

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, February 10, 2000**

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, February 10, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

**Members Present:**

	<u>9:40 a.m.-12:33 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

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

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on January 13, 2000, were confirmed.

**2.1 Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 19, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and City Solicitor responding to the request of the Budget Committee in December 1998 to report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on protective measures that can be employed through contractual arrangements with Motorola Canada Ltd. and suppliers to ensure competitive pricing for spare parts, maintenance and future system upgrades and enhancements for the integrated Fire-Police voice

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radio communications system; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (January 24, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on January 20, 2000, received a joint report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police providing a semi-annual report on the Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System, and directed that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; City Solicitor - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(a), Report No. 2)**

**2.2 Tiered Emergency Response.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief, and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance, providing an overview of the purpose of the emergency response system employed by the three emergency services within the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council endorse the principle of Tiered Response as a “best practice” in the provision and delivery of emergency services within the City of Toronto;
- (2) the Sunnybrook Base Hospital in conjunction with Toronto Ambulance and the Toronto Fire Services undertake to review the medical requirements associated with multi-agency responses to medical emergencies; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

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

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)**

**2.3 Ambulance Services - 1999 Quality Assurance Report.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services submitting, for information, the 1999 Quality Assurance Report, which was based on statistical data compiled on the quality assurance initiatives processed and directed through the Quality Service Review Unit, Toronto Ambulance.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(b), Report No. 2)**

**2.4 Greater Toronto Services Board Recommendation and Ambulance Dispatch Options.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising that the Greater Toronto Services Board Best Practices Committee on January 21, 2000, discussed issues pertaining to the co-ordination of ambulance dispatch services and systems within the Greater Toronto Area; outlining the recommendation arising from such meeting; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(c), Report No. 2)**

**2.5 Emergency Medical Services System and Patient Satisfaction Survey.**

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The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing, for information, a summary of the results of a comprehensive emergency medical services system and patient satisfaction survey conducted for Toronto Ambulance by NORTHSTAR Research Partners; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a copy of the "Toronto Ambulance Services - Public Attitude Survey", dated January 21, 2000, prepared by NORTHSTAR Research Partners; together with a News Release in regard thereto.

Ms. Elizabeth Lorenzin, NORTHSTAR Research Partners, presented the aforementioned survey results, and answered questions in regard thereto.

Councillor Walker moved that the aforementioned report be received. **(Carried)**

Councillor Jones moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the feasibility of implementing a communication strategy for those living in the City's seniors' buildings, family physicians, and senior agency providers, such as the Community Care Access Centres, on the appropriate use of Ambulance Services, as opposed to taking taxis, private vehicles, etc. **(Carried)**

Councillor Duguid moved that the Committee express congratulations and commend the Toronto Ambulance Services front-line staff on the excellent results brought forward in the NORTHSTAR Research Partners survey; and that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to liaise with the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance on how best to recognize these results. **(Carried)**

(Chair, Community Services Committee; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(d), Report No. 2)**

**2.6 Request for a Report on the Feasibility of Implementing a Full Advanced Life Support System for Toronto Ambulance.**

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The Committee had before it a communication (February 1, 2000) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee, submitting, for information, a copy of his Amendment in Council for its meeting on February 1, 2000, respecting emergency room admitting volumes and the re-routing of patients in critical condition, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the Council of the City of Toronto support and endorse the position taken by Toronto Ambulance with regard to taking critical patients to the closest hospital regardless of their emergency department status;
- (2) staff report to the Community Services Committee on the efforts to implement a full advanced life support system whereby every ambulance would be staffed with a Level III paramedic and advise as to the viability of accelerating the training program to implement this level of service; and
- (3) if a Coronor's Inquest is conducted relating to the January 14, 2000, incident, staff report to the Community Services Committee on all recommendations arising out of such an Inquest.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 9, 2000) from the City Clerk advising of Council's action on February 1, 2 and 3, 2000, with respect to the foregoing Amendment in Council by Councillor Duguid.

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

(Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(e), Report No. 2)**

**2.7 "Young Voices from the Street" -  
Toronto Public Library Publication.**

The Committee had before it a communication (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.

Councillor Olivia Chow orally advised that the Toronto Public Library had also received The Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award 2000 from the Ontario Library Association for the “Young Voices from the Street” project.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, and extended congratulations to the Toronto Public Library on the awards.

