

## COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

### A G E N D A

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, February 11, 1999</b>	<b>Enquiry:</b>	<b>Ms. Rosalind Dyers</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>		<b>Committee Administrator</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1</b>		<b>392-8018</b>
	<b>2nd Floor, City Hall</b>		
	<b>100 Queen Street West</b>		
	<b>Toronto</b>		

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**DEPUTATIONS. LIST TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING**

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.**

**1. MAYOR'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT - STATUS REPORT.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and  
Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services  
(January 27, 1999)

Summarizing the key findings from the Mayor's Youth Employment Summit; providing a status report on follow-up activities; and recommending that:

- (1) the City explore the feasibility of developing a Youth Employment Information Clearinghouse, and report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee regarding this initiative;
  
- (2) a final report on Mayor Mel's Youth Employment Initiative from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be submitted to the Community and

Neighbourhood Services Committee in August 1999; such report to measure the Initiative's effectiveness regarding:

- (a) participation of at-risk youth;
  - (b) job retention rate; and
  - (c) active commitment within the corporate sector to address youth unemployment issues and to employ at-risk youth;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Economic Development Committee for information; and
  - (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

**2. A PLAN TO REINVEST NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT SUPPLEMENT SAVINGS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(January 28, 1999)

Responding to City Council's direction to develop a reinvestment plan for municipal social assistance savings resulting from the implementation of the National Child Benefit Supplement (N.C.B.S.) in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the objectives and implementation plan for the reinvestment of N.C.B.S. municipal savings as described in this report be approved by City Council;
- (2) in 1999, cumulative N.C.B.S. municipal savings estimated at \$8.8 million be allocated as recommended in this report;
- (3) this report be referred to Budget Committee;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proceed to take the necessary steps to implement the proposed plan; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**3. MUNICIPAL PLAN FOR CONTINUED PROVISION OF BENEFITS TO NON-SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(January 28, 1999)

Responding to recommendations made by City Council regarding the continuation of benefits to non-social assistance recipients; and recommending that:

- (1) pursuant to Council direction, a fund be established for 1999 with an amount up to \$400,000.00 gross and net, with the source for this funding to be determined through the 1999 budget process;
- (2) the Municipality provide benefits to non-social assistance recipients on a limited basis as outlined in this report;
- (3) this report be referred to Budget Committee; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

**4. DISPUTE BETWEEN TAOIST TAI CHI ASSOCIATION AND THE CECIL STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(January 25, 1999)

Advising of the status of the dispute between the Taoist Tai Chi Association and the City's Cecil Street Community Centre; outlining the options that could be taken with regard to such dispute; and recommending that:

- (1) the City support the Board of the Cecil Street Community Centre in the action brought against it and the City by the Taoist Tai Chi Association; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. TENANT APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TORONTO HOUSING COMPANY INC.**

Chief Executive Officer,  
Toronto Housing Company Inc.  
(January 28, 1999)

Recommending that the following tenants of the Toronto Housing Company Inc. be appointed to the Board of Directors for a term of ten months, expiring after the December 1999 meeting of the Board:

Mary Crowe  
Elaric Kissoon  
Vic Waring

**6. FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL SOCIAL UNION DISCUSSIONS.**

City Clerk

(January 19, 1999)

Advising that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes on January 18, 1999, had before it a communication (January 8, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, and recommended that, in recognition of the fact that many of Canada's social problems, such as homelessness, are often most visible and impact most directly at the local level, the City of Toronto seek standing at the Federal/Provincial social union talks to ensure appropriate consideration of these and other related issues; and further that other Cities be requested to also seek standing at the Federal/Provincial social union talks in partnership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**6a.** Mr. John Sewell,  
on behalf of Canadians for a Real Social Union  
(January 29, 1999)

Requesting the opportunity to address the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee regarding the Social Union discussions between the Federal and Provincial Governments.

