

STRATEGIC POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y 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		

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

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

(DEPUTATION ITEM.)

Chief Administrative Officer.
(February 17, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse, in principle, the general directions outlined in the final report of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force, "Taking Responsibility for Homelessness: An Action Plan for the City of Toronto";
- (2) in recognition of the need for all three levels of government to be involved in responding to the homeless crisis, the Mayor convene a meeting with officials of the provincial and federal governments to determine the appropriate resources and structure required to coordinate a tri-level action plan;
- (3) in order to exercise a leadership role, as recommended by the Task Force, and to ensure the City of Toronto is best able to utilize the policy and planning tools available to it to respond to the homeless crisis, Council direct the following Commissioners to submit their respective reports to their representative standing committees by April 1999:

- (a) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services to report to Urban Environment and Development Committee on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to the housing policies of the Official Plan including second suites, rooming houses, main streets development, density incentives and inclusionary zoning;
 - (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to Community and Neighbourhood Services on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to service coordination and planning, emergency shelter, social assistance, health and mental health, housing help, supportive and affordable housing, aboriginal peoples and immigrants and refugees;
 - (c) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Service, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to Corporate Services Committee, on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to land management issues and a “housing first” policy for the City of Toronto; and
 - (d) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in her review of the City’s development charges by-law, in consultation with Urban Planning and Development Services, to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to development charges;
- (4) once the detailed policy reviews, described in recommendation three, have been brought forward to the standing committees, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, report to the Budget Committee with a detailed financial analysis of the implications of the recommendations from the policy reviews for the City’s operating and capital budgets;
- (5) in recognition of the need for all three levels of government to take ownership of the problem of homelessness and responsibility for solving it, Council encourage the involvement of the other levels of government in areas that fall within their jurisdictions by:
- (a) urging the federal government to establish a \$300 million capital support fund in recognition of the critical need for this type of financing assistance to encourage the development of new low-income rental housing;
 - (b) seeking funding support from Human Resources and Development Canada to implement the Homeless Services Information Line consistent with their expression of interest in projects which enhance community access to existing supports and services, in particular community information;
 - (c) seeking approval from the Province to fund Toronto hostels at the full 80 percent level resulting in savings of up to \$6.9 million for 1999 for the City;

- (d) urging the Province to establish a \$1.5 million (annual) capital replacement fund for emergency shelters in the City of Toronto;
 - (e) urging the Province to expand the criteria for health and safety grants to include all capital expenditures, including food preparation equipment, and to dedicate an additional \$400,000.00 specifically for the drop-in sector, for 1999 to respond to the most pressing needs of drop-ins as identified through the City's facilities audit; and
 - (f) again urging the Province to fund all supportive housing units, including those in mixed social housing portfolios, in recognition of provincial responsibility for this type of housing;
- (6) contingent upon provincial commitment to fund Toronto hostels at the full 80 percent, Council consider reinvesting the resulting savings to the Shelter, Housing and Support Division budget into diversion and prevention strategies which would include, but not be limited to:
- (a) a hostel follow-up program to assist people to leave the hostel system and to maintain housing to reduce recidivism;
 - (b) a comprehensive service audit of the community-based social service sector to determine the scope and capacity of the service system to be involved in a Homeless Services Information System; and
 - (c) a comprehensive health and safety audit of the drop-in sector to identify capital cost requirements to bring them to code;
- (7) pending the final evaluation of the City's \$50,000.00 rent bank pilot project, consideration be given to increasing the fund to \$200,000.00 as part of the 1999 allocations of the Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund;
- (8) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to receive and administer a \$50,000.00 grant from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to organize a national symposium on homelessness in March 1999; and
- (9) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

12. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE EVENTS.

Communication from Mr. Duff Ryan, St. Patrick's Parade Society, submitted by Councillor Kyle Rae.
(February 16, 1999)

Advising that on Sunday March 14, 1999, the 12th Annual Toronto St. Patrick's Day Parade will march down Yonge Street, at which Mayor Mel Lastman will be the Grand Marshall; and advising that a special occasion permit will be required for the aforementioned event.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

IN CAMERA.

- **AIR CANADA CENTRE - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY LANDS COMPENSATION AGREEMENT.**

(Joint confidential report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.)

- **PROCESS FOR PROVIDING DOWNTOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE SPACE TO REPLACE METRO HALL.**

(Report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services.)

- **SERVICE LEVEL HARMONIZATION.**

(Report from the Chief Administrative Officer.)

- **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM.**

(Report from the Chief Administrative Officer.)

- **MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS.**

(Report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.)

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1999, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

- **THE STATE OF THE CITY'S HEALTH ACHIEVING PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS IN THE MILLENNIUM.**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE BUDGET FOR 1999.**
- **CONTAINMENT OF RECYCLABLES AT MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL LOCATIONS IN THE SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.**
- **EVALUATION OF THE 'ON THE MOVE' PILOT PROJECT.**
- **GRANTS PRIORITIES.**
- **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - GRANTS ADMINISTRATION.**
- **IMPROVEMENTS TO FLORENCE GELL PARK (WARD 27 - YORK HUMBER).**
- **SMYTHE PARK TENNIS COURTS (WARD 27 - YORK HUMBER.)**
- **FACTORY THEATRE CAPITAL REQUEST.**
- **RESTRICTIONS OF AMBULANCE ACCESS TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS.**
- **LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NOISE MONITORING STUDY, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COST ESTIMATE.**
- **PROPOSED HARMONIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT RELATED ENGINEERING FEES FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO WORKS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

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

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

- **MAIN TREATMENT PLANT - AWARD OF BENEFICIAL USE CONTRACTS AND PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF DESIGN/BUILD FIRMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 100 PER CENT BIOSOLIDS BENEFICIAL USE PROGRAM.**

- **UPDATE ON HOSTEL OCCUPANCY.**

- **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE SNOW LINK PROGRAM (WARD 27 - YORK HUMBER AND WARD 28 - YORK EGLINTON).**

ANY OTHER MATTERS.