(City Librarian - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(f), Report No. 2)**

**2.8 Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies - Review Findings.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 26, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing the findings of the Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies review; and recommending that:

- (1) Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies immediately redirect all men who are not vulnerable clients (as defined in this report) to other drop-in programs;
- (2) the Shelter Housing and Support Division facilitate a process between Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies, the Central Neighbourhood House, Street Survivors Program and Regent Park Community Health Centre to jointly develop and implement an alternative service response to meet the multiple needs of vulnerable men currently accessing Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies;
- (3) Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies immediately develop and implement a community relations strategy with the local community, including the resident associations;

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- (4) Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies implement a communications plan to inform other service providers of the agency's mandate to ensure that appropriate referrals can be made;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Shelter Housing and Support Division for consideration as part of the service planning review process, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 8, 2000) from Mr. Don Purvis, Chairman, and Ms. Gerri Orwin, Co-Chair, Social Services Committee, Seaton Ontario Berkeley Residents Association Inc. (SOBRA), requesting that the Community Services Committee approve the recommendations as proposed in the January 26, 2000, report, and that the Committee adopt these recommendations as conditions to be met in their entirety by Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies before Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies is eligible to apply for future City funding (as was originally directed by City and Metro Councillors in 1997).

Ms. Madeline McDowell and Ms. Susan Davis, Board Members, Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)**

**2.9 Toronto Report Card on Homelessness 2000.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the findings and recommendations of the Toronto first annual report card on homelessness; and recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the recommendations of the Toronto Report Card on Homelessness 2000, specifically that the City of Toronto:
  - (a) forward this report card to the Federal and Provincial Governments, municipalities in the GTA and community stakeholders, including non-profit funders and service

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providers;

- (b) urge the Federal Government to:
    - (i) implement the recommendations of the FCM Quality of Life Infrastructure Budget Proposal related to housing;
    - (ii) provide additional support for new affordable rental housing development in the upcoming federal budget; and
    - (iii) expedite the process to make federal lands available for affordable housing development;
  
  - (c) urge the Provincial Government to:
    - (i) increase the shelter component of social assistance to reflect local market conditions as recommended by the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force;
    - (ii) create a new shelter allowance program for the working poor as recommended by the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force;
    - (iii) create 5,000 new supportive housing units in Toronto over the next five years and 9,000 new units in the rest of the Province, as recommended by the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force;
    - (iv) ensure that definitions of special need and eligibility for supportive housing are broad enough to include "hard-to-house" homeless people;
    - (v) appoint a senior representative from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to work with the Homeless Health Strategy Reference Group;
    - (vi) provide quarterly data on the disposition of all applications for eviction through the Rental Housing Tribunal; and
    - (vii) make provincial land available for affordable housing development as per its commitment in March 1999;
- (2) the Mayor, the Chair of the Community Services Committee, and the Chair of the Advisory



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Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons work with the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a high-level, tripartite committee to ensure effective, timely implementation of homeless and housing initiatives;

- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services convene a meeting with the Provincial and Federal Governments and key community stakeholders to establish a collective commitment to reduce homelessness with established benchmarks to measure progress;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services work with the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish an agreement or protocol that sets out how federal homeless and housing funding will be used in Toronto;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services continue to implement its strategy, with clear timelines, to maintain a maximum 90 percent occupancy rate in the emergency shelter system as established by City Council in June 1999;
- (6) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:
  - (a) consult with key community stakeholders on an appropriate approach to undertake a “census” to determine the number of homeless people living on the street;
  - (b) provide further information on the impacts of homelessness on vulnerable groups, including lone parents, youth, seniors and minorities;
  - (c) provide further information on the impacts of government policy and program decisions on homelessness with a specific emphasis on the Tenant Protection Act;
  - (d) report back to the Community Services Committee by June 2000 on the progress of Recommendations Nos. 6 (a), (b) and (c);
- (7) Toronto Public Health continue to work with the homeless population and community agencies to address the health needs of homeless and under-housed people; this includes ensuring that:
  - (a) all homeless people with active TB receive Directly Observed Therapy;
  - (b) the deaths of homeless people continue to be tracked;

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- (c) the incidence of reportable infectious disease among the homeless and under-housed population is systematically tracked as a key indicator of health in this population;
  - (d) the Homeless Health Reference Group works to develop an infirmary for homeless and under-housed people who no longer need primary hospital care;
  - (e) the Homeless Health Reference Group develops a discharge strategy for homeless people who are leaving institutions; and
  - (f) the Homeless Health Reference Group works with key stakeholders to establish additional harm reduction facilities for homeless people with substance addictions; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Vance Latchford and Mr. Cliff Martin, on behalf of the Public Housing Fightback Campaign, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

Councillor Jones moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1)(c)(iii) in the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to read as follows:

“(1)(c)(iii) create 5,000 new supportive housing units in Toronto over the next five years, an additional 10,000 other affordable units in Toronto over the next five years, and 9,000 new units in the rest of the Province, as recommended by the Mayor’s Homelessness Action Task Force;”.

