



**STRIKING COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2000 **Enquiry:** Helen Smith
Time: 12:30 p.m. **Administrator**
Location: Meeting Room "E" **392-0146**
 City Hall **hlsmith@city.toronto.on.ca**
 100 Queen Street West

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

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE "OPERATION SAVE-A-LIFE" GUN AMNESTY
TASK FORCE.**

1. City Clerk
(August 11, 2000)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, adopted the following Motion, as amended:

Moved by: **Councillor Davis**

Seconded by: **Councillor Johnston**

“WHEREAS there are an average of over 300 firearm-related deaths in Ontario each year; and

WHEREAS there are an average of 292 firearm-related hospitalizations each year in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Police Service reported 2,304 firearms-related crimes in 1997; and

WHEREAS Torontonians are deeply concerned about the number of gun-related incidents; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Toronto want the safest City for their families and all persons; and

WHEREAS The Coalition for Gun Control is supportive of gun amnesties; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government's amendments to the Firearms Act will increase the licence fee from \$10.00 to \$60.00 as of October 15, 2000; and

WHEREAS Gun Buyback/Amnesty programs have been successful in other North American jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS a Gun Amnesty/Buyback Program will provide a positive method for citizens to dispose of their unwanted firearms, increasing the security of all citizens,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorse, in principle, 'Operation: Save A Life' a Gun Amnesty/Buyback program for Toronto;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board and the Chief of Police to negotiate a gun amnesty for Toronto with the Chief Crown Attorney;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if possible, 'Operation: Save A Life' occur from Tuesday, October 10, 2000, and continue until Saturday, October 14, 2000, in order to take advantage of the licensing fee increase under the Federal Firearms Act;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council establish a Task Force comprised of three (3) Members of Council, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, and the Chairman of the Toronto Police Services Board. The purpose of the Task Force is to negotiate details of the program and to provide a report with recommendations to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at the next meeting of City Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the appropriate method for the registration and destruction of the firearms that have been handed in;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Solicitor, in consultation with the appropriate City officials, be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the possibility of a gun prohibition program for the City of Toronto;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to:

- (a) submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on an appropriate amount to be spent and a process to be followed by the City of Toronto to advertise this City Council gun return program to the citizens of the City of Toronto; and
- (b) explore the possibility of obtaining corporate participation, including sports organizations, to determine if incentives can be put forward to make this program work.”

1(a). List of Members' Preferences
(September 12, 2000)

List of Members' preferences for appointment to the "Operation Save-A-Life" Gun Amnesty/Buyback Program Task Force.