

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, May 19, 1999**

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee met on Wednesday, May 19, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:40 a.m.-12:58 p.m.</u>	<u>2:10 p.m.-4:30 p.m.</u>
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Chair	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X
Councillor Gordon Chong		X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Rob Davis	X	X
Councillor Michael Feldman	X	
Councillor John Filion	X	X
Councillor Joan King	X	X
Councillor George Mammoliti	X	X
Councillor Michael Prue	X	

Regrets:

Councillor Elizabeth Brown

Also Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid  
Councillor David Shiner

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee held on April 22, 1999, were confirmed.

**5.1 Ontario Works Demonstration Projects.**

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The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the Ontario Works (O.W.) Demonstration Projects approved by City Council in July 1998, and on the possible establishment of a process for evaluating such projects; responding to the request of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on April 22, 1999, to report on the proposal submitted by The Learning Enrichment Foundation; and recommending that:

- (1) a Sub-Committee of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee be established to support the Division's consideration of new blended models, pending the outcome of the evaluation of the current Demonstration Projects;
- (2) consideration of the new Learning Enrichment Foundation proposal be deferred until the evaluation of the current blended model Demonstration Projects are completed, and the impacts assessed;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services update the Community Services Committee on the progress of the evaluation in the fall of 1999; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Mr. Paul Born, Canadian CED Network; and submitted a copy of a publication, entitled "Promoting Excellence in Community Economic Development";
- Ms. Eunice Grayson, Executive Director, and Mr. Donald C. MacDonald, Chair, The Learning Enrichment Foundation;
- Mr. Peter Boswick; Interim Personnel;
- Mr. Fergie Brown; Member of the Board of Directors of The Learning Enrichment Foundation;
- Mr. Joe Valvasori;
- Mr. Peter Frampton, and submitted a brief from Lasso Communications Inc.; and
- Mr. Sean Boyle, Brenloy Realty.  
Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

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- (1) The Learning Enrichment Foundation's proposed model for Ontario Works be accepted in principle;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to negotiate with the Province of Ontario, The Learning Enrichment Foundation, and a Reference Group, comprised of the following Councillors:
  - Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair of the new Community Services Committee;
  - Councillor Rob Davis; and
  - Councillor George Mammoliti,

in order to achieve a compromise that meets provincial guidelines; and that such negotiations begin without undue delay;

**(Motions (1) and (2) were lost on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR:            Davis, Filion and Mammoliti**

**AGAINST:    Cho, Chow, King, Korwin-Kuczynski and Prue)**

- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide Members of the Committee with the addresses of the agencies listed in her report dated May 5, 1999, the geographic areas of the City of Toronto they serve, and the names of the Executive Directors and Board Members for each agency. **(Carried)**

Councillor Cho moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Councillor Chow moved that the foregoing motion by Councillor Cho be amended to provide that Recommendation No. (1) be amended by adding thereto the following words:

“that the membership of the Sub-Committee be appointed by the new Community Services Committee at its meeting on June 17, 1999; and further that Councillors Rob Davis and George Mammoliti be invited to participate as members of such Sub-Committee;”

**(Carried)**

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Committee:

“The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding thereto the following words:

‘that the membership of the Sub-Committee be appointed by the new Community Services Committee at its meeting on June 17, 1999; and further that Councillors Rob Davis and George Mammoliti be invited to participate as members of such Sub-Committee;’; and

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide Members of the Committee with the addresses of the agencies listed in her report dated May 5, 1999, the geographic areas of the City of Toronto they serve, and the names of the Executive Directors and Board Members for each agency.”

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Eunice Grayson, The Learning Enrichment Foundation c. General Manager, Social Services - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 6)**

## **5.2 Update on the Purchase of Employment Training Programs for Social Assistance Clients Under the Ontario Works Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the Purchase of Employment Training Programs for Social Assistance clients under the Ontario Works Program; outlining the current status of the Skill Development Option of the Program; identifying key operational issues and actions the Social Services Division is taking to further enhance the availability and effectiveness of purchased training programs; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(a), Report No. 6)**

**5.3 Toward a Neighbourhood-Based Termite Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the growing problem of termite infestation in the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse the new direction for the Termite Program as proposed in this report;
- (2) staff work with the University of Toronto, local residents and the ward councillors, to undertake a neighbourhood-based termite eradication program in the Mogul/Mentor neighbourhood using the Trap-Treat-Release method;
- (3) staff report on the progress of this pilot program and final results, and the potential for expanding the program City-wide, including alternative funding sources;
- (4) the existing program of grants to property owners for chemical termite treatments be phased out in 1999, subject to outstanding commitments, and funds remaining in 1999 be disbursed to the University of Toronto to offset costs of the pilot program; and further that any funds held in reserve by former municipalities for termite control grants be applied to the pilot program;
- (5) staff work with the University of Toronto to develop a plan for commercialization of the Trap-Treat-Release method of termite control, and report on implications for existing agreements between the City and University of Toronto, and future year funding implications, if any;

