

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 7**

**Thursday, July 13, 2000**

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, July 13, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:40 a.m. - 1:15 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 Frances Nunziata  
Councillor Joe Pantalone

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

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Li Preti, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on June 15, 2000, were confirmed.

## **7.1 Emergency Services on the Waterfront.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance providing an overview of the emergency services on the waterfront in response to a request from the Budget Advisory Committee on November 17, 1999, to report on:

- (a) "the provision of emergency services on the waterfront (Marine) to include the number of staff, and the number of pieces of equipment for each unit as of January 1, 1999, and January 1, 2000; and
- (b) how waterfront marine services are provided elsewhere along the Lake Ontario communities and the most appropriate way of eliminating duplication";

and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (July 13, 2000) from Councillor David Shiner, Seneca Heights, requesting that the joint report of the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance, respecting the provision of emergency services on the waterfront, be deferred until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee, with a request that a revised report be submitted including the comments from the Toronto Police Service.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned joint report until the next regular meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on September 14, 2000, with a request that the Toronto Police Services Board provide its comments to such meeting on the provision of emergency services on the waterfront.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance; Chair, Toronto Police Services Board - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.2 Development of a Strategy to Reduce the Number of False Alarms in MTHA Buildings.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 23, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief responding to the request of the Committee on March 22, 2000, to report with respect to:

- the development of a strategy to reduce the number of false alarms in MTHA buildings; and
- the results of the pilot project to remove the pull alarms from MTHA buildings and replace them with a centrally monitored smoke alarm system as soon as an analysis is complete; and
- the organizations and agencies from which the City is unable to collect fees, and outlining the reasons why such organizations and agencies do not pay;

and recommending that the report be received for information.

Mr. Brad Butt, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Apartment Association, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned joint report; and **(Motion by Councillor Walker)**
- (2) directed that the Fire Chief be requested to:
  - (a) consider appointing a representative of the Greater Toronto Apartment Association to the Fire Chief's Community Advisory Committee, since the Association is a major stakeholder; **(Motion by Councillor Walker)**

- (b) report to the Community Services Committee on the recommendations contained in the brief submitted by Mr. Brad Butt, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Apartment Association; and **(Motion by Councillor Gardner)**
  
- (c) consult with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Solicitor to develop options to improve collection abilities for the individuals, organizations and agencies from which the City is unable to collect fees. **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Mr. Brad Butt, Greater Toronto Apartment Association - July 13, 2000)

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

### **7.3 Toronto Fire Services - 1999 Annual Report.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief submitting, for information, the Toronto Fire Services 1999 Annual Report.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned joint report; and
  
- (2) directed that the Fire Chief be requested to report to the next regular meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on September 14, 2000, on the progress made in reducing fire fatalities in Toronto so far in the year 2000.

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

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

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

**7.4 Establishment of Late Night Entertainment Event Protocol (Including Raves) and Co-ordinated Response to Inquest Recommendations into the Death of Allen Ho.**

The Committee had before it the following reports and communications:

- (June 27, 2000) from the Toronto Youth Cabinet providing the comments of the Toronto Youth Cabinet with respect to the various restrictions imposed on raves; noting its opposition to the implementation of such onerous regulations; and recommending that this communication be forwarded to City Council for consideration during its review of raves;
- (July 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services responding to the request of Council to provide a co-ordinated response to the inquest recommendations regarding the death of Allen Ho at a rave event; and recommending that:
  - (1) if Council wishes to allow for late night entertainment events on City property then:
    - (a) leases, licences, contracts or other arrangements permitting the use of City property or the property of the City's Agencies, Boards or Commissions be required to include a clause in the form or substantially in the form of the clause attached to this report and marked Appendix "A"; and
    - (b) the City adopt the Entertainment Event Protocol for City-owned property, marked as Appendix "B", to form part of the arrangement under Recommendation No. (1)(a) above;
  - (2) the Entertainment Event Protocol be extended to private property;
  - (3) the Province of Ontario be requested to provide enabling legislation to create a large assembly by-law; and
  - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

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- (July 5, 2000) from the General Manager and CEO, Exhibition Place, advising that the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place on May 26, 2000, adopted the following recommendations, and directed that they be forwarded to City Council for consideration and approval at its meeting on August 1, 2000:
  - (1) City Council authorize Exhibition Place to continue to hold Raves after concerns about security and paid duty policing have been worked out to the satisfaction of Exhibition Place and City Council;
  - (2) the report from the General Manager and CEO with respect to “Raves at Exhibition Place” be received for information; and
  - (3) the appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
  
