, had before it the following communications and reports:

- (May 19, 1999, from the City Clerk forwarding the actions of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee with respect to the Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report 1998;
- (May 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting proposed benchmarks for Federal investments in Children; and
- (May 28, 1999) from Ms. Jane Mercer, Metro Campaign 2000 and Campaign Against Child Poverty;

and that the Children and Youth Action Committee recommended that:

- (1) Council adopt the following benchmarks proposed by Metro Campaign 2000, the Campaign Against Child Poverty, and Citizens for Public Justice, contained in the report (May 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:
 - “(i) That the federal government commit itself to a five-year investment plan to address child poverty and promote the well-being of children with clear federal objectives and target.
 - (ii) That social investments in children by the federal government ‘grow’ by at least 1 percent of our national wealth over five years. It is estimated that to reach this target, annual investments in children would have to grow by an average of \$2 billion a year for five years.
 - (iii) That children and families require a mix of income and service supports to address their needs and enhance their state of well-being. The key foundations should include:
 - (a) the development of a comprehensive child benefit system for low, modest, and middle income families; and
 - (b) the creation of national infrastructure funds to support provinces and municipalities in the development of public systems of early learning and care, and in the construction of urgently required affordable housing options.
 - (iv) That the federal government make the healthy development of young children a first priority of the five-year plan and allocate \$2 billion in the 2000 budget to establish the National Infrastructure Fund for Early Learning and Care.”;

- (2) these recommendations be referred to the provincial trustee organizations for their endorsement and support as soon as possible, for example, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) be requested to add this item to their Annual General Meeting agenda in June, 1999; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

10. CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE - REPORT CARD UPDATE.

City Clerk

(June 2, 1999)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 28, 1999, during consideration of the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Sub-Committee on the Children's Report Card held on May 10, 1999, recommended that the Community Services Committee be advised that:

- (1) the Children's Report Card will be released in mid-September;
- (2) in addition to the Report Card, a City-wide summary or pamphlet will be produced. This piece will be user-friendly and contain key messages and a call for action. Each ward would have its own customized version of the pamphlet which would contain maps portraying demographic, socio-economic and service data for the ward; and
- (3) City Councillors who wish to hold local meetings will hold them at the end of September.

11. FUTURE PROVISION OF LAUNDRY SERVICES.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(May 19, 1999)

Respecting the outcome of the cost-benefit analysis undertaken with regard to options for the future provision of laundry services to the Homes for the Aged; outlining optimal approaches for laundering both linens and residents' personal clothing; providing advice on the anticipated time frame for reporting back with respect to cost and service implications related to reintroducing a system of in-house personal laundry; and recommending that:

- (1) staff be directed to enter into negotiations for the sale of the Central Laundry facility to Lakeshore Laundry & Linen Concept Ltd., and to report back to City Council on the outcome of the negotiations;
- (2) the negotiations and sale be undertaken and completed by a staff team, with representation from Homes for the Aged, Legal, and Corporate Services;

- (3) the proceeds from the sale be deposited to the Central Laundry Reserve Fund and held in this account until staff report back to City Council regarding the costs associated with reintroducing in-house personal laundry facilities in the nine Homes for the Aged that do not presently have these facilities;
- (4) staff report back to City Council, through the Community Services Committee, by the end of 1999, outlining the financial and service impacts of laundering residents' personal clothing in each of the 10 Homes;
- (5) subject to the approval of City Council to establish in-house personal laundry facilities, the Central Laundry Reserve Fund be used as a source of funds for the start-up costs associated with the in-house laundries; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**12. INCREASE TO THE HOMES FOR THE AGED
1999 OPERATING BUDGET.**

City Clerk

(May 28, 1999)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 28, 1999; had before it a report (May 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Budget Committee, wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the 1999 operating budget of the Homes for the Aged be increased by \$697,000.00 to enable the Division to access additional provincial funding, which is available to enhance nursing services;
- (2) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for discussion of the policy issues and options outlined herein; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

and that the Advisory Committee:

- (i) directed that its support of the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report be conveyed to the Community Services Committee; and
- (ii) received the communication dated, May 26, 1999, from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, in regard thereto.