- (6) Council write to the Federal Minister of Health to request that the research permit issued to the University of Toronto for testing of Trap-Treat-Release be renewed for three years in order to facilitate the pilot program;
- (7) Municipal Licensing and Standards staff report on the potential to require Pest Control Operators to report all chemical termite treatments of individual properties, in order to assist the City in monitoring the spread of termites; and
- (8) staff be authorized to enter into the appropriate agreements with the University of Toronto, in consultation with the City Solicitor, and to take any other action necessary to give effect to these recommendations.

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

- Dr. Tim Myles, Chair, Urban Entomology Program, University of Toronto; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Seneca Heights.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (5) to read as follows:

- “(5) staff work with the University of Toronto to develop a plan for commercialization of the Trap-Treat-Release method of termite control and to determine how to extend and expedite the program City-wide; and report on implications for existing agreements between the City and University of Toronto and future year funding implications;”.

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 6)**

#### **5.4 Squeegee Diversion Strategy for Street-Involved Homeless Youth.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 3, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the implementation of the integrated

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service model for homeless street-involved youth; summarizing what other cities across Canada have done to respond to the squeegee issue; and recommending that:

- (1) Council continue to urge the Provincial government to immediately introduce enforcement legislation which will effectively deter squeegeeing;
- (2) Council approve the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department entering into contracts with HRDC for federal funding of \$395,000.00 to be applied to the service model for homeless street-involved youth;
- (3) Council approve the City entering into a contract with the consortium of community-based agencies led by Youthlink to implement the service delivery model for homeless street-involved youth, including the HRDC contribution, beginning June 1999 for a one-year period; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (April 10, 1999) from Ms. S.R. Strub, S. Strub Office Professionals;
- (April 27, 1999) from Ms. Lucy Chik;
- (May 5, 1999) from Mr. Edmond Rose;
- (March 9, 1999) from Mr. Kevin Yuen; and
- (May 14, 1999) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Toronto Downtown, in support of continuing to urge the Provincial Government to immediately introduce enforcement legislation to deter squeegee activities, and in support of a diversion program.

Councillor Prue, at the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on May 19, 1999, declared his interest in that portion of the foregoing report pertaining to Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), in that his wife is an employee of HRDC and is involved in determining grants that may be awarded to various groups, including the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to:

- (a) adding the following new Recommendation No. (4):

“(4) discussions be initiated with the Chairman of the Toronto Police Services Board and the Chief of Police to look at innovative ideas to deal with the squeegee diversion strategy that would include, but not be limited to, the use of the auxiliary police wherever possible;” and

- (b) renumbering the original Recommendation No. (4) accordingly.

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 6)**

**5.5 Eviction Prevention Strategies.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the results of 1998 Eviction Prevention Programs and recommendations for 1999 programs; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to disburse funding in the approved Shelter, Housing and Support Operating Budget for Eviction Prevention as follows:
- (a) \$20,000.00 for development and distribution of an Eviction Prevention Kit, to a group selected by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services through a request for proposals process, which will comprise a package of eviction prevention information tools and implementation of a communication and outreach program to community agencies about the kit and how it can be used to help prevent evictions and maintain tenancies for their clients;
  - (b) \$25,000.00 to the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation to operate a three-month pilot project to test the effectiveness of an early intervention program which would use application data from the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal to pro-actively provide information to tenants most in need of assistance;
  - (c) \$10,000.00 to the Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants' Associations to update, print and distribute their 1998 “The Tenant's Survival Manual” which addresses a broad range of tenant issues, and to develop, print, translate and distribute two “checklists” as shorter companion pieces to the Manual; and