- (July 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance responding to the request of the Community Services Committee to report on the results of the Coroner’s Inquest into the death of Allen Ho; concluding that it is important that the Committee acknowledge that there is a need for safe venues for mass gatherings in our community, and that all appropriate departments, divisions, Agencies, Boards and Commissions continue in their collaborative efforts to foster safe licensed events, and that such be recommended to Toronto Council; and recommending that the report and a copy of the Jury Verdict and Recommendations be received and forwarded to Council; and
  
- (undated) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, submitting suggestions for provincial measures to strengthen municipal efforts to maintain safe communities and to deal with problem addresses, which was originally submitted to the Province for consideration at a meeting held on March 14, 2000, on Integrated Enforcement.

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

- Mr. Harold Bratten, Municipal Licensing and Standards, and gave a brief presentation on the report of the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and answered questions in regard thereto;

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- Ms. Kim Stanford, Toronto Dance Safety Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Adrian Johnston, Member of the Steering Committee, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Ms. Tracy Ford, Party People Project, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
  
- Mr. Ryan Teschner, Toronto Youth Cabinet; and
- Councillor Frances Nunziata, York-Humber.

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) the adoption of the report dated July 10, 2000, from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by deleting the words “if Council wishes to allow for late night entertainment events on City property then”, and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Council allow late night entertainment events to be held on City property; and further that”; **(Carried)**
  - (b) the adoption of the recommendations of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place, contained in the communication dated July 5, 2000, from the General Manager and CEO; **(Amended by Councillor Duguid)**
  - (c) that City Council be requested to resubmit to the Province of Ontario for consideration and implementation the suggestions prepared by the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division for provincial measures to strengthen municipal efforts to maintain safe communities and to deal with problem addresses, which were originally presented at a meeting co-ordinated by the Province on March 14, 2000, on Integrated Enforcement; **(Carried)**

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- (2) the Fire, Ambulance and, if possible, the Police protocols be reported to a special meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held prior to the August 1, 2000, Council meeting. **(Amended by Councillor Duguid)**
- (3) the Toronto Police Services Board be urged to:
- (a) reconfirm the Rave Protocol ratio guidelines (passed by City Council in December 1999) of needed police officers as being 1 police officer for every 500 participants; **(Carried)**
  - (b) consult with communities and organizers of events, such as Caribana, Toronto Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, and New Year's Eve parties, the Toronto Dance Safety Committee, and major music and dance promoters, which will be affected if the Chief of Police recommends a change to the Rave Protocol ratio guidelines of more than 1 police officer to 500 participants; **(Carried)**
  - (c) review the feasibility of establishing a formula governing the number of paid duty officers to participants at an event that would ensure consistent application of the protocol, and the feasibility of establishing a review and appeal process; and **(Carried, as amended by Councillor Gardner)**
  - (d) include "after hours clubs" in its proposed entertainment event protocol, and the hours of operation of such clubs; **(Carried)**
- and report thereon to the proposed special meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held prior to the August 1, 2000, City Council meeting; and **(Carried)**
- (4) receive the joint report dated July 11, 2000, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance, and the communication dated June 27, 2000, from the Toronto Youth Cabinet. **(Carried)**

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



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Councillor Duguid moved that:

- (1) parts (1)(a) and (b) and (c) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow be approved in principle;
- (2) that part (1)(b) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow be amended by amending Recommendation No. (1) of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place by adding the words "Emergency Medical Services" after the word "security"; **(Carried)**
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, be requested to co-ordinate the responses from the Toronto Police Services Board, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Ambulance Services, and any other appropriate department with respect to their recommended protocol for entertainment events on City and private property; and that a comprehensive report and recommendations thereon be submitted to a special meeting of the Community Services Committee, to be held prior to the August 1, 2000, meeting of City Council; and **(Carried)**
- (4) the appropriate staff be requested to report to the proposed special meeting of the Community Services Committee on the estimated costs of implementation of the protocol as it relates to the average Rave event. **(Carried)**

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Councillor Chow requested that the Committee vote separately on part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid respecting the words "in principle".

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid pertaining to the words "in principle", it was lost on a 5-5 tie vote.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Committee.

