

Other Items Considered by the Committee

(City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, received this Clause, for information.)

(a) 2000-2004 Capital Budget - Community Services.

The Community Services Committee reports having recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the following Capital Budgets under the auspices of the Community Services Committee:

- (a) Children's Services;**
- (b) Homes for the Aged;**
- (c) Shelter, Housing and Support;**
- (d) Social Services;**
- (e) Ambulance Services; and**
- (f) Fire Services;**

(November 17, 1999) from City Clerk advising that the Budget Advisory Committee has completed its preliminary review of the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for the following:

- (a) Children's Services;
- (b) Homes for the Aged;
- (c) Shelter, Housing and Support;
- (d) Social Services;
- (e) Ambulance Services; and
- (f) Fire Services;

and directed that:

- (1) the 2000-2004 Capital Budget be forwarded to all Community Councils and relevant Standing Committees for consideration;
- (2) the preliminary requests of the Budget Advisory Committee be forwarded to the Community Councils and Standing Committees for information; and
- (3) the Community Councils and Standing Committees be requested to forward their recommendations pertaining to the 2000-2004 Capital Budget to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the commencement of the "wrap-up" meetings on December 9, 1999.

The following persons gave presentations to the Community Services Committee on their respective Capital Budgets:

- Mr. Glenn Vollebregt, Director, Budget Services Division;
- Mr. Petr Varmuza, Assistant Director, Children's Services Division;

- Ms. Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged Division;
- Mr. John Jagt, Director of Hostel Services, Shelter, Housing and Support Division;
- Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division; and
- Fire Chief Alan Speed.

(b) Public Education on Personal Emergency Preparedness.

The Community Services Committee reports having:

- (i) **recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the option referred to in Recommendation No. (1) and Recommendation No. (3) of the following report dated November 16, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting Public Education on Personal Emergency Preparedness, viz:**
 - (1) **personal emergency preparedness information be distributed to all residents, and the option of the pamphlet and Canada Post be selected at a cost of approximately \$91,000.00; and**
 - (3) **the media not be used as the sole or primary method of information dissemination; and**
- (ii) **requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report directly to Council for its meeting on December 14, 1999, on the feasibility of including the emergency preparedness information in existing publications, such as “Waste Watch”, the Parks and Recreation Brochure, Councillor’s Newsletters, etc.:**

(November 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the request of the Committee to provide information on options for educating the public on personal emergency preparedness; and recommending that:

- (1) if the Community Services Committee requests that personal emergency preparedness information be distributed to all residents, then the option of the pamphlet and Canada Post be selected at a cost of approximately \$91,000.00; or
- (2) if the Community Services Committee requests that personal emergency preparedness information be distributed, but not to all residents, then the option of the pamphlet and Toronto Hydro bills be selected at a cost of approximately \$38,000.00; and
- (3) the media not be used as the sole or primary method of information dissemination.

(c) Fire Fighter Recruitment; Attendance Management and Wellness/Fitness Program.

The Community Services Committee reports having:

- (1) concurred in the recommendations of the Administration Committee, and having directed that City Council be advised accordingly; and**
- (2) deferred consideration of the following motion by Councillor Walker (on behalf of Councillor Pitfield) pending resolution of the Fire Services' arbitration process:**

“That the Fire Chief and the Executive Director of Human Resources be requested to create a position, as soon as possible, to record the absenteeism in the Fire Services' 80 halls on a daily basis, in order that these statistics can be reported to the Budget Advisory Committee during the 2000 Operating Budget process.”:

- (i) (November 17, 1999) from the Executive Director of Human Resources, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing, for information, an update on:
 - (1) the status of the Fire Fighter recruitment drive, which commenced in February 1999, particularly as it applies to outreach and representation among designated groups; and
 - (2) the Toronto Fire Services' initiatives with respect to attendance management and related programs prior to the end of 1999, as adopted by Council in July 1999; and
- (ii) (November 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Administration Committee on November 30, 1999:
 - (1) recommended to Council that the Fire Chief, Toronto Fire Services be requested to submit a report to the Administration Committee on a bursary amount of \$300,000.00 to be utilized by community groups in assisting people to obtain qualifications for entry into the Toronto Fire Services with a target of 100 young people participating in the mentorship program in the operating year 2000; and
 - (2) requested the Fire Chief, Toronto Fire Services to submit a report to the Administration Committee by March, 2000, respecting Fire Services attendance figures.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Jane Pitfield, East York; and

- Councillor Rob Davis, York-Eglinton.