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- (d) \$97,510.00 to the Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants' Associations to continue to operate the Tenant Hotline in 1999, subject to a service review by City staff during 1999 within the context of an overall strategy to reduce evictions and a report back to the Community Services Committee this fall on the results of the review, and recommendations for 2000;
- (2) with respect to actions the Province can take to prevent evictions, it is recommended that Council write to:
  - (a) the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that Section 177(1) 5(2) of the *Tenant Protection Act, 1997*, be amended so that a tenant wishing to dispute an application to terminate a tenancy would have 14 calendar days after the notice of hearing to file that dispute, rather than five days as at present;
  - (b) the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal to request that the Notice of Hearing form for a landlord's application to terminate a tenancy be redesigned in consultation with tenant organizations, to make it clearer to tenants how they may dispute the application and the implications of not doing so, and to request that fees be waived for all landlord and tenant applications related to rent regulation; and
  - (c) the Ministry of the Attorney General to request that additional funding be provided to the community legal aid clinics through the legal aid fund to:
    - provide more representation to tenants at Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal hearings and mediations in response to the need for service;
    - undertake additional community education and outreach about eviction prevention; and
    - request that stable and permanent funding be provided for Tenant Duty Counsel for the three offices of the Tribunal in Toronto.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following:

- (April 30, 1999) from Mr. Robert De Bartolo;
- (May 17, 1999) from Ms. Carolyn Da Silva; and

- (February 1999) from the Family Services Association, Seniors and Caregivers Support Services, respecting its Tenant Eviction Survey Final Report.

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

- Ms. Margaret Gittens, Interclinic MTHA Work Group;
- Ms. Elinor Mahony, Tenant Advocacy Group; and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Jenny Gonsalves, 22 McCaul Street Tenants Association; and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Howard Tessler, Executive Director, Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants' Associations;
- Mr. Luis Mayorga, East Toronto Community Legal Services; and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. John Fraser, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation;
- Mr. Cliff Martin, The Public Housing Fightback Campaign;
- Mr. Bob Olsen; and submitted handwritten comments in regard thereto;
- Mr. Kenneth Hale, South Etobicoke Community Legal Services;
- Mr. Robert B. Levitt, representative of the Parkdale Tenants' Association; and submitted an brief in regard thereto; and
- Mr. Vance Latchford.

Councillor Chong moved that:

- (i) the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1)(d) to read as follows:

“(d) \$97,510.00 to the Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants’ Associations, such funds to be distributed on a quarterly basis, to continue to operate the Tenant Hotline in 1999, subject to a service review by City staff during 1999 within the context of an overall strategy to reduce evictions and a report back to the Community Services Committee this fall on the results of this review, and recommendations for 2000;”;  
and

- (ii) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to forward a memorandum to all housing staff advising that if any staff experience problems in their dealings with members of the Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants’ Associations, or by anyone on the Federation’s behalf, such actions are to be reported to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Davis moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide the Community Services Committee with:

- (i) data on whether the growth in the rate of Writs of Possession is negative or positive under the Tenant Protection Act, compared to the six previous years under the Landlord and Tenant Act;
- (ii) a report on the rates of growth in rental housing accommodation, including apartments in houses and rental accommodation in condominium buildings, for Toronto in the years 1992-1999 inclusive; and
- (iii) a report on the percentage of eviction applications and Writs of Possession which are for affordable housing units;

such reports and data to be included with the service review report to the Committee; **(Carried)**

Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:

- (i) report on the eviction prevention measures for the Toronto Housing Company Inc. and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority properties, including an assessment of their effectiveness; and further

that the appropriate staff consult with existing tenant associations in the preparation of this report;

- (ii) contact City Councillors and their staff to see whether there is a need to organize a briefing session on tenant issues, which would outline current tenant law and focus on municipal issues impacting on tenants; and
- (iii) review the feasibility of City-sponsored information sessions for tenants in buildings approved for funding under the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.

**(Carried)**

The Chair appointed Councillor Chow Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to develop a protocol with respect to the relocation of tenants from either private or public housing because of concerns for safety. **(Carried)**

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski resumed the Chair.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Committee:

“The Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1)(d) to read as follows:
  - “(d) \$97,510.00 to the Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants’ Associations, such funds to be distributed on a quarterly basis, to continue to operate the Tenant Hotline in 1999, subject to a service review by City staff during 1999 within the context of an overall strategy to reduce evictions and a report back to the Community Services Committee this fall on the results of this review, and recommendations for 2000;”;
- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
  - (a) provide the Community Services Committee with:

- (i) data on whether the growth in the rate of Writs of Possession is negative or positive under the Tenant Protection Act, compared to the six previous years under the Landlord and Tenant Act;
- (ii) a report on the rates of growth in rental housing accommodation, including apartments in houses and rental accommodation in condominium buildings, for Toronto in the years 1992-1999 inclusive;
- (iii) a report on the percentage of eviction applications and Writs of Possession which are for affordable housing units;
- (iv) a report on the eviction prevention measures for the Toronto Housing Company Inc. and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority properties, including an assessment of their effectiveness; and further that the appropriate staff consult with existing tenant associations in the preparation of this report;

such reports and data to be included with the service review report to the Committee;