Councillor LiPreti moved that, with respect to Recommendation No. (6)(a), the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the methodology to be used to determine the number of people who live on the street.

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Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to forward to the Children and Youth Action Committee available data on children and youth homelessness; and
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services again be requested to report to both the Community Services Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee in March 2000 on the feasibility of funds received from the sale of City-owned residential properties being allocated to the Affordable Housing Capital Reserve Fund.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motions by Councillors Jones, LiPreti and Chow, they were carried unanimously.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Ms. Patsy Morris, Committee Administrator, Policy and Finance Committee; Ms. Belinda Bains, Committee Secretary, Children and Youth Action Committee; Ms. Susan Shepherd, Social Policy Research and Analysis Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department - February 10, 2000)

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

**2.10 Provincial Homelessness Initiatives  
Funding for Eva's Phoenix.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services in order to receive an additional allocation of \$250,000.00 through the Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund;

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- (2) Council authorize a grant of \$250,000.00 to Eva's Place for Eva's Phoenix, using the additional provincial contribution;
- (3) the report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and to the Budget Advisory Committee secretary for the budget process pending file, in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by Council; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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**(Clause No. 8(g), Report No. 2)**

## **2.11 New Provincial Rent Supplement Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the new provincial rent supplement program announced by the Province in January 2000; suggesting a response to the identified issues that arise; noting that there are no financial implications in 2000-2003, but that the program potentially creates pressure on the City to pick up the costs in three to five years unless the Province provides further funding; and recommending that:

- (1) Council strongly urge the Province that in regard to the New Rent Supplement Program:
  - (a) no rent supplement commitments be made that exposes the City to future unknown costs;
  - (b) no rent supplement contracts be signed by the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority without the concurrence of the City of Toronto;
  - (c) provincial funding be guaranteed (at no municipal cost) such that whenever a landlord's rent supplement contract is not renewed tenants in the units affected continue to receive supplements until they either choose to move or no longer need

subsidy;

- (2) Council strongly urge the Province to make no further provincial housing program announcements without the concurrence of the municipal sector; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Mr. Cliff Martin, the Public Housing Fightback Campaign; and
- Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to City Council for its meeting on February 29, 2000, regarding the sale of scattered houses.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Acting General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2)**

## **2.12 Feasibility Study for Early Childhood Education and Development and Care Pilot Project.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community

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and Neighbourhood Services respecting the feasibility study for pilot projects in Early Childhood Education, Development and Care; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve that the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department enter into a partnership with the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Atkinson Charitable Foundation in order to implement a feasibility study for a pilot project in Early Childhood Education, Development and Care and, in particular, to receive and manage contributions from the partners;
- (2) funding of the City's \$20,000.00 contribution be considered as part of the \$150,000.00 request for the Children and Youth Action Committee in the Approved Task Forces budget in the Non-Program Expenditures budget through the 2000 budget process;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and the Budget Advisory Committee secretary for the budget process pending file in accordance with the Financial Control Protocols adopted by Council;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to Council in the spring of 2000 on the results of the feasibility study including the possible financial implications of proceeding with the pilot project; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 9, 2000) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, urging the Community Services Committee to ensure that CUPE members providing these important child care and educational services be part of the development and implementation process of an integrated early childhood program.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to deleting Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3):

- “(2) funding of the City's \$20,000.00 contribution be found from the funds set aside in the Social Services Reserve Fund for “seamless day pilot programs”, as directed by City Council in its adoption of the 1999 Operating Budget on April 26, 27 and 28, 1999; and

- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration;”.

