

## COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

### A G E N D A

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, March 24, 1999      **Enquiry:** Ms. Rosalind Dyers  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.      **Committee Administrator**  
**Location:** Council Chamber      **392-8018**  
2nd Floor, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto

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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. 1999 OPERATING BUDGET.**

**(NOTE: AN INFORMAL SESSION WITH STAFF PRESENTATIONS WILL  
BE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1 AT 8:30 A.M.)**

Respecting the 1999 Operating Budgets of the following:

- Homes for the Aged;
- Children's Services;
- Public Library;
- Shelter, Housing and Support;
- Toronto Housing Company;
- Social Development and Administration;
- Consolidated Grants;
- Social Services;
- Public Health;

advising that the Budget Committee has completed its preliminary review; attaching a communication from Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair, Budget Committee, together with a synopsis of the Budget Committee recommendations.

**(NOTE: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR 1999 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE MEETING, AS NO ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.)**

**1a. SERVICE LEVEL HARMONIZATION.**

City Clerk

(February 24, 1999)

Advising that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on February 23, 1999, had before it a report (February 19, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer respecting Service Level Harmonization, wherein it recommended that the report be forwarded to Community Councils and the respective standing committees (Community and Neighbourhood Services for the Library and Public Health components).

**1b. PUBLIC HEALTH OPERATING BUDGET.**

Councillor John Filion

Chair, Board of Health

(March 4, 1999)

Forwarding the following reports related to the Public Health 1999 Operating Budget:

- (i) (February 22, 1999) respecting the Public Health 1999 Budget;
- (ii) (January 25, 1999) respecting the Meeting of Provincial Standards Across the City for Selected Public Health Programs and Services;
- (iii) (January 25, 1999) respecting the State of the City's Health: Achieving Public Health Goals in the Millennium;
- (iv) (February 22, 1999) respecting Options for the Delivery of Public Health Dental Treatment Programs; and (February 16, 1999) respecting the Dental Complement in Public Health;
- (v) (January 15, 1999) respecting the Harmonization of Dental and Oral Health Services;
- (vi) (January 15, 1999) respecting Harmonization of Food Access Grants;
- (vii) (February 22, 1999) respecting Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures Resulting from By-law No. 28-1999, A By-law Respecting Animals;

**1c. WORKERS' INFORMATION AND ACTION CENTRE OF TORONTO.**

Ms. Zainab Amadahy  
(March 8, 1999)

Expressing concern regarding the slated closure of the Workers' Information and Action Centre of Toronto.

**2. "STILL HUNGRY FOR CHANGE: FIFTEEN YEARS OF DAILY BREAD"**

Ms. Devi Arasanayagam  
Public Education Co-ordinator,  
Daily Bread Food Bank  
(February 26, 1999)

Submitting a copy of the report, entitled "Still Hungry for Change: Fifteen Years of Daily Bread".

**(NOTE: COPIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED REPORT FORWARDED TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND SPECIAL OFFICIALS ONLY.)**

**3. TRANSFER OF PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO SOCIAL SERVICES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISIONS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(March 5, 1999)

Respecting the transfer of Provincial responsibilities to Social Services and Children's Services Divisions; and recommending that:

- (1) the Social Services Division proceed with the transfer of the Provincial caseload starting April 1999 for a fall 1999 completion as discussed in this report, and that all necessary steps be taken to ensure the transfer is completed within the scheduled time frames;
- (2) authority be granted for Children's Services to assume the system management responsibilities for the child care programs being transferred from the Ministry of Community and Social Services (including wage subsidy, special needs resourcing, family resource centres and approved corporations providing child care services) effective July 1, 1999, and to enter into service contracts with these transferred child care programs by signing an agreement in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**4. SUPPORT FOR CHILD CARE PROGRAMS DURING SCHOOL STRIKE.**

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

Outlining the service and financial impacts that the labour disruption currently being experienced by the Toronto District School Board is having on child care centres serving subsidized families within the City; and recommending that:

- (1) City staff review the expenditures of child care programs serving subsidized children during the period of school labour disruption, identify those additional costs eligible for payment and recommend a one time adjustment in payment in accordance with existing guidelines to the program once the strike has been settled;
- (2) subject to provincial cost-sharing the payment of the City's portion of the one time adjustments to which subsidized child care programs are entitled be funded from the money dedicated to increased school occupancy costs within the 1999 Children's Services budget request; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE - WORKPLAN.**

Councillor Olivia Chow,  
Child and Youth Advocate  
(February 26, 1999)

Providing a status report and workplan for the Children and Youth Action Committee for the coming year; noting that the Committee is requesting a budget of \$150,000.00 to implement the workplan, and that this request has been included in the Task Forces Budget under the Finance Department's Other Corporate Expenditures Account; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the 1999 workplan for the Children and Youth Action Committee as outlined in Appendix A; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. YOUTH OUTREACH TORONTO PROGRAM.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(March 24, 1999)

Providing updated information on the Youth Outreach Toronto Program (formerly the Metro Youth Employment Outreach Program); and recommending that, subject to Federal and Municipal budget approval:

- (1) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to enter into an agreement with Human Resources Development Canada to renew operations of the Youth Outreach Toronto Program up to March 31, 2000;
- (2) the total cost of the program not to exceed \$331,300.00 and City of Toronto's contribution to the program for 1999 not to exceed \$72,996.00 net;
- (3) the programs name be changed to Youth Outreach Toronto to be more reflective of the City of Toronto's recent amalgamation; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

**7. TORONTO YOUTH JOB CORPS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(March 24, 1999)

Providing updated information on the Toronto Youth Job Corps program (formerly the Metro Youth Job Corps); and recommending that, subject to Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC) funding:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with H.R.D.C. for the operation of Toronto Youth Job Corps for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, and to renew agreements with St. Christopher House and West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre to deliver the program;
- (2) the total cost of the agreement not exceed \$1,094,100.00 gross and the City of Toronto's contribution to the program not to exceed \$156,370.00 net for 1999;
- (3) the programs name be changed to Toronto Youth Job Corps to be more reflective of the City of Toronto's recent amalgamation; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**8. STATUS REPORT ON CAPACITY OF THE  
EMERGENCY SHELTER SYSTEM.**

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

Providing an update on the capacity of the emergency shelter system; to identify areas where there are projected shortfalls, and to suggest short and long-term strategies for addressing the shortfalls; and recommending that:

- (1) the Committee support the objective of maintaining the monthly occupancy level of the emergency shelter system for adults and youth at no more than 90 percent;
- (2) the City extend the use of its property at 60 Richmond Street East for public service use as an 85-bed emergency shelter and drop-in for men and women operated by Dixon Hall and Central Neighbourhood House;
- (3) while continuing to pursue the relocation of the Bail Reporting Centre to a new facility, the staff of Facilities Management work with staff of Hostel Services to review the space requirements of the two programs at 60 Richmond Street East with the intention of providing increased floor space to the shelter program and resolving shared space issues which may exist;
- (4) the City extend the use of its property at 11 Ordnance Street for public service use as a 50-bed shelter, transitional housing and training development program for youth to be operated by Eva's Place youth shelter;
- (5) the City extend the use of its property at 5248 Yonge Street for public service use as a 37-bed emergency shelter for youth operated by Eva's Place Youth Shelter;
- (6) the City extend the use of its property at 126 Pape for public service use as an 18-bed residential program for homeless adult women operated by St. Vincent de Paul, and that staff be directed to approach the Province regarding the provision of supportive housing funding on this site;
- (7) the City extend the use of the privately owned property at 312 Broadview Avenue for public service use as a 60-bed emergency shelter for men operated by the Salvation Army;
- (8) staff be directed to pursue the immediate opening of a temporary single men's program in mid-April should the occupancy of the single men's system exceeds 90 percent;
- (9) the Mayor and Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee meet with the Ministers of Health and Housing to seek appropriate funding for transitional/supportive housing programs which are currently being funded under the hostel per diem;
- (10) staff be directed to report back to Committee in April with further information on strategies to address the situation in the family shelters; and