- (b) contact City Councillors and their staff to see whether there is a need to organize a briefing session on tenant issues, which would outline current tenant law and focus on municipal issues impacting on tenants;
- (c) review the feasibility of City-sponsored information sessions for tenants in buildings approved for funding under the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program;
- (d) develop a protocol with respect to the relocation of tenants from either private or public housing because of concerns for safety; and
- (e) forward a memorandum to all housing staff advising that if any staff experience problems in their dealings with members of the Federation of Metro Toronto Tenants' Associations, or by anyone on the Federation's behalf, such actions are to be reported to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services."

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Shelter Housing and Support Division - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 6)**

**5.6 City Role in Delivering the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve a City role in delivery of the federal Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) in all areas of the City, as part of a housing supply strategy within the mandate of the Shelter, Housing and Support Division;
- (2) staff write to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation communicating this position;
- (3) subject to acceptance by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) of such a City role, the City enter into a new agreement with CMHC in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, for delivery of RRAP across all former municipalities;
- (4) CMHC be urged to commit to a clear multi-year RRAP funding level for the new City of Toronto, with expanded and flexible timelines and deadlines for project commitment; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 6)**

**5.7 Client Identification and Benefits System Update.**

The Committee had before it a report (April 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the Client Identification and Benefits System (CIBS) vendor selection process leading up to, and the terms of reference of, the projects initiated by the former Metropolitan Corporation; reviewing the 1997 agreement

with Citibank Canada for development and operation of CIBS; providing an update on the current status of the project; noting that a confidential report will be submitted to the Committee on the delays that have occurred and the Social Services Division's position regarding Citibank's management of the project, given the potential for litigation; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a confidential report (May 14, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Client Identification and Benefits System update.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Davis moved that the Committee recess to meet privately to give consideration to the aforementioned confidential report pertaining to legal and contractual matters with respect to the Client Identification and Benefits System, in accordance with Section 55.7 of the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 4:10 p.m. to meet in camera.

Members Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Chair  
Councillor Raymond Cho  
Councillor Gordon Chong  
Councillor Olivia Chow  
Councillor Rob Davis  
Councillor John Filion  
Councillor Joan King  
Councillor George Mammoliti

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 4:27 p.m. and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing members in attendance.

The Chair appointed Councillor Chong Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that the Chief Administrative Officer, City Solicitor, and City Clerk be requested to report to the Administration Committee on a fail safe system to prevent confidential reports distributed to Members of Council and senior staff from being leaked to the press, such

report to include any actions that could be taken against any individual found to have released such information. **(Carried)**

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski resumed the Chair.

Councillor Chow moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the recommendations contained in the confidential report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services. **(Carried)**

(Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, City Clerk, City Solicitor - May 19, 1999)

**(Clauses Nos. 6 and 8(i), Report No. 6)**

## **5.8 Toronto Youth Job Corps and Youth Outreach Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Toronto Youth Job Corps and Youth Outreach Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to enter into a funding agreement with HRDC for expansion of Toronto Youth Job Corps for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, the total cost of the agreement not to exceed \$1,256,370.00 gross, and the City of Toronto's contribution to the program not to exceed the approved 1999 Operating Budget for Job Corps of \$156,370.00;
- (2) the Commissioner identify and contract with an appropriate non-profit organization to deliver the program in the Jane Finch area;
- (3) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department be authorized to budget for the \$74,000.00 net impact for the year 2000 budget;
- (4) Toronto Youth Job Corps and Youth Outreach Toronto program management and administration be immediately transferred from the Social Services Division to the Social Development Division; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.



Councillor Prue, at the meeting of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on May 19, 1999, declared his interest in the aforementioned report, in that his wife is an employee of Human Resources Development Canada and is involved in determining grants that may be awarded to various groups, including the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to the Budget Committee and Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Budget Committee - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(b), Report No. 6)**

**5.9 Report and Recommendations of the Police Working Group,  
A Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee on Homeless  
and Socially Isolated Persons.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes on October 19, 1998, endorsed the recommendations contained in the report dated September 1998 from the Police Working Group, a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; and submits such report for consideration by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

The Committee referred the aforementioned communication and report to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(c), Report No. 6)**

**5.10 Delegation of Signing Authority to the  
General Manager of Children's Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 7, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the General Manager of Children's Services be appointed as "Child Care Administrator" for the purpose of child care system management under the terms of the Child Care Service Management Guidelines of the Ministry of Community and Social Services; and
- (2) authority be given to the General Manager of the Children's Services Division to execute service contracts for child care services on behalf of the City of Toronto; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor King, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 6)**