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"The Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council:
  - (a) the adoption of the report dated July 10, 2000, from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by deleting the words "if Council wishes to allow for late night entertainment events on City property then", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Council allow late night entertainment events to be held on City property; and further that", so that the recommendations now read as follows:

"It is recommended that:

- (1) Council allow late night entertainment events to be held on City property; and further that:
  - (a) leases, licences, contracts or other arrangements permitting the use of City property or the property of the City's Agencies, Boards or Commissions be required to include a clause in the form or substantially in the form of the clause attached to this report and marked Appendix "A"; and
  - (b) the City adopt the Entertainment Event Protocol for City-owned property, marked as Appendix "B", to form part of the arrangement under Recommendation No. (1)(a) above;
- (2) the Entertainment Event Protocol be extended to private property;
- (3) the Province of Ontario be requested to provide enabling legislation to create a large assembly by-law; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.";
- (b) the adoption of the recommendations of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place contained in the communication dated July 5, 2000, from the General Manager and CEO, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding the words "Emergency Medical Services" after the word "security", so that the recommendations now read as follows:

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“It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council authorize Exhibition Place to continue to hold Raves after concerns about security, Emergency Medical Services, and paid duty policing have been worked out to the satisfaction of Exhibition Place and City Council;
  - (2) the report from the General Manager and CEO with respect to “Raves at Exhibition Place” be received for information; and
  - (3) the appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”;
- (c) that City Council be requested to resubmit to the Province of Ontario for consideration and implementation the suggestions prepared by Municipal Licensing and Standards Division for provincial measures to strengthen municipal efforts to maintain safe communities and to deal with problem addresses, which were originally presented at a meeting co-ordinated by the Province on March 14, 2000, on Integrated Enforcement;
- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, be requested to co-ordinate the responses from the Toronto Police Services Board, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Ambulance Services, and any other appropriate department with respect to their recommended protocol for entertainment events on City and private property; and that a comprehensive report and recommendations thereon be submitted to a special meeting of the Community Services Committee, to be held prior to the August 1, 2000, meeting of City Council;
- (iii) directed that the Toronto Police Services Board be urged to:
- (a) reconfirm the Rave Protocol ratio guidelines (passed by City Council in December 1999) of needed police officers as being 1 police officer for every 500 participants;

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- (b) consult with communities and organizers of events, such as Caribana, Toronto Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, and New Year's Eve parties, the Toronto Dance Safety Committee, and major music and dance promoters, which will be affected if the Chief of Police recommends a change to the Rave Protocol ratio guidelines of more than 1 police officer to 500 participants;
- (c) review the feasibility of establishing a formula governing the number of paid duty officers to participants at an event that would ensure consistent application of the protocol, and the feasibility of establishing a review and appeal process; and
- (d) include "after hours clubs" in its proposed entertainment event protocol, and the hours of operation of such clubs;

and report thereon to the proposed special meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held prior to the August 1, 2000, City Council meeting;

- (iv) the appropriate staff be requested to report to the proposed special meeting of the Community Services Committee on the estimated costs of implementation of the protocol as it relates to the average Rave event; and
- (v) received the joint report dated July 11, 2000, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance, and the communication dated June 27, 2000, from the Toronto Youth Cabinet."

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Ambulance; Chief of Police; Medical Officer of Health; General Manager and CEO, Exhibition Place - July 13, 2000)

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 7)**

**7.5 Use of Child Care Capital Cost Reserve Fund.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 26, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the criteria governing the use of the Child Care Capital Reserve outlined in this report be

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approved;

- (2) approval be given to use up to \$550,000.00 to support the relocation, relicensing and renovation plans for the four child care programs, as listed in Appendix I, affected by school closures September 2000;
- (3) consistent with the July 27, 1999, Council directive, any future user fee surplus from subsidized child care clients be transferred to the Child Care Capital Reserve; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:

"(1) the criteria governing the use of the Child Care Capital Cost Reserve Fund outlined in this report be approved, and the respective By-law be amended accordingly."