**7. "TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOMELESSNESS" -  
REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S HOMELESSNESS ACTION TASK FORCE.**

City Clerk

(January 18, 1999)

Advising that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes on January 18, 1999, received a verbal presentation from Dr. Anne Golden, Chair, Mayor's

Homelessness Action Task Force, regarding the report "Taking Responsibility for Homelessness", and recommended that:

- (1) Council be advised that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes endorses the noted report of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force and the recommendations contained therein;
- (2) the Budget Committee be requested to secure sufficient funds to implement the recommendations contained in the noted report from the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force, which may be modified by Council;
- (3) Council be urged, through the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, to appoint a Facilitator for Action on Homelessness as quickly as possible; and that Recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3, as contained in the noted report from the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force, be approved as urgent priorities;
- (4) the other recommendations contained in the noted report from the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force be referred to the appropriate City officials for report back to Council, through the appropriate Standing Committee and/or the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes;
- (5) the requested report from the appropriate City officials shall include the following:
  - (i) general time lines advising when the said recommendations from the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force could be implemented and target those recommendations which can be implemented in a short period of time;
  - (ii) an audit mechanism be included which can measure the effectiveness of the recommendations as they are implemented; and
  - (iii) the requested report also include multi-year funding implications for each recommendation or item brought forward; and
- (6) Council be advised that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes endorses the proposal for a Mayor's Summit on Homelessness to be held on March 25, 1999, and co-sponsored by the City, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

## **8. HOSTEL SYSTEM CAPACITY.**

City Clerk

(January 19, 1999)

Advising that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes on January 18, 1999, had before it a communication (January 8, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto adopt a no "No Room at the Inn" policy with respect to the provision of emergency shelter thereby ensuring that no one will be turned away from a hostel in Toronto due to lack of space;
- (2) the City of Toronto make a commitment to replace all emergency shelter beds expected to be lost in the Spring of 1999 due to the closure of temporary winter hostels and renovations scheduled for Seaton House resulting in a loss of 150 beds; and
- (3) the Shelter, Housing and Support Division report on the development of standardized rules for hostels;

and that the Council Strategy Committee recommended that:

- (1) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee be requested to adopt Recommendation No. (1) , as adopted by the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, at its meeting of December 18, 1998, regarding a no "No Room at the Inn" policy; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to review Recommendations No. (2) and (3), as adopted by the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, and address these recommendations in her report on spring hostel capacity and standard rules as requested by Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, with a copy of this report to be sent to the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes for information.

## **9. SCHOOL CLOSINGS.**

City Clerk

(January 8, 1999)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on December 15, 1998, during consideration of verbal reports by representatives of the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic School Board on school closings, recommended to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education and Training, copied to the Minister of Community and Social Services, Provincial Child Advocate, the Premier, and Chairs of the Boards of Education, requesting clear answers to

the following questions regarding all “non-classroom” or “non-curricular” uses of schools both during and outside school hours:

- (1) What is the approved use of a school facility?
- (2) Should public education funds pay for:
  - community use;
  - accommodation for child care, parent-child centres etc., school lunch programs, recreation programs, before and after school care, and continuing education?
- (3) What responsibility does the Province have and what role should provincial funding play in keeping school doors open for after hours community use?
- (4) Does the Provincial Government consider the fair wages paid to unionized school custodian staff an impediment to keeping school doors open for after hour community use?

**10. CHILDREN’S SUMMIT.**

City Clerk

(January 8, 1999)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on December 15, 1998, received a verbal report on the Children’s Summit by Ms. Julie Mathien of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department; and reports having approved funds in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the Children’s Summit to be held in February 1999; noting that funds are available in the Children and Youth Action Committee Budget, Account No. CD200-G39951.

**11. ONTARIO WORKS PROGRAM - COST OF ADMINISTERING INFORMAL CHILD CARE.**

City Clerk

(January 8, 1999)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on December 15, 1998, had before it a report (November 23, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to a request for a report on the cost of administering the informal child care component of the Ontario Works program; and that the Children and Youth Action Committee received such report, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for information.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**