

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, June 15, 2000**

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, June 15, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:43 a.m.

**Members Present:**

	<u>9:43 a.m. - 12:20 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 Jack Layton  
Councillor Pam McConnell

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

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Jones, Vice-Chair, took the Chair, until Councillor Duguid's arrival at 10:15 a.m.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on May 18, 2000, were confirmed.

**6.1 Licensing and Regulation of Patient Transportation Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 17, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on the progress of licensing and regulating patient transportation services; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(a), Report No. 6)**

**6.2 Fire Services Bursary Outreach Program.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 31, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing options on how priorities can be reordered and programs adjusted in Fire Services to fund the Bursary Outreach Program out of the approved 2000 Operating Budget; advising that the only viable funding source to fund the Program is from the building maintenance program, and transferring funds from this program would be detrimental and is not a recommended option at this time; and recommending that the report be received for information purposes.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(b), Report No. 6)**

### **6.3 Community Services Grants Program - 2000 Allocations and Appeals Report.**

The Committee had before it the following reports and communications:

- (May 31, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 31, 2000, recommended to the Community Services Committee:
  - (a) the adoption of the report dated May 17, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
  - (b) that the Province of Ontario be advised of the recommendation regarding City funding for literacy programs, and be requested to fund the shortfall for such programs from the Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Program; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the Community Services Committee on the outcome of discussions with the Province in this regard;

and further:

- (i) referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the Community Services Committee, for its meeting on June 15, 2000:
  - Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre (Item No. 2);
  - Agincourt Community Services Association (Item No. 10);
  - Association of Pensioners and Injured Workers of Ontario (Item No. 20);
  - Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care (Item No. 25);
  - Bloor Information and Life Skills Centre (Item No. 33);
  - Canadian Multilingual Literacy Centre (Item No. 44);
  - Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre (Item No. 48);
  - Delta Child Care Network of Ontario (Item No. 98);
  - East York Learning Experience (Item No. 109);
  - Flemington Neighbourhood Services (Item No. 128);

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- Learning Disabilities Association of North York (Item No. 171);
  - Malvern Family Resource Centre (Item No. 176);
  - Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto (Item No. 179);
  - Metro Association of Family Resource Programs (Item No. 181);
  - Northwood Neighbourhood Services (Item No. 209);
  - Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (Item No. 213);
  - Ralph Thornton Centre (Item No. 234);
  - Scarborough Distress Centre (Item No. 244);
  - St. Christopher House Literacy Program (Item No. 270);
  - Toronto East End Literacy Project (Item No. 296);
  - Whyy Mee Family Counselling Foundation of Toronto (Item No. 329);
  - Working Women Community Centre (Item No. 336); and
  - Youth Clinical Services (Item No. 345);
- (ii) referred the appeal from the Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre (Item No. 48) to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that a Community Development Officer meet with the agency to assist them in applying for future grants; and
- (iii) referred the appeal from the York-Fairbank Seniors Centre (Item No. 340) to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that a Community Development Officer meet with the agency to discuss ways and means for them to obtain volunteer help or other appropriate sources of funding for their recreation program;
- (June 2, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request to report on the Community Services Grants Programs appeals; and recommending that:
- (1) the appeal fund of \$40,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
  - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (June 8, 2000) from Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity Niagara, recommending that the condition placed on the Canadian Italian Family Assistance Association (Agency No. 42) that the agency secure a trustee as a precondition to obtaining their recommended grant be waived for the year 2000, and that the Canadian Italian Family Assistance Association

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meet with the local Councillor, Joe Pantalone, and Community and Neighbourhood Services Department Grants Program staff to discuss the matter.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of:
  - (a) the recommendations of the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee contained in the communication dated May 31, 2000, from the City Clerk; and
  - (b) the report dated June 2, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) referred the communication from Councillor Joe Pantalone respecting the Canadian Italian Family Assistance Association (Item No. 42) to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, with a request that the appropriate Grants staff meet with Councillor Pantalone and the agency to discuss the condition on the recommended grant, prior to release of such funds.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity Niagara; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department - June 15, 2000)

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

**6.4 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program -  
2000 Allocations and Appeals Report.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 31, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 31, 2000, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of a report dated May 18, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and further referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review

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and recommendation thereon to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on June 15, 2000:

- The Boys' Home (Item No. 13);
- Central Eglinton Community Centre (Item No. 19);
- Connecting Communities with Counsel Steering Committee (Item No. 28);
- Crime Concern/Neighbourhood Watch (Item No. 30);
- Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto (Item No. 69);
  
- Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (Item No. 72);
- Riverdale Housing Action Group (Item No. 91);
- Toronto Arts for Youth Association (Item No. 107);
- University Settlement Recreation Centre (Item No. 113); and
- Youth Clinical Services (Item No. 126).