(Policy and Finance Committee - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.6 Annualized Implications of the "Welcome Baby Package" Millennium Project".**

The Committee had before it a report (June 26, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee to report on the future budget implications of continuing the City's "Welcome Baby Package" millennium initiative; advising that the total annualized costs to the City of continuing the initiative is approximately \$140,000.00; and recommending that:

- (1) the "Welcome Baby Package" millennium initiative be continued contingent upon funds remaining available in the approved 2001 budgets of the contributors to this initiative;
- (2) an evaluation of recipient satisfaction and analysis of the package impact be undertaken to assess the utility of the initiative and guide its future evolution; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the appropriate staff be requested to explore other non-profit and private partners for support of the "Welcome Baby Package".

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services Division - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.7 Early Childhood Education, Development and Care Pilot Project.**

The Committee had before it the following report and communication:

- (June 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing the results of the feasibility study for a pilot project in Early Childhood Education Development and Care (ECEDC); and recommending that:
  - (1) the recommendations in the attached ECEDC pilot project report executive summary be endorsed by Council;
  - (2) the budget of the Children's Services Division be adjusted by \$100,000.00 for the year 2000 with corresponding revenue from the Social Services Reserve Fund for project management and co-ordination;
  - (3) staff report back in September, 2000 on the funds needed to support an "early leader" pilot site, a process to obtain proposals for pilot sites and the status of discussions with other funding partners;
  - (4) a further staff report outline the successful proposals, the funds necessary to support them as pilot sites and the cost of project evaluation;
  - (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report annually on the progress of the ECEDC pilot project;

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- (6) the Children's Services Division be authorized to proceed immediately to expend funds on project co-ordination; and
  - (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (June 28, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on June 26, 2000, during its consideration of the Executive Summary of the Feasibility Study: Early Childhood Education, Development and Care Pilot Project, recommended that:
- (1) the City form a partnership with the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Atkinson Foundation to administer early childhood education and development care pilot projects;
  - (2) Councillor Irene Jones, the Chair of Community Services Committee and the Children's Advocate, on behalf of the Children and Youth Action Committee, be authorized to request the provincial and federal governments to maintain funding support of the pilot projects;
  - (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services take the "initial lead" for drawing together internal and external strategic alliances, to do the following:
    - form a new partnership, with a shared vision and objectives, shared risks and resource contributions, shared benefits and clear accountability for an (ECEDC) pilot project;
    - present a common front for negotiating federal and provincial contributions to the partnership up front, including sustaining funding;
    - identify an early leader as a pilot model to "kick-start" the ECEDC pilot project;

- work within the new partnership to harmonize children/family policies across sectors and build policy and program coherence; and
  - show by example that more integrated, less fragmented goal setting, service planning and management across sectors are achievable;
- (4) a clear accountability framework for the project be developed, including realistic expectations and objectives, and clear roles, responsibilities and reporting relationships, and that the project and its management structure initially come under the planning and reporting mechanisms of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services. Further, it is recommended that a new multi-year partnership arrangement for the pilot project include clear, mutually agreed principles and mechanisms for a strong accountability relationship among partners;
- (5) the new partnership adopt a strategic focus, by planning for coherence between project objectives and other emerging children's policy objectives at all levels and by promoting pilot models as just one of many mechanisms for moving forward on an "early years" agenda. Furthermore, it is recommended that the project plan include a sustainability strategy that includes:
- a strong community development component;
  - a cost/benefit component;
  - an evaluation component as a main project goal;
  - linkages to established public services like education, public health and recreation;
  - linkages to municipal, provincial and federal child/family policy initiatives;
  - a strategy for testing and securing multi-year funding commitment; and
  - a communications and information dissemination component;
- (6) project funding sources involving senior government levels be explored immediately by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services as "initial lead", and with new partners as soon as possible following the formation of a new partnership, in order to determine the final parameters and scope for the pilot project and the pilot models component;
- (7) a strong leadership and co-ordinating framework be established for the pilot project as a whole, and at the local pilot model level. Further, it is recommended that the framework include a strong project management function, an integrated



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planning approach, a project steering function for project oversight and directional guidance, and an advisory “expert panel” for evaluation, research and technical guidance;

(8) the proposed selection criteria for pilot models be reviewed in terms of:

- clear definition;
- internal consistency;
- focus on evaluation;
- relative weighting or importance; and
- tests of compliance;

and that the criteria include consideration of leadership, readiness to implement a pilot model, and child outcome and advocacy indicators;

(9) pilot models fit within the policy directions set out in the Toronto Children’s Strategy and within the program policies of all project partners;

(10) the pilot project build from the existing service base and from experience with “best practice” to identify a range of pilot models that meet project criteria. