

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, January 13, 2000

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, January 13, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:43 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:43 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</u>	
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	x	
Councillor Olivia Chow	x	
Councillor Norman Gardner		x
Councillor Irene Jones	x	
Councillor Norman Kelly		x
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski		x
Councillor Peter Li Preti		x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x	
Councillor Michael Prue		x
Councillor Michael Walker		x

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton
Councillor Bas Balkissoon
Councillor Raymond Cho
Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Case Ootes
Councillor David Soknacki

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 Services Committee held on December 1, 1999, were confirmed.

1.1 Critical Care Transport Program Update.

The Committee had before it a report (December 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on the Critical Care Transport Program; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received for information;
- (2) City Council endorse continuation of the existing adult Critical Care program;
- (3) City Council endorse Toronto Ambulance's pursuit of expansion of the scope of the program to include critically ill babies, children and women with high-risk pregnancies, subject to the normal budget approval process; and
- (4) 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. 1, Report No. 1)

1.2 Response by the Minister of Health to Emergency Department Overcrowding.

The Committee had before it a report (December 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of the ten-point plan recently announced by the Minister of Health to alleviate pressures on the health care system, inclusive of Toronto Ambulance within the City of Toronto; indicating that Toronto Ambulance will receive approximately \$3.2 million of the \$23 million announced by the Minister of Health on December 20, 1999, and will be targeted for program areas detailed within the body of the report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community Services Committee be advised that the 2000 gross Operating Budget for Ambulance Services will be increased by \$3.2 million as offset by \$3.2 million in revenues

to be received from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a net zero impact;

- (2) City Council endorse the initiatives proposed by Toronto Ambulance to assist the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in dealing with emergency departments and health care pressures within the City of Toronto; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that, upon adoption by City Council, the Clause be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding aspects during the 2000 Operating Budget process.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 1)

1.3 Toronto Fire Services - Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System.

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief recommending that the appropriate City officials be authorized to execute an agreement with Intergraph Public Safety Incorporated for the supply, delivery, installation, support and maintenance of a completely operational turnkey and centralized Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for the City's Fire Services at an estimated cost of \$11 million; and noting that project funds are available in Account No. 11000031 of the City's Capital Budget.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 1)

1.4 Toronto Fire Services - “War On Fire”.

The Committee had before it the following joint reports from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief:

- (December 30, 1999) advising of the efforts being taken by staff of Toronto Fire Services to bring to the attention of the public the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code with respect to the provision of maintenance of smoke detectors in all dwellings; indicating that, due to the increased number of largely preventable fire-related deaths in the City, the Fire Chief has announced a “War on Fire” with a non-tolerance policy with respect to owners and occupants of buildings who have failed to provide and maintain working smoke alarms in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Fire Code; noting that charges have been pressed under the Act and shall be diligently prosecuted; and recommending that the report be received for information; and
- (January 4, 2000) providing a response to the recent media coverage questioning the effectiveness of certain types of smoke alarms; noting that staff of Toronto Fire Services have taken a pro-active and aggressive approach to the issues raised in the television program and have requested the appropriate regulatory and standards-creating authorities to investigate the allegations contained in the television program; indicating that the results of these investigations will be made available to the public at the earliest opportunity; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Fire Chief gave a presentation on the “War of Fire” project; and noted that funding for the initiative had been provided from within the Toronto Fire Services existing resources.

Councillor Mihevc moved that:

- (1) the joint reports from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief be received, and directed that they be forwarded to Council for information; and

- (2) the Fire Chief be requested to:
- (a) distribute and arrange for the integration of multi-lingual material to the City of Toronto's in-house publications, and to all City Councillors for inclusion in their newsletters, in order to promote fire safety and the use of smoke alarms to the public;
 - (b) submit to the Community Services Committee a comprehensive report on an accelerated strategy to undertake a door-to-door City-wide fire safety campaign to get smoke alarms and carbon monoxide and gas detectors installed and checked, such report to include the time line to complete such a campaign;

(Carried)

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Fire Chief be requested to:
- (a) explore approaching the insurance companies to request funding for this fire safety initiative; and
 - (b) submit to the Community Services Committee a report on the results of the investigations being undertaken with respect to smoke alarms; and
- (2) staff of Toronto Fire Services be commended for their proactive work in the "War on Fire" and for their efforts in making Toronto a "fire safe" City.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 1)

**1.5 Quotation for Ten Triple Combination
Rescue/Pumper Trucks.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 5, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the quotation submitted by Almonte Fire Trucks Company be accepted for the supply and delivery of ten Triple Combination Rescue/Pumper Trucks, in accordance with specifications, at a total price of \$3,851,465.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received meeting specifications.

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

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 1)

1.6 York Coalition on Homelessness.

The Committee again had before it a communication (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.

The Committee also had before it communications (January 6 and 10, 2000) from Reverend Dr. Paul D. Owen, York Coalition on Homelessness, advising that they are not yet prepared with the information necessary to make their deputation; and requesting a further deferral.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee again deferred consideration of the aforementioned communication from the York Coalition on Homelessness, at their request.

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(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Reverend Dr. Paul D. Owen - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(a), Report No. 1)

(DEFERRED)

1.7 Malvern Community Group.

The Committee had before it a communication (November 29, 1999) from Mr. Cledwyn Longe and Ms. Margaret Thomson, Co-Chairs, Malvern Community Group, requesting the opportunity to address the Committee regarding community priorities in Malvern.

The Committee also had before it a copy of the Malvern Community Group presentation notes.

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

- Ms. Marion Sang, representative of the Malvern Community Group;
- Mr. Asad Hussain, representative of the Malvern Community Group;
- Mr. Keith Crysler, Principal, Lester B. Pearson C.I., and submitted a pamphlet, entitled "Pride In Our Students Pride In Our School";
- Mr. Lance Williams, representative of the Malvern Community Group;
- Councillor Bas Balkissoon, Scarborough Malvern; and
- Councillor Raymond Cho, Scarborough Malvern.

On motion by Councillor Chow (part (b) on behalf of Councillor Balkissoon), the Committee:

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- (a) concurred in the following recommendations, as amended, contained in the presentation from the Malvern Community Group, and referred such recommendations to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, and the City Librarian, for a report thereon to the appropriate Committees:
- “(1) the Community Services and Economic Development and Parks Committees give serious consideration to funding requests from the Malvern community;
- (2) the appropriate City staff be directed to undertake an inventory of all City and other public space currently available in the Malvern community, with a critical review of current usage;
- (3) the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism direct staff to develop a local community service plan for the Malvern community, based on the existing resident driven needs assessments;
- (4) the appropriate City staff of the relevant Departments form a joint working group to implement Recommendation No. (3), in collaboration with the Malvern Community Group and the Ward Councillors;
- (5) the Toronto Public Library Board and City Council give serious consideration to the 2001 capital request for the expansion of the Malvern District Library, and that a community theatre space be included in the expansion; and
- (6) the Malvern Community Group, in collaboration with the staff of the City, undertake a community audit eighteen months after approval of these recommendations to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of the local service plan and funding”; and

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- (b) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
- (1) co-ordinate, as a joint venture, a team from various City Departments, i.e., Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, and Toronto Public Library, to report on the changes required for the Malvern area, referred to in their recommendations under (a), including immigrant settlement issues, and with particular emphasis on the request for the provision of an auditorium/community theatre;

 - (2) report to the Community Services Committee on:
 - (i) the demographics in the Malvern core area;
 - (ii) quick short-term solutions to provide needed services in the Malvern area, through local churches, school boards, etc.;
 - (iii) initiatives to encourage agencies to physically locate in the Malvern area;
 - (iv) providing youth workers in the high schools to support the Caribbean, African, South Asian and Tamil community etc.; and
 - (v) funding for the Malvern Community Group, to be controlled by staff, to raise awareness within the community, i.e., newsletter, study reports, etc.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; City Librarian; Mr. Cledwyn Longe and Ms. Margaret Thomson, Co-Chairs, Malvern Community Group; Ms. Marion Sang; Mr. Asad Hussain; Mr. Keith Crysler, Principal, Lester B. Pearson C.I.;

Mr. Lance Williams; Councillor Bas Balkissoon, Scarborough Malvern; Councillor Raymond Cho, Scarborough Malvern - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(b), Report No. 1)

