



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date of Meeting:	Friday, July 28, 2000	Enquiry:	Rosalind Dyers
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Committee Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		392-8018
	City Hall		
	100 Queen Street West		

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

DEPUTATIONS. List to be Distributed at Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF LATE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROTOCOL
(INCLUDING RAVES).**

Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the
Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(July 25, 2000)

Responding to the directions of the Community Services Committee on July 13, 2000, to:

- co-ordinate the responses from the Toronto Police Services Board, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Ambulance Services, and any other appropriate Departments with respect to their recommended protocol for entertainment events on City and private property;
- submit a comprehensive report and recommendations thereon to a special meeting of the Community Services Committee, to be held prior to the August 1, 2000, meeting of City Council; and
- report to the proposed special meeting of the Community Services Committee on the estimated costs of implementation of the protocol as it relates to the average Rave event;

advising that the information regarding the Toronto Police Service is anticipated to be available following the July 27, 2000, meeting of the Toronto Police Services Board; and recommending that:

- (1) the Entertainment Event Protocol (Appendix B) be amended to include the specific policies on Entertainment Events made by the Toronto Emergency Medical Services (Appendix B-1) and the Toronto Fire Services (Appendix B-2), and that these policies be approved by Council; and
- (2) the Community Services Committee's decision of July 13, 2000 (i.e., (b)(1) contained in Clause No. 1 of Report No. 7 of The Community Services Committee), amending the recommendation of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place respecting events on CNE property, be further amended to include that Toronto Fire Services' concerns also be worked out to the satisfaction of Exhibition Place and City Council, so that such recommendation reads as follows:

"City Council authorize Exhibition Place to continue to hold Raves after concerns about security, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Services, and paid duty policing have been worked out to the satisfaction of Exhibition Place and City Council".

1a. DRUG PREVENTION AND HARM REDUCTION IN REGARD TO RAVES.

Secretary, Board of Health
(July 25, 2000)

Advising that the Board of Health on July 24, 2000, recommended that:

- (1) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care organize a network of public health units and boards of education throughout Ontario to develop educational strategies targeted at the drug use problems in the community including primary prevention and outreach to parents;
- (2) Toronto Public Health continue to support vehicles for peer-based interventions for promoting safe, healthy practices at raves, including the Toronto Raver Info Project and the Toronto Dance Safety Committee as outlined in the Protocol for the Operation of Safe Dance Events;
- (3) the Board of Health include rave health education as a priority for the Drug Abuse Prevention Grants Review Panel, with a contribution in 2001 from the City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Budget, Public Health Line, of \$20,000.00, and further contributions of funds from the promoters of each rave, based on the size of the rave, in lieu of the \$0.50 per ticket surtax suggested by the Inquest;

- (4) Toronto Public Health develop culturally appropriate print, radio, television, and Internet health promotion materials to promote safe, healthy practices at raves, in partnership with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health and the private sector, as part of its ongoing substance abuse strategy;
- (5) the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care support and finance blood testing in drug overdose cases reported to emergency departments in order to add to the accuracy of reporting on the pattern of drug use in the community; and support hospital emergency departments to implement systems that would make it easier to extract information on drug overdoses from their records and make that information available to public health units; this report be referred to City Council for consideration at its meeting of August 1, 2, and 3, 2000;
- (7) raves be permitted on City-owned property if they comply with:
 - (a) the applicable recommendations contained in this report;
 - (b) the protocol for the safe operation of a rave as approved in 1999 by City Council; and
 - (c) any further requirements that may be approved by City Council after consultation with the Toronto Dance Safety Committee;
- (8) City Council consider developing protocols for other similar kinds of events;
- (9) the Board of Health advocate to the Ministry of Education and Training to provide funding for the development of a substance use and abuse unit of study as part of the Grade 11 and 12 course profiles for the healthy living strand of the health and physical education curriculum; and
- (10) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing.

1b. RAVE PARTIES.

Executive Assistant, Chair and CAO
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
(July 4, 2000)

Advising that The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on May 26, 2000, approved the following resolution:

“That the City of Toronto be advised that the Authority has never and will not support rave parties on Toronto and Region Conservation land or at its facilities because natural environments do not lend themselves to this type of activity.”

ANY OTHER MATTERS.