

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, May 18, 1999.**

The Emergency and Protective Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair  
Councillor Brian Ashton  
Councillor Bas Balkissoon  
Councillor Milton Berger  
Councillor Brad Duguid  
Councillor Joanne Flint  
Councillor Norman Gardner  
Councillor Mario Giansante  
Councillor Doug Holyday  
Councillor Howard Moscoe  
Councillor Frances Nunziata

**Regrets:**

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong

**Also Present:**

Councillor John Adams  
Councillor Mike Tzekas

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

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee held on April 20, 1999, were confirmed.

**5.1 Status Report Concerning Establishment of a Fourth Collision Reporting Centre.**

The Committee had before it the following reports:

- (April 6, 1999) from the City Solicitor responding to the request of the Committee on January 12, 1999, to report on various issues concerning the establishment of a fourth downtown collision reporting centre; and recommending that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee consider the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 23, 1998, recommending that no additional collision reporting centre be established, in conjunction with the report of the City Auditor, dated November 17, 1998, regarding the operations and profit margins of existing CRCs, and in conjunction with the other material submitted as appendices to this report;
- (April 6, 1999) confidential report from the City Solicitor responding to the request of the Committee for a report on the transfer of administration of Collision Reporting Centre contracts from the Toronto Police Services Board to the City of Toronto;
- (April 29, 1999) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, providing the evaluation performance statistics for the Collision Reporting Centres for the period July 1-December 31, 1998; and
- (May 6, 1999) from the City Solicitor and City Auditor respecting the material submitted by the Greater Toronto Towing Association on April 20, 1999; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The following persons appeared before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. John Norris, Collision Industry Action Group; and
- Mr. Daniel Sanderson, Greater Toronto Towing Association.

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Councillor Moscoe moved that the Committee recess to meet privately to give consideration to the confidential report (April 6, 1999) from the City Solicitor responding to the Committee's request for a report on the transfer of administration of Collision Reporting Centre Contracts from the Toronto Police Services Board to the City of Toronto, in accordance with Section 55.7 of the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 10:25 a.m. to meet in camera.

Members Present:

Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair  
Councillor Brian Ashton  
Councillor Bas Balkissoon  
Councillor Milton Berger  
Councillor Brad Duguid  
Councillor Joanne Flint  
Councillor Norman Gardner  
Councillor Doug Holyday  
Councillor Howard Moscoe  
Councillor Frances Nunziata

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 10:50 a.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing members in attendance.

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

Councillor Moscoe moved that:

- (1) a fourth downtown collision reporting centre (CRC) be opened; and that discussions be held with the Toronto Police Services Board to determine whether such a centre should be operated by the City of Toronto or the Board;
- (2) the appropriate City staff recommend suitable City lands for a downtown collision reporting centre in order to minimize the cost;
- (3) the appropriate staff report on a suitable location;

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- (4) the downtown collision reporting centre be operated by the City of Toronto and/or the Toronto Police Services Board; and if operated by the City, the Board be requested to provide the necessary personnel;
- (5) proceeds from the collision reporting centres be directed towards civilian staffing by the CRCs; and
- (6) initially, the downtown CRC be operated as a limited hours facility, with the possibility of expansion to a twenty-four hour facility.  
**(Lost on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Moscoe**

**AGAINST: Ashton, Berger, Duguid, Flint, Gardner, Holyday, and Nunziata)**

Councillor Berger moved that the aforementioned reports be received and that no further action be taken. **(Withdrawn)**

Councillor Gardner moved that the City Solicitor be requested to review all options pertaining to the Collision Reporting Centres (CRCs) at the time of negotiations on renewal of CRC contracts, and to report thereon to the appropriate Committee in three years' time. **(Carried)**

Councillor Ashton moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report dated September 23, 1998, from the Chief Administrative Officer, attached as Schedule "A" to the report dated April 6, 1999, from the City Solicitor, wherein it recommends that City Council not establish any additional Collision Reporting Centres. **(Carried)**

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

"The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated September 23, 1998, from the Chief Administrative Officer, attached as Schedule "A" to the report dated April 6, 1999, from the City Solicitor, wherein it recommends that City Council not establish any additional Collision Reporting Centres; and

- (2) directed that the City Solicitor be requested to review all options pertaining to the Collision Reporting Centres (CRCs) at the time of negotiations on renewal of CRC contracts, and to report thereon to the appropriate Committee in three years' time."

(City Solicitor; Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board - May 19, 1999)

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

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

**5.2 Toronto Police Service Helicopter  
Pilot Project - Trust Account.**

The Committee had before it a report (April 19, 1999) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Toronto Police Services Board on March 26, 1999, had before it a report (March 10, 1999) from the Chief of Police respecting the Toronto Police Service Helicopter Pilot Project; and recommending that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee:

- (1) approve the establishment of a City of Toronto Trust Account on behalf of the Toronto Police Services Board; and
- (2) forward this report to City Council for approval.