#### **5.11 Review of the "Early Years Study".**

The Committee had before it a report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a review of the findings of the Early Years Study, prepared by Dr. Fraser Mustard and Ms. Margaret McCain; outlining the initial response of the Provincial Government to the Study; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and further directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on:

- (a) the number of high quality parenting programs available, and how such programs could be nurtured; and
- (b) the availability of provincial funding (referred to in the recent provincial budget) for cost-sharing of pilot parenting programs.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services Division - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(d), Report No. 6)**

#### **5.12 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling - Income Testing.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 1999) from the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Housing Company Inc., advising, for information, that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company Inc. on April 19, 1999, received a report (April 9, 1999) from the Chief Executive Officer respecting a decision by the Board of Inquiry on December 22,

1998, under the Ontario Human Rights Code with regard to income testing, and the implications for private and social housing.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Housing Company Inc. - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(e), Report No. 6)**

**5.13 Request for Appointments to an Advisory Committee of the Workers Information and Action Centre of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 6, 1999) from Ms. Trish Stovel, Workers Information and Action Centre of Toronto, requesting that City Councillors be appointed to serve on an Advisory Committee while the review of the Workers Information and Action Centre of Toronto is taking place; and listing those Councillors interested.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Councillors Ashton, Brown, Korwin-Kuczynski and Miller be requested to provide assistance to the review of the Workers Information and Action Committee of Toronto (WIACT) (but not join the Advisory Committee), particularly with respect to its future, reporting structure, and seeking funding from other levels of government, and to report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Trish Stovel, Workers Information and Action Centre of Toronto; Councillor Brian Ashton; Councillor Elizabeth Brown; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski; Councillor David Miller - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(f), Report No. 6)**

**5.14 Accomplishments of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 13, 1999) from Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, Chair, highlighting the significant accomplishments of the Committee over the past eighteen months.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;  
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Chair, Community and Neighbourhood  
Services Committee - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(g), Report No. 6)**

**5.15 Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report 1998.**

The Committee had before it the Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report 1998, submitted by Councillor Olivia Chow.

The Committee also had before it a communication (May 18, 1999) from Ms. Laurel Rothman, Coordinator, Campaign 2000, Ms. June Callwood, Executive Member, Campaign Against Child Poverty, and Mr. Harry Kits, Executive Director, Citizens for Public Justice.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) referred the Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report 1998 to:
  - (a) the Children and Youth Action Committee for comment; and
  - (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that she report thereon to the Community Services Committee with an action plan;
- (2) referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services the communication from Campaign 2000 for comment and report thereon to the Children and Youth Action Committee, in order that a City position and possible action on child poverty could be available for presentation to the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on June 4, 1999; and
- (3) directed that its appreciation be extended to the following for their contribution and support towards the first Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report:

- (a) staff from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, Public Health Department, Parks and Recreation Division of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, Library Services and the Healthy City Office; and
- (b) the members of the Children and Youth Action Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Children and Youth Action Committee; Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Ms. Josephine Bryant, City Librarian; Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Laurel Rothman, Campaign 2000 - May 19, 1999)

**(Clause No. 8(h), Report No. 6)**

**5.16 Recognition of Volunteers Associated with Homeless Programs.**

The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee:

- (1) recognized the following agencies and individuals that went above and beyond the call of duty to respond to the City's call for help to operate services for homeless people during the past six months; and Councillor Chris Korwin Kuczynski, Chair, presented a framed certificate of appreciation to:
  - Captain David MacDonald and Sgt. Bowdin Cherniawski, representing the Department of National Defence;
  - Mrs. Evadne Wilkinson, Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Sister Susan Morin representing the Out of the Cold Program (unable to attend meeting);
  - Ms. Donna Endicott and Mr. Wael Ibrahim, representing The Canadian Red Cross Society, Metropolitan Toronto Region;
  - Ms. Sioban Kennedy and Mr. Bob Braithwaite, representing the St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch;
  - Mr. Steve Steele from Bill & Son Towing, representing Project Shelter;
  - Mr. Dennis Brooks, Forensic Support Services;

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- Ms. Sue Goodfellow, representing Eva's Place;
  - Ms. Louise Couto, representing the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and
  - Colonel Kerr and Mr. Jeff Noel, The Salvation Army; and
- (2) expressed appreciation to staff of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department for their co-ordination of the aforementioned services.

**(Clause No. 8(j), Report No. 6)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Chair.