The Committee also had before it a report (June 2, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request to report on the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program appeals; and recommending that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$25,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the recommendation of the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee; and
- (2) the adoption of the report dated June 2, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

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

**6.5 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - Appeals.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 31, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that

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the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 31, 2000, referred appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on June 15, 2000:

- COTA;
- Central Neighbourhood House;
- Community Information Fairview;
- Evergreen Health Centre (Yonge Street Mission);
- Fred Victor Centre;
- Justice for Children and Youth;
- Touchstone Youth Centre;
- UPAWA; and
- University Settlement Recreation Centre.

The Committee also had before it a report (June 2, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request to report on the appeals to the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to Central Neighbourhood House for the operation of a Vulnerable Seniors Housing Support Program;
- (2) Council approve funding in the amount of \$6,700.00 from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to COTA Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Mental Health Services to operate a "safe room" for socially isolated homeless men who currently live on the streets;
- (3) Council approve funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to Fred Victor Centre to operate a Community Communications Centre that will provide opportunities for homeless and marginally housed people to be trained in the use of electronic and print media;
- (4) Council approve funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to the Unemployed Professional African Women and Men Association (UPAWA) to provide transportation assistance, volunteer honoraria and childcare support to low income and homeless clients (funding is conditional on the agency securing a suitable trustee);
- (5) Council approve funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the City of Toronto Homeless

Initiatives Fund to Yonge Street Mission's Evergreen Health Centre to provide child care for street involved young parents in order to enable them to access housing supports, health care, employment and other services; and

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

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated June 2, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

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

**6.6 761 Community Development Corporation.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 2, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that the 761 Community Development Corporation requires a \$30,000.00 advance on its 2000 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) in order to provide funding for senior staff, financial management and organizational support; noting that funding from the CT-HIF would normally flow to projects in October 2000, but, due to unanticipated delays in funding from Human Resources Development Canada, the organization is experiencing cash-flow problems; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve an advance on the 2000 grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the 761 Community Development Corporation in order to provide managerial support to the community economic development projects the Corporation operates;
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

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

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

**6.7 Status of the New Hostel at 1673 Kingston Road:  
Birchmount Residence.**



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The Committee had before it a report (May 30, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the progress made and the issues raised with respect to the new men's hostel, named Birchmount Residence, at 1673 Kingston Road, which opened in December 1999; concluding that, as a result of the work and commitment of all key stakeholders, Birchmount Residence has been well integrated into the community; and recommending that the report be received for information by both the Community Services Committee and Council.

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

- Dr. D.M. Sherman, Chair, Community Reference Board for Birchmount Residence; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, and asked questions in regard thereto.  
On motion by Councillor Gardner, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report, and directed that it be forwarded to Council for information;
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the first meeting of the Community Services Committee in the new term of Council providing an update on the Birchmount Residence; and further that Dr. D. M. Sherman, Chair of the Community Reference Board for the Birchmount Residence, be invited to address such meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) expressed its appreciation to Dr. Sherman and members of the Community Reference Board for their efforts in ensuring the successful integration of the Birchmount Residence into the community.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Dr. D. M. Sherman; Chair, Community Reference Board Birchmount Residence; c. General Manager, Shelter Housing and Support - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 6)**

## **6.8 Process to Update Hostel Standards.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 26, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the process to update Hostel Standards; advising that, during 2000, the Hostel Standards document will be updated through consultations with shelter operators, shelter users and other associated groups, and that, as part of the update, a plain language document detailing client rights and responsibilities will be developed; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (June 8, 2000) from Mr. John Clarke, Organizer, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, respecting the draft list of "Rights and Responsibilities" attached to the report on the process to update Hostel Standards; outlining a few short comings and omissions, i.e., enforcement of standards, good quality service, access to own information, right to appeal, and barring of people; and suggesting that staff be instructed to proceed in some definite directions, as outlined in this letter.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and referred the communication from the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration during the consultation process, with a request that she report thereon to the Community Services Committee and Council, in particular with respect to the following issues:

- enforcement;
- appeal process; and
- barring and its place within the system.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. John Clarke, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(c), Report No. 6)**

## **6.9 Federal Announcement on Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative.**

The Committee had before it the following reports from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

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- (June 2, 2000) respecting the Federal Government's recent announcement of the allocation to Toronto under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI); and recommending that:
  - (1) Council approve the Federal Government's request for the City of Toronto to take the lead administration role for the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative in Toronto, subject to satisfactory clarification of administration costs and program issues;
  - (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seek clarification from the Federal Government and report as further details are available about outstanding issues related to SCPI including:
    - (a) the roles of the City, Province and Federal Governments in implementing the key components of the program;
    - (b) program criteria and funding mechanisms; and
    - (c) program administration costs;
  - (3) Council approve the establishment of a council reference group, comprised of the Mayor or his designate, the Chair of the Community Services Committee and the Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to oversee the implementation of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative;
  - (4) City staff convene a community reference group to support the development of a community plan;
  - (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to Community Services Committee in September 2000 with recommendations and an action plan for implementing SCPI in Toronto; and
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (June 13, 2000) recommending that:

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- (1) the City accept a transfer of up to \$160,000.00 from Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), at no net cost to the City, for preparation of the community plan for homelessness required under the federal Supportive Communities Partnership Initiative;
- (2) the 2000 gross operating budget in the Shelter, Housing and Support Division be increased, on a one-time only basis, by the amount of funds received from HRDC pursuant to Recommendation No. (1);
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with HRDC regarding such funds, and to spend them in preparing a community plan for homelessness or related service planning as per the agreement; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the reports dated June 2, 2000 and June 13, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) that the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be requested to conduct an audit of Federally-owned land in the City of Toronto to identify potential properties for affordable housing projects, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and
- (3) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to draft a proposal for the expansion of funding to existing programs for youth and Aboriginals which could be forwarded to the Federal Government once approved by City Council.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager,  
Shelter, Housing and Support - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 6)**

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

**6.10 Appointment of Tenant Directors to  
the Toronto Housing Company Inc.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 2000) from the Chief Executive Officer, the Toronto Housing Company Inc., advising that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company Inc. on May 29, 2000, recommended the adoption of a report, as amended, dated May 16, 2000, from the Chief Executive Officer wherein it recommends that the following nominees be appointed to sit as Tenant Directors on the Toronto Housing Company Inc., effective the Board's meeting in July 2000:

Sushil Bajpai	-	Humber-Eglinton
Jim Mackenzie	-	St. Jamestown
Sandy Nimmo	-	Downtown West

On motion by Councillor Li Preti, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company Inc. embodied in the aforementioned report from the Chief Executive Officer.

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

**6.11 MTHA New Rent Supplement Allocations.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing terms for City approval of new Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority rent supplement allocations; noting that the cost for any new rent supplement units will be covered by the Province for the first five years and outlining the costs to the City after that point; and recommending that:

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- (1) City Council concur with funding commitments by the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority of up to 511 new rent supplement units, with the understanding that when the City assumes funding responsibility after year five, the step-out costs for tenants in place will be mainly covered by provincial transfers of federal housing funds;
- (2) approval of any further rent supplement commitments by the Province or the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority be subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) concurrence of City of Toronto;
  - (b) earmarking of provincial funds in advance to cover “step-out” subsidy costs, so that at the end of the provincial five-year commitment, provincial subsidies continue for tenants in the units concerned until they either choose to move or no longer need subsidy; and
  - (c) allocation of some rent supplement to new rental supply (private or non-profit); and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report dated June 1, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) that the Province of Ontario be advised that, when the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority rent supplement program expires in five years time, the City of Toronto will not continue such program unless the Province continues to provide funding to support it.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 6)**

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

#### **6.12 Sale of OHC Housing Units.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 8, 2000) from The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing responding to a communication from the Chair of the Community Services Committee regarding the sale of Ontario Housing Corporation single and semi-detached housing units; advising that the Board of Directors of OHC presented its recommendations with respect to the sale of these units on April 14, 2000, and that these recommendations will be reviewed carefully before any action is undertaken; and providing assurance that the suggestion that revenues generated from the sale of units be reinvested in the housing portfolio will be taken into consideration during the review of the Board recommendations.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) received under protest the aforementioned communication from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and
  