**13. IMPLEMENTATION OF A WAITING LIST FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO'S
HOMEMAKERS AND NURSES SERVICES PROGRAM.**

City Clerk

(May 28, 1999)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 28, 1999, had before it a report (May 18, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the implementation of a waiting list for the City of Toronto's Homemakers and Nurses Services Program and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) City of Toronto Council direct the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to write to the Ministry of Health and the Executive Directors of the various CCACs to express concern about the growing gaps and inequities in both access to and level/scope of service provided to citizens of the City of Toronto, served by the various CCACs;
- (2) the Homes for the Aged Division continue to monitor the waiting lists for the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program, and notify the Ministry of Health regarding specific cases in which individuals are left at risk as a result of the CCACs not providing the requisite services;
- (3) if 100 percent transitional funding to the City is approved by the Ministry of Health to assist with reducing the gaps in service on an interim basis, the service provided by the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program be immediately expanded to the full capacity (taking into account both the financial resources approved and the time frame for the enhanced funding) of the transitional funding; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

and that the Advisory Committee directed that its support of the recommendations be conveyed to the Community Services Committee.

14. HOMES FOR THE AGED - UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

- (i) (May 27, 1999) recommending that:
 - (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears, in the amount of \$15,618.11, accumulated on behalf of E.E. while she was a resident at Castlerview Wychwood Towers; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) (May 27, 1999) recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears, in the amount of \$14,832.64, accumulated on behalf of R.G. while she was a resident at Cummer Lodge; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

15. CREATION OF 'SAFE PARK' FOR THE HOMELESS IN TORONTO.

Mr. John Clarke,
Provincial Organizer
Ontario Coalition Against Poverty
(May 30, 1999)

Advising that the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty is working to create a 'safe park' for the homeless; and requesting the opportunity to appear before the Committee in regard thereto.

16. REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF FORT YORK ARMOURY, TRINITY-NIAGARA.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(June 1, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) as per the City's agreement with the Department of National Defence, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to reimburse the Department of National Defence for costs of \$80,000.00 for the use of Fort York Armoury as a homeless Shelter during the period of April 15, 1999 to June 4, 1999; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

17. UPDATE ON THE 11 ORDNANCE YOUTH PROJECT (EVA'S PHOENIX).

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(June 3, 1999)

Providing an update on the progress of the 11 Ordnance Youth Project, an extended shelter and training facility now known as Eva's Phoenix; and recommending that:

- (1) Council accept the donation of \$325,000.00 from the Canadian Auto Workers for construction costs related to Eva's Phoenix and grant these funds to Eva's Place to pay costs related to the construction of the facility at 11 Ordnance Street;
- (2) the City grant \$600,000.00 available through the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (RRAP) to Eva's Place to pay costs related to the construction of the facility at 11 Ordnance Street as stipulated in the RRAP program;
- (3) Council declare that the purpose of the grants is in the interests of the municipality;
- (4) the City enter into one or more agreements, in form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the City Solicitor with regard to:
 - (a) the disbursement of capital grants to Eva's Place as renovation work progresses, up to a total maximum of \$325,000.00; and
 - (b) disbursement of capital grants to Eva's Place as renovation work progresses, up to a total maximum of \$600,000.00; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect to the recommendations.

18. IMPACT OF RECENT PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE 1999 BUDGET FOR THE SHELTER, HOUSING AND SUPPORT DIVISION.

City Clerk

(May 10, 1999)

Advising that the Budget Committee on April 16, 1999, referred to the Community Services Committee for information a joint report (April 9, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting recently announced Provincial initiatives to address homelessness and their impact on the 1999 budget for the Shelter, Housing and Support Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department.

19. REPORT OF THE POLICE WORKING GROUP, SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS AND SOCIALLY ISOLATED PERSONS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(June 3, 1999)

Responding to the request of the Community and Neighbourhood Services on May 19, 1999, to report on the recommendations of the Police Working Group, a sub-committee of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; and recommending that:

- (1) Council support the recommendations contained in the document "Report and Recommendations of the Police Working Group" and forward the report to the Toronto Police Services Board for consideration; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

20. OVERVIEW OF SETTLEMENT SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(June 2, 1999)

Responding to the request of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on February 23, 1999, to report on immigrant and refugee settlement service programs and priorities; and recommending that the report be received for information.

ANY OTHER MATTERS.