

## COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

### A G E N D A

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, April 22, 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. THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION'S BUSINESS  
PLAN FOR AN ONTARIO WORKS PROJECT IN ONTARIO.**

City Clerk  
(April 8, 1999)

Advising that York Community Council on March 30, 1999, recommended to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee that consideration be given to the Business Plan submitted by The Learning Enrichment Foundation regarding an Ontario Works Project for social assistance recipients in Toronto, over a three-year period; and that York Community Council endorsed the aforementioned proposal.

**1a. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services**

(April 12, 1999)

Respecting the proposal for an Ontario Works Project in Toronto submitted by the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF); advising that staff of the Department are meeting on April 19, 1999, with LEF and Ministry representatives to discuss the proposal in greater detail; and recommending that staff report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for its May 19, 1999, meeting, after consultation with the appropriate parties has occurred.

**2. CLIENT SERVICES AND INFORMATION UNIT ANNUAL REPORT.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(April 6, 1999)

Respecting the role of the Client Services and Information Unit (C.S.I.U.); providing a summary of the C.S.I.U.'s activities in 1998, and an update of ongoing development by the Social Services Division to ensure consistent application of policy across the Division, and the creation of new service quality initiatives; and recommending that the report be received for information.

**3. FINAL REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE USE OF MOTELS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(April 8, 1999)

Respecting the Final Report on the Review of the Use of Motels for Homeless Families; and recommending that:

- (1) contingent on provincial funding for replacement affordable housing units, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services develop a plan to phase-out the use of motels over a three to five year period;
- (2) the Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee communicate with the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request funding for affordable housing units as a replacement for the use of motels for homeless families;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report on an implementation plan to develop family shelter capacity on an equitable basis City-wide, and identify the planning tools required to make this goal a reality;
- (4) to enhance accountability of the family shelter system, the Commissioner report on a plan to:

- (a) establish standards for the use of motels as emergency shelter;
  - (b) develop a new process for the management and issuance of motel contracts, including consultation to respond to community interests;
  - (c) dedicate appropriate staffing resources to monitor contracts with motel operators;
- (5) Toronto Hostel Services, as part of its service planning, engage in ongoing consultation with:
- (a) community reference groups and local Councillors about motel capacity and contract issues which affect the local community;
  - (b) a range of service providers to better co-ordinate services, improve service access, and enhance the quality of services available to homeless families;
- (6) the Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee immediately convene a meeting with the Chairs of the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Steering Committee Reviewing the Use of Motels, and the Child and Youth Advocate to address the need for additional resources in local schools and for co-ordinated service planning City-wide;
- (7) the Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee communicate with the provincial Minister of Community and Social Services to request provincial funding for children's counsellors in schools in the Wards of Scarborough Bluffs and Scarborough Highland Creek;
- (8) the Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee communicate with the federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to request federal funding for dedicated community-based settlement services to meet the need of refugees entering emergency shelters along Kingston Road;
- (9) the Chair of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee communicate with the Settlement Directorate, Ontario Region to request that the Settlement and Education Partnerships in Toronto program allocate funding to schools in the Wards of Scarborough Bluffs and Scarborough Highland Creek which reflects the level of need in those communities, and that eligibility for this program be assured for refugee claimant children;
- (10) this report be forwarded to the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the provincial Minister of Community and Social Services, the federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Chair of the Toronto District School Board, and the Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board; and
- (11) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**4. EXPANSION OF HOSTEL SERVICES - PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, IN PARTICULAR TB.**

Medical Officer of Health  
(March 26, 1999)

Advising of the expansion of public health initiatives which would be required to reduce the spread of communicable diseases with an expansion of hostel services, in particular TB; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee continue to support the optimal service level for Toronto Public Health's TB program.
- (2) current Public Health initiatives pertaining to communicable diseases other than TB should be harmonized across the City and workloads associated with both the current and new hostels should be monitored with a view to considering provincial cost-sharing of hostel-specific public health services.
- (3) prior to the construction of any new hostels, Toronto Public Health should be consulted regarding ways to minimize the risk of communicable diseases within the new environments.
- (4) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee continue to advocate with the Province for provincial funding for appropriate accommodation for people without housing who have active TB in order to reduce disease transmission and promote stability and health, as requested by the Board of Health on January 25, 1999; and
- (5) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee continue to support the recommendations in the Report of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force, which state that no one should be discharged from an institution to the street and that the Ministry of Health should fund infirmary beds in appropriate locations for homeless people recovering from illness or surgery.

**5. "ON THE MOVE" PILOT PROJECT.**

General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission  
(March 26, 1999)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission on March 23, 1999, had before it Clause No. 15 of Report No. 5 of The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "Evaluation of the 'On the Move' Pilot Project," wherein it recommended that the Commission be requested to consider a discount on bulk ticket purchases, beyond the one percent currently provided to TTC ticket agents, for community-based agencies providing services for the homeless and socially isolated persons; and that the Commission approved the following:

- (1) That the sale to the City of Toronto Community and Neighbourhood Services Department of \$100,000.00 of fare media for appropriate 'On the Move' projects, as certified by the City of Toronto, be subject to a 5 percent discount, and if the Province of Ontario matches this funding, a discount of 10 percent apply on the sale of \$200,000.00 in TTC fare media to the City of Toronto Community Services Department; and further that staff conduct a review after one year to measure the success of this initiative.
- (2) That the City of Toronto Community and Neighbourhood Services Department be requested to develop a long term plan for this initiative which would provide a non-TTC funding source.

**6. MANAGEMENT OF THE CAPITAL REVOLVING FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(April 6, 1999)

Recommending that Council:

- (1) adopt Terms of Reference for a Reference Group to advise the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on management of the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing, as set out in Appendix A;
- (2) adopt Management Guidelines for the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing, as set out in Appendix B;
- (3) appoint Councillor Feldman as the Council representative to the Reference Group for the Capital Revolving Fund;
- (4) authorize the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to select community members of the Reference Group per the criteria in the Terms of Reference; and
- (5) authorize appropriate City officials to take the necessary actions to give effect to these recommendations.

**7. CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP - CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE.**

City Clerk

(April 6, 1999)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on March 25, 1999, recommended that Mr. Ian Wood be appointed as the alternate member to Mr. David Rew for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Toronto.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**