1.8 Implementation of the Tenant Defence Fund and Rental Housing Office.

The Committee had before it a report (December 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing guidelines for funding under the Tenant Defence Fund and an update on the establishment of a Rental Housing Office; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the structure for the Tenant Defence Fund Program, within the total approved budget of \$300,000.00, as outlined in Appendix A, and including:
 - (a) purchase of outreach and co-ordinating services at a cost of up to \$150,000.00; and
 - (b) grants to tenants groups disputing applications for above-guideline rent increases using the remaining budget;
- (2) City Council approve a Tenant Support Grants Program as set out in Appendix C and delegate the administration of Tenant Support Grants to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (3) the Tenant Support Grants be deemed to be in the interest of the municipality;
- (4) City Council authorize the introduction of any necessary bills to give effect thereto;
- (5) the Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control be renamed as the "Tenant Support Sub-Committee" and its mandate be revised to provide direction to the Tenant Defence Fund initiative;
- (6) the Chair of the Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control canvass existing members of the Sub-Committee, and report back on revised terms of reference and membership of the new Tenant Support Sub-Committee; and

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- (7) the appropriate City officials be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (January 12, 2000) from Councillor Michael Walker, Chair, Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control, recommending the following amendments to the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (1) that Recommendation No. (5) of the report be amended by striking out the words “Tenant Support Sub-Committee” and replacing them with “Tenant Defence Sub-Committee”;
- (2) that Recommendation No. (2) be amended by:
 - (a) striking out the words “Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services” and replacing them with “Tenant Defence Sub-Committee”; and
 - (c) making appropriate changes to the report to reflect that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee will only hear deputations from applicants whose applications have been refused and wish to appeal the decision;
- (3) that Recommendation No. (2) be further amended by:
 - (a) making appropriate changes to the proposed model of the Tenant Defence Fund as outlined in Appendix A and the Guidelines for Tenant Support Grants as outlined in Appendix C of the report, to reflect that the new Tenant Defence Sub-Committee has final approval over applications for grants under the Basic Grant Program and the Additional Grant Program; and
 - (b) making appropriate changes to the Guidelines for Tenant Support Grants, as outlined in Appendix C of the report, with respect to eligibility of tenant groups for grants under the Tenant Support Grant Program. Specifically, that Part (A)(3) (e) on page 9 and Part (B)(3) (e) on page 11 of the report be amended by striking out the words “average rents for the City of Toronto” and replacing them with “an amount equal to 15 percent above the average rents for the City of Toronto”; and
 - (c) making appropriate changes to the Guidelines for Tenant Support Grants, as outlined in Appendix C, so that references in the report related to average rents include townhouses in addition to apartment units; and
 - (d) making appropriate changes to the Guidelines for Tenant Support Grants, as outlined in Appendix C of the report, with respect to “Eligible Expenditures” under

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the Additional Grant Program. Specifically, that Part (B)(2) on page 11 of the report be amended by including lawyers among the “eligible professional services” permitted under the Grant Program; and

- (4) that the new Tenant Defence Sub-Committee be made up of eight Councillors who currently are members of the Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control.

Mr. Bob Gosschalk, President, Federation of North York Tenants Associations Inc., appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee:

- (I) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated December 20, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending the Recommendations to read as follows:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council approve the structure for the Tenant Defence Fund Program, within the total approved budget of \$300,000.00, as outlined in Appendix A, and including:
 - (a) purchase of outreach and co-ordinating services at a cost of up to \$150,000.00; and
 - (b) grants to tenants groups disputing applications for above-guideline rent increases using the remaining budget;
- (2) City Council approve a Tenant Support Grants Program, as set out in Appendix C, and delegate the administration of Tenant Support Grants to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and that the Commissioner report thereon to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee;

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- (3) the Tenant Support Grants be deemed to be in the interest of the municipality;
 - (4) City Council authorize the introduction of any necessary bills to give effect thereto;
 - (5) the Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control be renamed as the “Tenant Defence Sub-Committee” and be comprised of eight Councillors who are currently members of the Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control; and further that its mandate be revised to provide direction to the Tenant Defence Fund initiative;
 - (6) the Chair of the Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control canvass existing members of the Sub-Committee, and report back on revised terms of reference and membership of the new Tenant Defence Sub-Committee; and
 - (7) the appropriate City officials be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto”;
- (b) that the Guidelines for Tenant Support Grants, as outlined in Appendix C, be amended, as follows:
- (i) appropriate changes be made with respect to the eligibility of tenant groups for grants under the Tenant Support Grants Program, specifically, that part (A)(3)(e) and part (B)(3)(e) be amended by inserting the words “an amount equal to 15 percent above the” prior to the words “average rents for the City of Toronto”;
 - (ii) appropriate changes be made so that references in the report related to average rents include townhouses in addition to apartment units; and
 - (iii) appropriate changes be made with respect to “Eligible Expenditures” under the Additional Grant Program, specifically,