(d) Reduction of False Alarms.

The Community Services Committee reports having:

- (1) concurred in the recommendation contained in the following joint report; and**
- (2) directed that the Fire Chief be requested to:**
 - (a) investigate the sophisticated technology that exists in other parts of North America that has proven effective in identifying whether an alarm is false or real, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee;**
 - (b) meet with the Executive Director of the Greater Toronto Apartment Association to discuss any further possible improvements to the program to reduce false fire alarms; and**
 - (c) report to the Community Services Committee on the reward system and the possibility of increasing rewards to individuals who report others for pulling fire alarms that are false;**

and having directed that the foregoing actions be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information:

(November 17, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief responding to the request of the Budget Committee during the 1999 Operating Budget review process that Fire Services pursue avenues to reduce false alarms and report thereon to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee and the Budget Committee; and recommending that the Toronto Fire Services continue in the program currently being used to reduce false alarms in the City of Toronto.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Community Services Committee on December 1, 1999, a communication (November 30, 1999) was received from Mr. Stanton Wright, Mountbriar Building Corporation Limited, in connection with the foregoing matter.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Brad Butt, Executive Director, and Mr. Steven Weinrieb, Greater Toronto Apartment Association; and
- Councillor Jane Pitfield, East York.

(Councillor Gardner, at the meeting of the Community Services Committee, declared his interest in the foregoing matter in that he is a member of a Board of Directors of a company that has alarm systems as part of its business.)

(Councillor Gardner, at the meeting of City Council held on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, declared an interest in the foregoing Item (d), in that he is a member of a Board of Directors of a company that has alarm systems as part of its business.)

(e) York Coalition on Homelessness.

The Community Services Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following communication until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on January 13, 2000, having regard that the deputation was unable to attend the meeting:

(November 1, 1999) from Reverend Dr. Paul D. Owen, York Coalition on Homelessness, requesting the opportunity to appear before the Committee in order to address the problem of homelessness in Toronto and, in particular, in the area of West Toronto as this relates to the former City of York.

(f) Community Partners Program - Administration and Funding Transfer.

The Community Services Committee reports having recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (i) the adoption of the following report dated November 15, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the administration and funding transfer of the provincial Community Partners Program, subject to amending Recommendation No. (4) by adding thereto the following words:**

“and that the Province be requested to consider indexing the funding for this Program to inflation”; and

- (ii) that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to seek confirmation, in writing, from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the Province has no short or long-term plans to withdraw or reduce its 100 percent funding commitment to the Community Partners Program:**

(November 15, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the provincial Community Partners Program which allocates annual funding to ten community-based Housing Help services in Toronto; indicating that the Province is transferring the administration and funding for the Program to the Consolidated Municipal Service Managers, effective January 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto assume responsibility for administration and funding for the provincial Community Partners Program (CPP), which has an annualized grants budget of \$862,307.00, on the condition that the Province provide 100 percent funding;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Community Partners Program in 2000, which sets out the City's responsibility for administration for the full year and for CPP funding of \$344,923.00 for the last five months of the year;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to disperse CPP grants under the terms of this agreement to the agencies named in this report for their final payment in 2000, which totals \$344,923.00;
- (4) City Council request provincial funding of \$35,000.00 for administration costs, based on one-half FTE, to support the City's new responsibility for the Community Partners Program;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and to the Budget Advisory Committee secretary for the budget process pending file, in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols, adopted by Council at its meeting of July 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1999; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(g) Establishment of a Food and Hunger Action Committee.