Councillor Moscoe moved that the following Terms of Reference for the Helicopter Pilot Project Trust Account be approved:

- (1) to receive funds from private individuals and corporations;
- (2) to provide operating and capital funding for a Police Helicopter Pilot Project; and
- (3) to receive funds from other levels of government for the capital and operating costs of a Police Helicopter Pilot Project.

**(Withdrawn)**

Councillor Gardner moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report. **(Carried)**

Councillor Ashton moved that the Chairman of the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to ensure that the appropriate staff advise all contributors to the Helicopter Pilot Project Trust Account of the use of donations to the Project. **(Carried)**

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Chief of Police - May 19, 1999)

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

**5.3 Body Shops/Automobile Service Centres -  
Regulation of Hours of Operation.**

The Committee had before the following reports, communications and briefs:

- (i) (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services responding to the request of the Committee on February 9, 1999, to report further with respect to the regulation of hours of operation of body shops/automobile service centres, and on the results of a canvassing of the Members of Council with respect to any problems in their wards as a result of hours of operation of such shops/service centres; and recommending that:
  - (1) should the Committee wish to recommend that the hours of operation of body shops, automobile services centres, car washes and similar operations located within residential zones or within 122 metres of residential zones be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday inclusive) and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday), the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, be authorized to prepare and introduce in Council a by-law to amend Schedule 24 of By-law No. 20-85 (the Licensing By-law); and
  - (2) prior to the introduction of the bill in Council, this matter be scheduled for public depositions before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, or any successor committee, at its next meeting;
- (ii) (January 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that:
  - (1) the report of the City Solicitor, entitled "Body Shops/Automobile Service Centres - Regulation of Hours of Operation/Ventilation," be amended to increase the prohibited area in which body shops/auto service centres cannot locate to within 122 metres of a residential zone; and

- (2) East York By-law No. 112-92 be rescinded;
- (iii) (November 25, 1998) from the City Solicitor recommending that:
  - (1) should the Committee wish to recommend that the hours of operation of public garages used as car washes, motor vehicle repair shops and automobile service stations located within a residential zone or within 100 metres of a residential zone be restricted to prohibit their operation except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday), the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare and introduce in Council an amendment in substantially the form attached to this report to amend Schedule 24 of Licensing By-law No. 20-85;
  - (2) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to prepare a report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee concerning the impact of these amendments on Chapter 199 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code and East York By-law No. 112-92, which impose early closing hours on gasoline outlets also potentially affected by the amendments proposed in this report, to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee;
  - (3) prior to the introduction of any bills in Council, this matter be scheduled for public depositions before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee at its meeting with appropriate notice of the meeting to be advertised and given to affected licensees; and
  - (4) the General Manager of the Toronto Licensing Commission be directed to provide a 60-day "grace period" prior to enforcing any by-law which may be passed by Council against affected licensees;
- (iv) (December 29, 1998) from Mr. Bill Davis, Director, Government Relations, The Ontario and Toronto Automobile Dealers' Association, requesting the opportunity to address the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on restricting the hours of operation of the auto repair service centres and body shops;
- (v) (January 18, 1999) from Mr. John Norris, spokesperson, Collision Industry Action Group, on behalf of the Toronto Collision Repair Society, requesting the opportunity to appear before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on restricting the hours of operation of the auto repair service centres and body shops.
- (vi) (February 8, 1999) from Mr. Lawrence Eisenberg, President, The Toronto Taxicab Owners and Operators Association;

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- (vii) (February 8, 1999) from Ms. Victoria A. Masnyk, Swansea Area Ratepayers Association;
- (viii) (February 8, 1999) from Mr. V.R. Braun, Ripley Area Residents Group; and
- (ix) (February 9, 1999) from Mr. Mike Wines, Independent Auto Repairer's Association.

The following persons appeared before the Emergency and Protective Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Victoria Masnyk, Swansea Area Ratepayers Association, and submitted a brief in regard thereto, as well as a brief from Mr. V.R. Braun, Ripley Area Residents Group;
- Mr. Andrew Paton, Q.C., on behalf of the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute;
- Mr. John Norris, on behalf of the Collision Industry Action Group;
- Councillor John Adams, Toronto Midtown; and
- Councillor Mike Tzekas, Scarborough Wexford.

Councillor Nunziata moved that:

- (1) Recommendation No. (1) of the report dated May 5, 1999, from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be adopted, subject to deleting the words "car washes and similar operations"; and
- (2) Recommendation No. (2) of the report dated May 5, 1999, from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be deleted.