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that part (B)(2) be amended by including lawyers among the “eligible professional services” permitted under the grant program; and

- (II) referred the following recommendation contained in the communication dated January 12, 2000, from Councillor Michael Walker, Chair, Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control, to the City Solicitor with a request that he report directly to City Council for its meeting on February 1, 2000, on revised wording following consultation with Councillor Walker:

“making appropriate changes to the report to reflect that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee will only hear depositions from applicants whose applications have been refused and wish to appeal the decision.”

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor; Councillor Michael Walker, Chair, Sub-Committee to Restore Rent Control; Mr. Bob Gosschalk, President, Federation of North York Tenants Associations Inc.; c. Acting General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 1)

1.9 Sale of 341 Shuter Street to Trefann Homes Corporation - Ward 25, Don River.

The Committee had before it a report (December 13, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) consent be granted, subject to the concurrence of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Province of Ontario, to the sale of 341 Shuter Street by its owner to Trefann Homes Corporation at a price of \$75,000.00 (or such other price as may be acceptable to the Vendor, CMHC, and Trefann Homes Corporation), subject to Trefann Homes Corporation obtaining mortgage financing;
- (2) subject to receipt of concurrence from CMHC and the Province, the proceeds of sale be retained by the Vendor;
- (3) authority to consent to future sales proposed at a price exceeding the formula set out in the 1975 Ground Lease between the City of Toronto and Trefann Homes Corporation be

delegated to the General Manager, Shelter Housing and Support, on the terms and conditions outlined in the body of this report; and

- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

The Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 1)

1.10 Proposed Revision to Membership and Mandate of the Advisory Committee for New Emergency Shelter Sites.

The Committee had before it the following communications and report:

- (December 1, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that, during consideration of a report on the Federal/Ontario Housing Devolution Agreement, the Community Services Committee on December 1, 1999, tabled the following motion for consideration at its meeting on January 13, 2000:

“That a Political Steering Committee be established to develop political strategies on housing issues.”;

- (January 10, 2000) from Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, advising of his interest in serving on the Political Steering Committee, if established; and
- (January 6, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:
 - (1) the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee for New Emergency Shelter Sites be expanded to include the development of political strategies on emergency shelter and housing issues;
 - (2) the Chair of the Community Services Committee canvass existing members of the Advisory Committee to determine whether they are interested in continuing to serve on this committee and that the Chair further canvass other Members of Council to determine whether they may be interested in joining the Advisory

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Committee; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and suggested that the Chair of the Community Services Committee focus on canvassing members of Council who currently have housing responsibilities.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated January 6, 2000, from the Chair of the Community Services Committee; and
- (2) referred the communication from Council Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, to the Chair of the Community Services Committee for consideration when canvassing Members of Council in accordance with Recommendation No. (2).

(Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 1)

**1.11 Federal Homelessness Initiatives
Announced in December 1999.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 30, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a summary of the Federal Government homelessness initiatives announced on December 17, 1999; identifying possible implications for the City and next steps; noting that financial implications for the City are unknown at this time; and recommending that:

- (1) Council commend the Federal Government for its welcome announcements regarding homelessness initiatives and encourage the Federal Government to provide support for new affordable rental housing in the upcoming federal budget;

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- (2) the General Manager of the Shelter, Housing and Support Division, with support from the Mayor's Office, immediately initiate discussions with federal and provincial officials to begin implementing the new initiatives and to ensure that the City's needs are fully addressed; and
- (3) 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:

- (December 20, 1999) from Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs, respecting the recent Federal Government announcement on funding for the homeless in Canada; and requesting that the Community Services Committee and staff report on the following matters:
 - (1) how the program monies allocated by the Federal Government will contribute to the City's stated goal of phasing out the use of motels along Kingston Road as hostels; and
 - (2) should there be money committed in the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department's Capital Program for the provision of new purpose built shelter space to meet the needs of the "motel" population in Toronto; and

- (January 13, 2000) from Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek respecting the recent Federal Government announcement on funding for the homeless in Canada; and requesting that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the next meeting of the Committee on:
 - how the City of Toronto can best obtain funding for homeless shelter or shelters under the Federal Government's initiative; and
 - a realistic but aggressive timetable for implementing the Council's recommendations on this matter, given the City of Toronto's successful application for funding.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Community Services Committee in

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connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek;
- Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated December 30, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) directed that the Mayor of the City of Toronto be requested to write to the Premier of Ontario urging the Province of Ontario:
 - (a) to co-operate with the Federal Government's initiatives on homelessness; and
 - (b) at the upcoming meeting of the Premiers to be held prior to the end of January 2000 on housing issues, to seek the co-operation of all other Premiers in a joint partnership to implement the Federal homelessness initiatives, having regard that such initiatives were as a result of requests from the various Cities across Canada;and that the concurrence of Council be requested in the foregoing action taken;
- (3) referred the communications from Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs, and Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek, to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that she report thereon to both the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee for New Emergency Shelter Sites; and
- (4) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide the Councillors for Scarborough Bluffs and Highland Creek with a brief list of requests to be made to the

Provincial Government with respect to homelessness prior to their meeting with the Minister of Community and Social Services on January 31, 2000.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mayor Mel Lastman; Councillor Brian Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs; Councillor Gerry Altobello, Scarborough Bluffs; Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek; Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek; Councillor Jack Layton, Don River; c. Acting General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 1)

1.12 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund.

The Committee had before it a report (January 4, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of activities funded through the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund in 1999; outlining plans to consolidate and streamline funding for homeless services in 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be delegated to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to allocate up to \$350,000.00, available in the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund, for winter emergencies and emerging priorities;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to allocate up to \$100,000.00, available in the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund, for projects that address Aboriginal homelessness as described in this report; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.
The Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 1)

1.13 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund Final Report (1998/1999) and Second Year Grant Recommendations.

The Committee had before it a report (January 4, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the projects funded through the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund 1998/1999; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve 1999/2000 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) second year grants totalling \$788,656.00 for 15 agencies, as described in Appendix "A" of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

The Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 1)

1.14 Standards of Care in Retirement and Lodging Homes.

The Committee had before it a report (December 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing background information on the issue of standards of care in retirement and lodging homes; outlining the results to date of the short-term measures adopted by the City in the fall, the information received through consultations with key informants, and background research undertaken by staff, as well as analysis of the relationship of retirement and lodging homes to the regulated long-term care system; and recommending that:

- (1) the provincial government be strongly urged to develop mandatory Province-wide standards of resident care in retirement and lodging homes;
- (2) such standards be enforced by a body at arm's length from both government and the retirement home industry, consisting of representatives from the industry and appointments to represent consumers, advocates and government;
- (3) the provincial government assume the full costs of the development and enforcement of resident standards of care;
- (4) the provincial government be requested to respond to the City's recommendations for mandatory Province-wide standards of care by April 2000;
- (5) notwithstanding provincial responsibility for standards of resident care, the City enhance

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its traditional inspection and enforcement activities in the areas of health, fire and buildings by considering the need for additional inspectors in each department for the purposes of inspecting retirement and lodging homes;

- (6) the Retirement and Lodging Homes Action Team and Retirement Homes Hotline continue on an ongoing basis as effective tools for problem identification in those facilities most in need of regulatory oversight;
- (7) as part of the 2000 budget process, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, report on any additional resources required and financial impacts of implementing Council's recommendations respecting retirement homes (inclusive of Recommendations Nos. (5) and (6));
- (8) the above report be sent to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons gave a presentation to the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Case Ootes, Chair, Retirement and Lodging Homes Advisory Committee; and
- Ms. Julie Mathien, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee:

- (i) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (ii) directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Board of Health - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(c), Report No. 1)

1.15 Interim Appropriation for Retirement and Lodging Homes Hotline and Inspection.

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health recommending that:

- (1) the amount of up to \$149,347.00 be pre-approved and added to the Public Health operating budget for the year 2000 to enable the Division to continue to operate the Retirement and Lodging Homes hotline and inspections from January 1, 2000 to March 31, 2000;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for their consideration, and to the Budget Advisory Committee administrator for the budget process pending file, in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by Council;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned joint report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Board of Health - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(d), Report No. 1)

1.16 Update on the City of Toronto Squeegee Diversion Strategy.

The Committee had before it a report (December 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community

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and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the recently enacted Provincial law prohibiting roadway solicitation and on the City's Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization (SWYM) program for street-involved homeless youth; and recommending that:

- (1) Council support the continuation of the SWYM program as one vital component of the squeegee diversion strategy; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that, upon adoption by City Council, the Clause be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding aspects during the 2000 Operating Budget process; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit to the Community Services Committee a progress report on the Squeegee Diversion Strategy, such report to include a brief description of the jobs and whether they are in the public or private sector.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 1)

**1.17 Update on Youth Employment Programs
Restructuring and Strategy Development.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 23, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the youth employment programs restructuring and strategy, and on the development of the North York Toronto Youth Job Corps site; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(e), Report No. 1)

**1.18 Implementation of the Learning,
Earning and Parenting Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 4, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that the Province has confirmed funding in support of the City's implementation of the mandatory provincial Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP) Program; providing the assurance Council requested that the City and Province are discussing the impact of the Provincial Operational Review recommendations on Ontario Works and child care services; indicating that provincial subsidy in the amount of \$3,290,000.00 for implementation of the mandatory LEAP program has been approved for the year 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for inclusion in the year 2000 operating budget discussions; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee concurred in the aforementioned report; and directed that it be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2000 Operating Budget process.

(Budget Advisory Committee - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(f), Report No. 1)

1.19 Patterns of Child Respiratory Illness in Toronto.

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The Committee had before it a report (December 6, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on December 6, 1999, had before it a report (November 29, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the approach being taken by Toronto Public Health to investigate the apparent elevation in respiratory hospitalizations among children in certain parts of the City, as indicated in the "Toronto Report Card on Children, 1999"; and that the Board recommended that the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(g), Report No. 1)

1.20 Children's Garden Program.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 7, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 30, 1999, recommended to the Community Services Committee that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to consider including a Children's Garden in:

- (1) all future parks and parkettes;
- (2) parks and parkettes which are being redeveloped; and
- (3) City-owned housing projects.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for consideration and report thereon to their respective Committees during the 2000 Operating Budget process.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Councillor Olivia Chow, Child and Youth Advocate - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(h), Report No. 1)

1.21 "Young Voices From The Street" -

Toronto Public Library Publication.

The Committee had before it a report (December 23, 1999) from the City Librarian providing background information on the Toronto Public Library publication "Young Voices from the Street," which reports on the number of street youth that took advantage of the "Reaching Out with Young Voices" program, as requested by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on December 3, 1998; outlining future developments for the project; noting that the project "Reaching Out with Young Voices" and resulting publication "Young Voices from the Street" has been nominated for the Minister's Award for Innovation, which is awarded by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until its next meeting to be held on February 10, 2000.

(City Librarian - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(i), Report No. 1)

(DEFERRED)

1.22 Homes for the Aged - Uncollectable Account.

The Committee had before it a report (December 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off arrears of \$11,551.63, which accumulated on behalf of B.S. while she was a resident at Cummer Lodge Home for the Aged; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 1)

1.23 A Program to Generate A Housing Stock for Social and Supportive Housing Purposes: Proposal Review.

The Committee had before it a communication (January 11, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on January 10, 2000, recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (3) contained in the joint report (December 22, 1999) from the Acting Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting A Program to Generate a Housing Stock for Social and Supportive Housing Purposes: Proposal Review, and wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) City Council reaffirm its direction to the Commissioner, Urban Development Services that policies on urban intensification and the inclusion of affordable housing in new residential developments be considered a high priority in the preparation of a housing implementation plan as part of the Official Plan process;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

and directed that the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information, in accordance with Recommendation No. (2).

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Acting Commissioner of Urban Development Services; c. Committee Administrator, Planning and Transportation Committee - January 13, 2000)

(Clause No. 14(j), Report No. 1)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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