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**(Clause No. 8(h), Report No. 2)**

### **2.13 Accreditation Report - Fudger House Home for the Aged.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on January 21, 2000, adopted a report (January 5, 2000) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the accreditation survey for Fudger House by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation which was carried out from October 17-19, 1999, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for its information; and
  
- (2) congratulations be extended to the staff and volunteers at Fudger House acknowledging their significant achievement.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee received the aforementioned communication and expressed its congratulations to Fudger House.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Fudger House - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(i), Report No. 2)**

### **2.14 Changes to Membership - Children and Youth Action Committee.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 27, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on January 17, 2000, recommended that:

- (1) Trustee Elizabeth Boyd be appointed to the Children and Youth Action Committee as the representative for the Toronto Catholic District School Board to replace Trustee Rose Andrachuk; and
- (2) Trustee Barbara Poplawski be appointed as the alternate member for the Toronto Catholic District School Board to replace Ms. Nora Donovan.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

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

## **2.15 Children's Advocate's Award for Best Practices.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 27, 2000) from the City Clerk indicating that the Children and Youth Action Committee on January 17, 2000, was advised that the Children's Advocate's Award for Best Practices, in an amount of \$5,000.00, was shared jointly by the following two winners:

- Trinity Bellwoods Children's Group's CARE Program; and
- Jessie's Centre for Teenagers' Food for Two and Feed Me Too Program.

Following a request from Councillor Kelly, Councillor Chow advised that the appropriate staff would forward the Best Practices criteria to him for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, noting that the award was in the amount of \$5,000.00 each.



(Councillor Olivia Chow; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services Division - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(j), Report No. 2)**

**2.16 Provincial Response to Toronto's Request for Funding for Children's Mental Health Counsellors in Local Schools.**

The Committee had before it a communication (December 20, 1999) from The Honourable John Baird, Minister of Community and Social Services, responding to the City's communication of September 17, 1999, concerning the impact of homelessness on children in Toronto and the City's request for funding for children's mental health counsellors in local schools; advising that the Ministry is pleased to provide funding to EarlsCourt Child and Family Centre, which delivers a school liaison program to children of women residing in shelters, but is not in a position to enhance funding for School Liaison Programs; and noting that Ministry staff in the Toronto Regional Office will continue to work with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and her staff to foster creative, flexible services to those most in need in Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(k), Report No. 2)**

**2.17 Request to Nominate Staff Members to the Toronto District Health Council.**

The Committee had before it a communication from Ms. Ilsa Blidner, Chair, Toronto District Health Council, advising that the Toronto District Health Council has a number of vacancies to fill; and requesting that the City of Toronto give consideration to providing eight nominees for four Council positions with the following representation:

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- a member of the City of Toronto Council;
- a member of the Board of Health;
- two staff members with knowledge of the health, social, and human services issues facing the City of Toronto;

and indicating the current Toronto Municipal membership who have Orders-in-Council, or have been nominated.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee recommended to Council that Ms. Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged, and Ms. Nancy Matthews, Manager, Social Policy Research and Analysis, be nominated as the alternates for Ms. Shirley Hoy and Mr. Eric Gam respectively on the Toronto District Health Council; and that the Toronto District Health Council and the Province of Ontario be so advised.

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 2)**

## **2.18 Community Services Committee - Outstanding Items.**

The Committee had before it a communication (January 28, 2000) from the City Clerk submitting, for information, the list of outstanding items for the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee and Community Services Committee as of December 1999.

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the aforementioned communication be received; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief be requested to report to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on March 22, 2000, on the various reports relating to Fire

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Services that are still outstanding and which require consideration during the 2000 Operating Budget cycle.

**(Carried)**

Councillor LiPreti moved that the Chair of the Community Services Committee, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be requested to provide the Community Services Committee with a prioritized list of the reports still outstanding. **(Carried)**

(Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - February 10, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8(l), Report No. 2)**

## **2.19 Investing in Canada's Children.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 9, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on January 17, 2000, during consideration of a verbal update by Ms. Caroline DiGiovanni on the Campaign Against Child Poverty, recommended that Councillor Chow and Mayor Lastman be requested to send a letter of support to the Toronto Star regarding the Atkinson Letter of Saturday, January 15, 2000, mentioning that they are speaking on behalf of the 35,000 babies a year born in Toronto, the known connection between a good start and better life-long health and school success, and stressing the need for strong pressure to be brought on Members of Parliament, in the next week or so, in connection with funding for children as opposed to tax cuts as an investment in Canada's future.

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On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 2)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:33 p.m.

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Chair.