- (2) referred such communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that she provide a status report thereon, including the feasibility of the Chair of the Community Services Committee, and interested Councillors, meeting with the Chair of the Ontario Housing Corporation and the Chair of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter Housing and Support - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(d), Report No. 6)**

**6.13 Purchase of Supportive Housing Services at Willowdale Manor.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 31, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on May 18, 2000, to provide further information on the feasibility of directly employing CUPE Local 79 employees to provide supportive housing services at Willowdale Manor; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (June 15, 2000) from Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, again asking that the Homes for the Aged Division meet with Local 79 under the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreements.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the aforementioned report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services until its next meeting to be held on July 13, 2000; and

- (2) referred the communication dated June 15, 2000, from the Acting President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that the appropriate staff consult with representatives of Local 79 prior to such meeting.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, CUPE, Local 79; c. General Manager, Homes for the Aged - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(e), Report No. 6)**



**(DEFERRED)**

**6.14 Issues Related to Lodging and Boarding  
Homes in the City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information and clarification of issues related to the lodging home part of the unregulated accommodation care sector; and recommending that:

- (1) the City initiate research to examine the pressures on supportive lodging and boarding homes, with particular attention to harder to serve residents, lack of other types of affordable housing, and adequacy of per diems paid to operators;
- (2) the City continue to work with the Federal and Provincial Governments to maintain and improve housing for low-income, vulnerable people; and
- (3) 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. 10, Report No. 6)**

**6.15 Update on Retirement Homes Hotline Inspection Program.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 29, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising the Board of Health on May 29, 2000, received a report (May 25, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health providing an update on the Retirement Homes program activities including the Hotline and related inspections, and directed that such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and the Seniors' Advocate for information.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:
  - (a) funding be provided for two FTEs to maintain the Retirement Homes Hotline Inspection Program from July to December 2000; and further that the Policy and Finance Committee be requested to determine the appropriate source of funding; **(Motion by Councillor Jones)**
  - (b) the Province of Ontario be requested to cost-share the Retirement Homes Hotline Inspection Program; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
  - (c) the appropriate staff be requested to develop a cost-effective communications strategy to raise the awareness of the Retirement Homes Hotline Inspection Program; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
- (2) directed that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report to the Policy and Finance Committee for its meeting on June 22, 2000, providing details of the financial implications and possible sources of funding to maintain the Retirement Homes Hotline Inspection Program. **(Motion by Councillor Jones)**

(Policy and Finance Committee; Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer; c. Secretary, Board of Health - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(f), Report No. 6)**

#### **6.16 Dental Care for Homeless People.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 1, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on May 1, 2000, had before it a report (March 23, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to a request from the Community Services Committee

to report on strategies to develop a program to meet the dental needs of people who are homeless; advising of the action taken by the Board; which was adopted by City Council at its meeting on May 9, 10 and 11, 2000; and, in accordance with such action, forwarding the report to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and further directed that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report through the Board of Health, prior to the 2001 budget process, on the result of negotiations with the Province of Ontario regarding dental care for homeless people.

(Medical Officer of Health - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(g), Report No. 6)**

**6.17 Patterns of Child Respiratory Illness in Toronto.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 29, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on May 29, 2000, adopted a report (May 16, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the results of an investigation into certain patterns of childhood respiratory illness in Toronto, and wherein, in part, it recommended that the Board of Health forward this report to the Community Services Committee for information.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council that the Toronto District Health Council be requested to conduct a cost analysis of hospitalization of children due to respiratory illness versus caring for these children in Community Health Centres; and that such analysis be undertaken in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health; **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
  
- (2) directed that the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the Toronto District Health Council, be requested to report to the Board of Health and the Community Services Committee on the distribution of Community Health Centres across Toronto, and on ways the City can

advocate for greater distribution of such Centres; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

- (3) directed that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to revisit the issue of higher hospital admittances for children with respiratory illness in Scarborough, and report thereon in the context of future report cards on children's health in the City of Toronto. **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

(Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 12, Report No. 6)**

#### **6.18 Request for Increased Provincial Cost-Sharing for Child Care Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 5, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining efforts to date to secure provincial cost-sharing for the child care enrichment and expansion items approved in the City's Operating Budget and proposing additional efforts; and recommending that:

- (1) the Mayor, in consultation with the Chair of the Community Services Committee and the Children and Youth Advocate communicate to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Community and Social Services the City's serious concern that the two-year increase of 1 and 1.5 per cent approved for provincial transfer payment agencies serving children was not also applied to the child care system managed by the City and seek positive reconsideration of this matter from the Province;
- (2) the Department be directed to bring back a report in July describing the results of further provincial negotiation and proposing City spending options in keeping with the provincial response received by that time; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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- Ms. Neena Bandali, Child Care Advisory Committee; and
- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
  - (a) the adoption of the report dated June 5, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
  - (b) that City Council reiterate to the Province of Ontario its concerns with respect to the continued downloading of funding responsibility on child care programs, as municipalities have never asked nor agreed to fund income redistribution programs 100 percent from the property tax base; and
- (2) referred the aforementioned report to the Children and Youth Action Committee for information.

(Children and Youth Action Committee - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 13, Report No. 6)**

**6.19 Maximizing the Support to Employment Program (STEP) to Increase Child Care Options for Ontario Works Clients.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 31, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining strategies to increase the child care service options for Ontario Works Clients; and recommending that:

- (1) the broad range of service delivery strategies outlined in this report in support of Ontario Works clients, and particularly those involved in community placement activities be supported;
- (2) the Department implement the necessary and sufficient financial and service tracking

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processes to provide the accountability required under the provincial guidelines governing the use of STEP;

- (3) authority be given to the Department to increase and extend service contracts with providers of child care services in such a way that home child care providers may receive the same level of payment as they currently receive on behalf of regular subsidized clients; and
- (4) the appropriate officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendation Nos. (3) and (4) contained in the report dated May 31, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) referred Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2) to the Children and Youth Action Committee for consideration, with a request that they report thereon directly to Council for its meeting on July 4, 2000.

Councillor Kelly requested that his opposition be noted with respect to part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow.

(Children and Youth Action Committee - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 14, Report No. 6)**

**6.20 Fees for Community Use of Schools.**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 1, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 29, 2000, recommended to the Community Services Committee that:

- (1) the Toronto District School Board be requested to defer making a decision on fees for community use of space for one year;
- (2) the Toronto District School Board be requested to hold in-depth consultation with community groups on the impact of fees and service reductions; and

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- (3) the Minister of Education be requested to amend the school funding formula since it results in reduced access to School Board space for programs and services for children and youth.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and recommended that Recommendation No. (1) of the Children and Youth Action Committee be amended to read as follows:

- "(1) the Toronto District School Board be requested to reconsider its decision and defer making a decision on community use of schools for one year."

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the following motion, with a request that such motion be considered at the time the School Tax Sub-Committee submits its recommendations regarding the community use of schools:

“That the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board be requested to co-sponsor with the City of Toronto a consultation process with community groups on the impacts of fees and service reductions; and further that Provincial officials be invited to participate in such community consultations.”;

**(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

- (2) referred to the School Tax Sub-Committee for consideration the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the attached communication dated June 1, 2000, from the City Clerk, with a request that they report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, in July 2000 regarding the community use of schools; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, be requested to report to the next meeting of the School Tax Sub-Committee on:
  - (a) the financial implications resulting from the recent decisions of the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board with respect to fees for community use of schools; and
  - (b) the negative impact of such decisions on the City's seniors' programs, parenting centres, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and any other permit users within the community school system.

**(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(Policy and Finance Committee; School Tax Sub-Committee; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Pam McConnell - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(h), Report No. 6)**

**6.21 Food and Hunger Action Committee  
Phase I Report, "Planting the Seeds".**

The Committee had before it a report (June 1, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the recommendations of the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase I report, "Planting the Seeds", specifically that the City of Toronto:
  - (a) endorse the principle that all people in Toronto should have an adequate supply of safe, nutritious, affordable and appropriate food;
  - (b) promote the City of Toronto's role in advocating, co-ordinating, and supporting systems, policies, and programs to ensure food security in Toronto;