**(Motion not put to a vote)**

Councillor Nunziata, on behalf of Councillor Adams, further moved that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, through the Community Councils, on applying the proposed by-law amendment to existing and new gas stations and gas bars which are located in close proximity to residentially-zoned districts. **(Motion not put to a vote)**



Councillor Moscoe moved that:

- (1) the Committee refer to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration the concept of harmonization of all by-laws pertaining to the zoning and hours of operation of body shops/automobile service centres, car washes and similar operations, referred to in the aforementioned reports, communications and briefs; **(Later Amended by Councillor Ashton)**
- (2) the Planning and Transportation Committee be requested to establish a Task Force comprised of five Councillors, whose mandate will be to address the issues, hearing of deputations, and consult with the various components of the industry and ratepayer groups; and further that the Task Force be requested to report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee, through the Community Councils; **(Withdrawn)**
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to report, as soon as possible, to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the Terms of Reference for the proposed Task Force. **(Withdrawn)**

The Chair appointed Councillor Giansante Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Fotinos moved that the hours of operation for all new public garages and auto-repair shops, not in operation prior to May 31, 1999, wishing to be located within 122 metres of a residential zone be restricted to Monday-Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **(Withdrawn)**

Councillor Fotinos resumed the Chair.

Councillor Ashton moved that part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Moscoe be amended to provide that the Planning and Transportation Committee be requested to give special attention to establishing a separate classification to define autobody shops in Licensing By-law No. 20-85.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Moscoe, and the foregoing amending motion by Councillor Ashton, it was **carried on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Ashton, Balkissoon, Berger, Duguid, Flint, Fotinos, Gardner, Holyday and Moscoe**

**AGAINST: Giansante and Nunziata**

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

“The Committee:

- (1) referred to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration the concept of harmonization of all by-laws pertaining to the zoning and hours of operation of body shops/automobile service centres, car washes and similar operations, referred to in the aforementioned reports, communications and briefs; and
- (2) requested that the Planning and Transportation Committee give special attention to establishing a separate classification to define autobody shops in Licensing By-law No. 20-85.”

(Planning and Transportation Committee; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards; City Solicitor; All Interested Parties - May 19, 1999)

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

#### **5.4 “Watch for Bikes” Taxi Sticker Program.**

The Committee had before it a communication (April 25, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on April 19, 1999, recommended that implementation of the “Watch for Bikes” Sticker Program for taxis be made a requirement for the issuance of a taxi licence in the City of Toronto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (May 13, 1999) from Mr. Ian Allaby in opposition to the recommendation of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee referred the aforementioned communications to the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services for a report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee, through the Taxicab Advisory Committee.

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards; Mr. Ian Allaby - May 19, 1999)

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

**5.5 Designation of Private Roadways as  
Fire Routes in the Former City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a report (April 22, 1999) from the City Solicitor recommending that:

- (1) the Traffic and Parking Code as found in the former City of Toronto Municipal Code be amended:
  - (a) to authorize the City Solicitor to process by-laws designating fire routes in the former City of Toronto urban area on certification by the Fire Chief that the criteria set out in the Code have been met; and
  - (b) to designate the Toronto Community Council as the committee to which an owner of a private roadway whose application for the designation of the roadway as a fire route has been refused by the Fire Chief may appeal such refusal; and
- (2) any pending applications for fire route designations in the former City of Toronto urban area be processed in accordance with the revised Traffic and Parking Code; and
- (3) all City staff take the action necessary to implement the measures set out in this report.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief be requested to consider the feasibility of limiting the fire route designation to no more than that required by the Fire Code when reporting to the Community Services Committee on fire harmonization issues.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; City Solicitor - May 19, 1999)

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

#### **5.6 “Cardiac Safe City” Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (April 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Medtronic Physio-Control be approved as the preferred supplier for automatic external defibrillators (AED) to be purchased by the City of Toronto for the “Cardiac Safe City” program;
- (2) the initial agreement to remain in effect until December 31, 1999, with the option of extension for a further two one-year periods;
- (3) the pilot program involving the placement of automatic external defibrillators (AED) at City Hall be expanded to include Metro Hall and the North York Civic Centre;
- (4) approval be granted for the Steering Committee, established by Toronto Ambulance for overseeing the “Cardiac Safe City” program, to explore alternative sources of funding and financial support for the acquisition of automatic external defibrillators for City-owned and operated buildings; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and General Manager, Ambulance Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee in six months' time with respect to the private sector partnership and contribution to the "Cardiac Safe City" Program.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Ambulance Services - May 19, 1999)

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

## **5.7 Presentations.**

The Fire Chief presented Members of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee with the new Fire Services Shoulder Flash and lapel pin as a token of appreciation for the good working relationship over the past eighteen months; and further presented Councillor Dennis Fotinos, Chair of the Committee, with a personalized fire helmet in recognition of the leadership provided during his term as Chair.

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Brian Ashton presented Councillor Fotinos, Chair, with a framed display of the crests of the Ambulance, Fire and Police Services.

The Chair expressed the Committee's appreciation to all staff for their hard work and dedication during the term of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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Chair.