

STRATEGIC POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 1999 **Enquiry:** Patsy Morris
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **392-9151**
2nd Floor, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto

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

DEPUTATIONS. List will be available at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

1. RESPONSE TO THE MAYOR'S HOMELESSNESS ACTION TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT.

(DEPUTATION ITEM.)

(NOTE: A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
RESPECTING THE MAYOR'S HOMELESSNESS ACTION TASK
FORCE FINAL REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE
MEETING.)

1(a). Scarborough Homelessness Committee. (February 10, 1999)

Supporting the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force; and requesting that the Scarborough Homelessness Committee and its partners in Scarborough, The Caring Alliance and the Scarborough East Community Analysis Group, be consulted thereon.

- 1(b). Ms. Susan Nwosu
Coalition of Toronto Housing Help Centres.
(February 10, 1999)

Supporting the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force; and advising that Housing Help Centres are directly affected by Recommendations Nos. 41 and 42 of the Final Report.

2. **FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE
ON COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

City Clerk
(February 8, 1999)

Advising that the Task Force on Community Safety on January 25, 1999, adopted its Final Report and requested that the report be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and City Council for adoption of the recommendations.

(NOTE: A COPY OF THE REPORT ENTITLED "TORONTO, MY CITY, A SAFE CITY, A COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO", DATED FEBRUARY, 1999, WAS FORWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND SELECT OFFICIALS ONLY.)

3. **"BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:
NEW DIRECTIONS FOR IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE
POLICY AND LEGISLATION - ANNOUNCEMENT BY
MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION -
JANUARY 6, 1999.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
Executive Director of Human Resources and Amalgamation.
(February 9, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council reaffirm its position on the Settlement Legislative Review of the Immigration Act as identified in the March 1998 response to the Settlement Legislative Review consultation, and the recommendations on the Urban Forum on Immigration and Refugee Issues addressed in the CAO's report to the Task Force on Community Access and Equity in May, 1998, specifically:
 - (i) the inclusion of the City of Toronto by the Federal Government in formal consultation and collaboration on relevant policy issues;
 - (ii) the maintenance of an ongoing federal role in settlement services with a commitment to establishing clear accountability guidelines and providing

adequate funds to the community-based sector to ensure equitable access to settlement services;

- (iii) the reimbursement to municipalities for social assistance, hostel and other service costs borne by the municipalities for services and programs provided to immigrants and refugees;
 - (iv) a review of the impact of the right of landing fee and the waiting period for landing required for undocumented convention refugees on the settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees by the Federal Government;
 - (v) a firm commitment to access to trades and professions be reflected in the new immigration and refugee policy and legislation;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on Immigration and Refugee Issues to be incorporated in submission to Citizenship and Immigration Canada regarding the proposed new directions for Canada's immigration and refugee policy and legislation;
 - (3) this report be forwarded to the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration;
 - (4) Council encourage the Federal Government to conduct broad and public consultation on the proposed directions for the new immigration and refugee policy and legislation to ensure all relevant stakeholders have an opportunity for input; and
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(NOTE: A COPY OF THE NEWS RELEASE RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MATTER AND THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED "BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICY AND LEGISLATION", IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.)

**4. TORONTO FOOD POLICY COUNCIL -
FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL QUICK STARTS.**

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

Advising that the Environmental Task Force on January 28, 1999, considered a report dated January 5, 1999, from the Food Policy Coordinator, Toronto Food Policy Council, and submits the following recommendations for consideration:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Inter-departmental Environmental (TIE) Team, be requested to coordinate responses to the actions listed below and described in this report:
 - (i) Council endorse the practice of increasing the purchase of Canadian organic food by the City; and that Council direct the appropriate City officials responsible for food service contracts to ensure that the purchase of Canadian organic food increases over the term of food service contracts between the City and food service providers;
 - (ii) the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company prepare a report that investigates the opportunities to establish rooftop and on-site community gardens on residential buildings owned by the Toronto Housing Company, with estimates of costs and possible sources of funding;
 - (iii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism prepare an action plan to increase the area of the City devoted to community gardening and the number of participants in community gardens be developed;
 - (iv) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services prepare a report examining the feasibility of using steam generated from burning methane gas at the Beare Road and Keele Valley Landfill sites to heat greenhouse operations that would be run by non-profit or for profit operators under an agreement with the City; and
 - (v) the Human Resources Director investigate the program run by Husky Molding Company, which provides organic food to employees at discounted prices, which has resulted in a reduction of absenteeism and lower medical and drug costs; and
- (2) the noted recommendations and accompanying report also be forwarded to the Board of Health for their information.

**5. ASSESSMENT AND TAX POLICY TASK FORCE -
TERMS OF REFERENCE.**

City Clerk
(February 8, 1999)

Advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, on February 5, 1999, reaffirmed its recommendations respecting its proposed Terms of Reference, embodied in the communication (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk.

6. INFORMATION IN REPORTS ON COMPARABLE COSTS FOR PREVIOUS YEAR'S PRICING FOR PURCHASES.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(February 9, 1999)

Recommending that reports for Standing Committees and Council include prices received on current Request for Quotation/Request for Proposals/Tender Calls based on current requirements and market conditions, together with the previous year's pricing, for information purposes only, in cases where the purchase is made each year, where practical.

7. YEAR 2000 PRIORITY 1 BUSINESS FUNCTIONS STATUS REPORT AND IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY 2 AND 3 BUSINESS FUNCTIONS.

Commissioner of Corporate Services.
(February 9, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) the 64 priority 2 and 3 business functions identified by the Operating Departments be approved for remediation;
- (2) the Program Office be given the authority to recommend to the Year 2000 Steering Committee that the City extend, re-negotiate, terminate or enter into new contracts that affect priority 2 and 3 business functions to minimize major disruptions of business units doing remedial work on priorities 2 and 3 business functions thereby putting business continuity at risk;
- (3) the Chief Administration Officer be given approval to continue to enter into agreements for priority 2 and 3 business functions in support of the above for the full amount of expenditures, until June year 2000, reporting on a regular basis to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee;
- (4) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee refer this report to Council for approval; and
- (5) the Year 2000 Project Office be requested to report monthly to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on the status of priorities 2 & 3 business functions.

8. APPLICATIONS TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE PROVINCIAL COURT FOR SET FINES.

City Solicitor.

(February 11, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be granted authority to apply from time to time to the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court for the establishment of set fines under the Provincial Offences Act, for violations of by-laws of the new City of Toronto and of the municipalities that were amalgamated to form the new City, where the Court has not previously established set fines, and that the City Solicitor in consultation with the appropriate City staff, determine the amount of the set fine to be requested from the Chief Judge; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be granted authority to apply from time to time to the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court for increases in the set fines established under the Provincial Offences Act for City of Toronto by-laws, to amounts which more accurately reflect the seriousness of the violation at the time of the application, such amounts to be determined by the City Solicitor in consultation with the appropriate City staff.

9. YARDS RATIONALIZATION UPDATE.

City Clerk.

(February 10, 1999)

Advising that The Works and Utilities Committee received a report dated January 11, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the yard rationalization study, and directed that it be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, together with the communication dated February 9, 1999, from Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore - Queensway.

IN CAMERA.

10. RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL: LIVENT MORTGAGE.

City Solicitor.

(February 16, 1999)

Confidential report respecting the retention of outside Counsel, Livent Mortgage.

IN CAMERA.

**11. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY LANDS
COMPENSATION AGREEMENT.**

**(NOTE: A JOINT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSIONER
OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER AND TREASURER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO
THE MEETING.)**

ANY OTHER MATTERS.