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

**8a.** The following communications and briefs have been received in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (i) (February 26, 1999) from Mr. John Clarke, Provincial Organizer, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty;
- (ii) (March 4, 1999) from Ms. Julia Rogers;
- (iii) (March 8, 1999) from Ms. Margaret Blair, on behalf of the Lakeside Area Neighbourhoods Association;
- (iv) (March 8, 1999) from Ms. Brenda Cohen;
- (v) (March 8, 1999) from Tom and Marlene Altosaar;
- (vi) (March 7, 1999) from Mr. Greg Harrison and Mr. Ken McKenzie;
- (vii) (March 5, 1999) from the Board of Directors of the Boston Association of Residents for a Clean Quiet Street;
- (viii) (Undated) from Mr. Svend Petersen;
- (ix) (March 7, 1999) from Mr. Rod Grigor, Ms. Tina Chan and Ms. Jeanette Tanguay;
- (x) (March 6, 1999) from Ms. Ellen Eaton;
- (xi) (undated) from Mr. Fred Avery;
- (xii) (March 4, 1999) from Mr. Daniel Morin;
- (xiii) (March 4, 1999) from Ms. Francine Tanguay;
- (xiv) (March 3, 1999) from Ms. Mary Ann Grainger; and
- (xv) (undated) from Ms. Anneke van Soeren.

**8b. EXPANSION OF HOSTEL SERVICES: PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, IN PARTICULAR TB.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
and Medical Officer of Health  
(March 10, 1999)

Responding to the request of the Committee to report on the Expansion of Hostel Services:  
Public Health Initiatives to Reduce the Spread of Communicable Diseases, in particular TB.

**(NOTE: REPORT ATTACHED AT BACK OF AGENDA.)**

**9. PROPOSED CHANGES AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(March 9, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) the Schoolhouse Program, located in a City-owned building at 349 George Street, be modified to include services to assist homeless men to leave hostels;
- (2) staff negotiate with Dixon Hall to finalize:
  - (a) a legal agreement to operate the new program in the City-owned building at 349 George Street; and
  - (b) a purchase of service agreement with Hostel Services;
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect to the recommendations.

**10. CITY OF TORONTO PROVINCIAL HOMELESS INITIATIVES FUND ALLOCATIONS.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(February 10, 1999)

Providing an update on the selection of projects and funding allocations from the City's Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund; advising that of the \$1.02 million allocated by the Province, 25 projects have been selected for \$805,279.00 in funding, as outlined in the report; noting that the balance of the fund will be used for the "Youth Helping Youth" project at 11 Ordnance Street, and to fund emerging priorities identified later in the year; and recommending that the report be received for information.

**(NOTE: DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING.)**

**10a.** Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(March 4, 1999)



Responding to the request of the Committee to report on how the City's Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund will be evaluated; and recommending that the report be received for information.

**11. APPOINTMENT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON HOMES FOR THE AGED.**

City Clerk  
(February 26, 1999)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 26, 1999, recommended the adoption of a report (February 10, 1999) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, wherein it recommended that Mr. Douglas Drew be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, effective February 1999, as the representative of the Toronto Inter-Home Volunteers, for the period of his term as Chairperson of Toronto Inter-Home Volunteers.

**12. 1998 OUTSTANDING ITEMS - COMMUNITY AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE.**

City Clerk  
(March 5, 1999)

Submitting, for information, the list of outstanding items for the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee as of December 31, 1998.

**13. CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING DAY PROCLAMATION.**

Councillor Jack Layton,  
Don River  
March 10, 1999

Recommending that Council proclaim April 27, 1999, as Co-operative Housing Day in the City of Toronto.

**14. SPECIAL FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL RESIDENTIAL  
REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services  
(March 10, 1999)

Respecting special funding under the Federal Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.

**(NOTE: REPORT ATTACHED AT BACK OF AGENDA.)**

**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**