

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, January 14, 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. TORONTO CHILDREN'S CHARTER.

City Clerk

(December 3, 1998)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 23, 1998, recommended approval of the Toronto Children's Charter embodied in a communication (undated) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Child and Youth Advocate.

**2. CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE -
STATUS REPORT ON THE REPORT CARD.**

City Clerk

(December 3, 1998)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 23, 1998, recommended the adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report (November 19, 1998) from the Report Card Working Group:

- (1) that the Vision for Children be confirmed;
- (2) that the Report Card Conceptual Framework be adopted;
- (3) that program representatives be appointed by the appropriate sectoral officials to the Technical Working Group;
- (4) that sectors expedite access to their program's data by the Technical Work Group; and
- (5) that appropriate sectoral officials propose realistic benchmarks for programs under their jurisdiction.

**3. CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE'S
SUMMIT ON CHILD POVERTY.**

City Clerk

(December 2, 1998)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 23, 1998, received a verbal report on the Committee's summit on child poverty and had before it a number of communications in regard thereto; and further that the Children and Youth Action Committee recommend that City Council, in response to the Federal Minister of Finance's statements in the Toronto Star on November 20, 1998, stating child poverty is "a national disgrace", invite the Minister to work with the Children and Youth Action Committee to alleviate the disgrace of child poverty, and that the letter be copied to the Ontario Liberal caucus.

**4. SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE SPENDING PRIORITIES
INCLUDED IN THE 1999 CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET.**

City Clerk

(December 2, 1998)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 23, 1998, had before it a report (October 21, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting suggested amendments to the spending priorities included in the 1999 Children's Services budget; and that the Committee:

- (1) acknowledged the additional financial pressures outlined in the report (October 21, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Children and Youth Action Committee, and requested the Budget Committee to consider these pressures in the context of the Children's Services Division Budget.
- (2) reminded the Budget Committee of the draft Toronto Children's Charter released on November 20, 1998.
- (3) requested that the article in the Toronto Star on November 4, 1998, by Mr. David Crane be forwarded to the Budget Committee highlighting Mr. Adam Smith's quote on "necessaries" as it relates to the well-being of children.

5. HEALTHY BABIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN PROGRAM.

Secretary, Board of Health
(December 15, 1998)

Advising that the Board of Health on December 8, 1998, had before it a report (November 25, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program; and that the Board received the aforementioned report and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee and the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for information.

6. HEALTHY PARENTING PROGRAM.

Secretary, Board of Health
(December 16, 1998)

Advising that the Board of Health on December 8, 1998, had before it a report (November 26, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Healthy Parenting Program; and that the Board received the aforementioned report and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for information.

7a. HOMES FOR THE AGED - UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 16, 1998)

Recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears accumulated on behalf of I.H. while she was a resident at Seven Oaks Home for the Aged; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

7b. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 16, 1998)

Recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears accumulated on behalf of M.C. while she was a resident at Cummer Lodge Home for the Aged; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. APPOINTMENT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMES FOR THE AGED.

City Clerk
(December 18, 1998)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on December 18, 1998, recommended the adoption of a report (December 7, 1998) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, recommending that Mr. Willis Rudy be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference.

9. CUMMER LODGE - ACCREDITATION AWARD.

City Clerk
(December 18, 1998)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on December 18, 1998, had before it a report (December 9, 1998) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged,

indicating that the accreditation survey of Cummer Lodge by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation was carried out from October 25-28, 1998; and that the Advisory Committee:

- (1) directed that the report be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for information;
- (2) extended its congratulations to all staff, volunteers and the Home Advisory Committee at Cummer Lodge; and
- (3) suggested that future reports from the General Manager acknowledge the contribution of volunteers in the body of such reports.

**10. CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH DOCTORS HOSPITAL -
OPERATION OF THE PLANNED LONG TERM CARE CENTRE.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 4, 1998)

Advising that, in May, 1998, senior staff of the Doctors Hospital approached staff of the City's Homes for the Aged Division to explore the possibility of the two organizations working together to develop and support a proposal in response to the Ministry of Health's Request for Proposals for the construction of long term care beds in Toronto; that the bid by Doctors Hospital was successful and they were awarded 200 beds; indicating that staff of the two organizations will now begin detailed planning, including revisions to the draft budget, to support the operation of these beds; noting that, once the facility is opened in the year 2000, staff of the Homes for the Aged Division will provide the types of support outlined in the report; that there will be no net cost to the Homes for the Aged Division in providing this consulting service in that the requisite resources to provide the service will be fully funded by the fee paid by the Doctors Hospital; and recommending that the report be received for information.

11. INTERIM REPORT - SENIORS' TASK FORCE.

Councillor Anne Johnston,
Chair, Seniors' Task Force
(December 15, 1998)

Providing information on the work to date of the Senior's Task Force and from the 39 public consultations held in October and November 1998; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council record the change of name for the task force from “Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly” to the “Seniors’ Task Force”;
- (2) City Council approve the extension of the time frame for completion of work undertaken by the Seniors’ Task Force to Spring, 1999;
- (3) City Council receive the attached interim report of the Seniors’ Task Force for information; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

**12. RENOVATIONS AND ADDITION TO
ROBERTSON HOUSE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 22, 1998)

Advising that during construction of Robertson House renovations and additions many unanticipated defects were encountered, which resulted in additional costs and extensions of time to the construction schedule; indicating that the value of Change Orders on the project exceeded the 10 percent contract amount by \$174,400.00; that with these changes the total construction cost will be \$4,783,400.00 and permit fees, soil tests, and architect fees will bring the total cost within the Capital Budget allocation of \$5,550,000.00 approved for Robertson House; and recommending that:

- (1) authorization to exceed the by-law limit of 10 percent of the contract value to 14.2 percent of the contract value be approved for Change Orders on this project; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**13. THE REVIEW OF THE USE OF MOTELS
FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(January 4, 1999)

Providing a progress report on the review of the use of motels for homeless families; indicating that the work of the steering committee and its review to date has identified a number of areas which require attention, including the concentration of homeless families accommodated along Kingston Road, the impact of high student turnover on local schools, the number of newcomer families at-risk of homelessness, and the appropriateness of motel

standards and practices; noting that an options paper will be reviewed by the steering committee at the end of January, and a final report is expected to be submitted to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in the Spring of 1999; and recommending that the report be received for information.

**14. INTRODUCTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR PLACEMENTS
IN ONTARIO WORKS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 31, 1998)

Advising of the provincial Minister of Community and Social Services' proposal to expand Ontario Works by introducing subsidized on-the-job training placements in the private sector; indicating that City staff will be working with provincial officials to obtain additional information with respect to this new program feature; and recommending that the report be received for information.

ANY OTHER MATTERS.