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- (c) approve the following actions for Phase II of the Food and Hunger Action Committee's work:
  - (i) develop a Food Charter for the City of Toronto;
  - (ii) develop a Food and Hunger Action Plan for the City of Toronto that proposes concrete strategies to improve food security and access to safe, affordable, appropriate and nutritious food for all Torontonians, identifies policy and program changes required to improve the co-ordination and delivery of services related to food and hunger, and recommends appropriate roles for each level of government;
  - (iii) report back to the new City Council with the Food Charter and the Food and Hunger Action Plan by February 2001;
  - (iv) identify priority initiatives for the 2001 budget process within the context of the Food and Hunger Action Plan;
- (2) the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase I report, "Planting the Seeds" be forwarded to the Board of Health for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Co-Chair, Food and Hunger Action Committee, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) directed that the appropriate staff from the Urban Development Services Department and the Toronto Food Policy Council be requested to report to the Food and Hunger Action Committee in September 2000 on the following:

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- the result of the summer pilot project of the Organic Farmers' Market;
  - identification of City-owned land that can accommodate Ontario farmers who want to sell food to local neighbourhoods; and
  - the feasibility of establishing a policy whereby minimal rent can be charged to interested farmers in areas where access to food is a problem; and
- (3) expressed appreciation to the Co-Chairs and Members of the Food and Hunger Action Committee for their efforts.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Medical Officer of Health; Toronto Food Policy Council; Councillor Pam McConnell; Co-Chair, Food and Hunger Action Committee - June 15, 2000)

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

**6.22 Funding for Ontario Works Community Placement Targets.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 13, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the recent announcements made by the Minister of Community and Social Services related to the achievement of the Province's Community Placement (CP) target for 1999-2000, as well as a review of the City's performance in 1999-2000, and the need to develop a plan to use the additional funds that the City will receive from the Province for exceeding its CP target; advising that, as a result of exceeding the CP targets, the City will receive one-time funding of \$622,000.00 gross/net from the Province; that this funding will be provided at 100 percent provincial subsidy and may be used to support local service needs in accordance with the Ministry's criteria; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report; and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee for information; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

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- (2) adopted the following motion, and requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to forward such motion to her staff:

**“WHEREAS** the Social Services staff have worked extremely hard in adjusting to the impact of downloading by the Province; and

**WHEREAS** the very heavy expectations imposed on the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department have been extremely stressful to both front line and supervisory staff; and

**WHEREAS** Toronto Social Services has not only met but exceeded (by 622) their target of placing 10,154 clients in the Community Participation program; and

**WHEREAS** this effort will result in making the City eligible for an additional \$622,000.00 in provincial funding; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Community Services Committee, on behalf of the City Council, commend their efforts to assist in creating greater opportunities for the unemployed members of our City.”

**(Motion by Councillor Li Preti)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Children and Youth Action Committee; c. General Manager, Social Services - June 15, 2000)

**(Clause No. 15(i), Report No. 6)**

### **6.23 Homelessness Health Strategy and Infirmary.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 12, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the issues and progress to date on the City's homelessness health strategy, including a model for an infirmary for Toronto's homeless population; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council that:
  - (a) City Council reiterate its support of the following recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force:
    - Recommendation No. 47:

“Institutions should have discharge protocols for people with ‘no fixed address’. No one should be discharged from an institution directly to the street. Nor should they be discharged to a hostel unless this is arranged beforehand and properly followed up.”;
    - Recommendation No. 58:

“The Ministry of Health should fund infirmary beds in appropriate locations for people recovering from illness or surgery. These beds should be coordinated in collaboration with the Community Care Access Centres and appropriate community agencies.”;
    - Recommendation No. 62:

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“The City should set up two harm reduction facilities, one for adults and one for youth, which would accept the use of drugs and alcohol on site.”; and

- Recommendation No. 63:

The City should set up an addictions and mental health outreach team to connect people on the street to the new facilities.”;

**(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

- (b) City Council request the provincial Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to consider funding the initiatives referred to in Recommendation No. (1)(a) above; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
  - (c) the Toronto District Health Council be requested to conduct a cost analysis with respect to the rehospitalization of homeless people caused by the lack of after-care and immediate discharge, and that such analysis be undertaken in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
- (a) include in the report to be submitted to the Community Services Committee in the fall of 2000 the response from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care with respect to the proposed infirmary strategy; and
  - (b) provide the Community Services Committee with an update on the previous study undertaken by staff related to the health costs of homeless people.

**(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

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**(Clause No. 11, Report No. 6)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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Chair.