The Community Services Committee reports having recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) **the adoption of the following report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Establishment of a Food and Hunger Action Committee; and**
- (2) **that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to begin the work to establish the Food and Hunger Action Committee in January 2000, and that the funds be found from within the \$505,000.00 already provided in the Operating Budget for Task Forces:**
 - (i) (November 15, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:
 - (1) Council establish a Food and Hunger Action Committee which will report to Council through the Community Services Committee;
 - (2) Council adopt the terms of reference outlined in this report for the Food and Hunger Action Committee;

- (3) a budget of \$20,000.00 be requested as part of the 2000 budget process in the Task Forces budget of the Other Corporate Expenditures Account to support the Phase 1 activities of the Food and Hunger Action Committee;
 - (4) funding of the 2000 budget request of \$20,000.00 be considered from reallocating based funding from the 1999 approved Task Forces budget (\$505,000.00 in the Non-Program Expenditures budget), from other initiatives that have wound down and do not require funding in 2000;
 - (5) as part of the 2000 Operating Budget process, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services identify what initiatives have wound down and will not need funding in 2000, in order that funding of \$20,000.00 could be considered for reallocation to the proposed Food and Hunger Action Committee;
 - (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and the Budget Advisory Committee secretary for the budget process pending file, in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by Council; and
 - (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (ii) (November 15, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on November 15, 1999, endorsed the formation of a Commission on Food and Hunger, referred to in the communication from the City Clerk.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Sue Cox, Daily Bread Food Bank; and
- Ms. Debbie Field, FoodShare.

(h) Volunteer Services in the Homes for the Aged and the Ontario Works Program.

The Community Services Committee reports having directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with representatives of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, be requested to report to the Community Services Committee clarifying the role of volunteers in the Homes for the Aged as opposed to the role of staff in the Division:

- (i) (October 27, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on October 22, 1999, received a report (October 19, 1999) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting volunteer services in

the Homes for the Aged and the Ontario Works Program; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information; and

- (ii) (November 30, 1999) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, strongly objecting to the proposal of a formal agreement between the Homes for the Aged and the Social Services Division to increase the use of Ontario Works Volunteers in the Homes; urging the Committee to return the report to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged to withdraw the recommendation; and requesting the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to meet with CUPE to review the role of volunteers within the Homes.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79;
- Mr. Andy Ranachan, Toronto York Region Labour Council; and
- Mr. Anthony Shelton, CUPE Ontario.

(i) Response to Request for Waiting List Data - Homes for the Aged.

The Community Services Committee reports having received the following communication:

(November 19, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on November 19, 1999, received a report (November 5, 1999) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, responding to a request from the September 17, 1999, meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, to report on the divisional waiting list for the ten Homes for the Aged; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

(j) Use of Restraints - Homes for the Aged.

The Community Services Committee reports having received the following communication:

(November 19, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on November 19, 1999, received a report (November 4, 1999) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, responding to a request from the September 17, 1999, meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, to report on the issue of restraint utilization in the City of Toronto's Homes for the Aged; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

(k) Continuing Evolution of the Ambulance Act.

The Community Services Committee reports having received the following report:

(November 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services outlining amendments proposed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to the Ambulance Act of Ontario; and recommending that the report be received for information.

(1) Follow-Up on Initiatives Addressing Youth Violence, Arising Out of the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Gangs.

The Community Services Committee reports having recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report from Councillor Olivia Chow, Child and Youth Advocate:

- (i) (November 30, 1999) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Child and Youth Advocate, advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 30, 1999, had before it a report respecting the follow-up on initiatives addressing youth violence, arising out of the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Gangs; and that the Children and Youth Action Committee adopted the following recommendations:
 - (1) CYAC recommend to Budget Advisory Committee that funding for Youth Violence Prevention initiatives identified in this report be included in the Parks and Recreation, Library and Public Health, Police and TTC 2000 budget submissions;
 - (2) this report be forwarded to the Commissioners of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Community and Neighbourhood Services, Medical Officer of Health, and the General Manager of Toronto Public Library, and TTC with a request to report to the Budget Committee through their respective standing committee and/or boards, and to the Chief of Police to report to the Toronto Police Services Board on the implementation details, including budget requirements as part of the 2000 budget process;
 - (3) the City continue to work with various non-profit agencies that have successful youth anti-violence programs;
 - (4) the City continue to seek funding from other levels of government and private foundations to support youth anti-violence programs; and
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (ii) (December 1, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 30, 1999, recommended the adoption of the report of the Child and Youth Advocate, as revised.

Respectfully submitted,

BRAD DUGUID
Chair

Toronto, December 1, 1999

(Report No. 6 of The Community Services Committee, including additions thereto, was adopted, as amended, by City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999.)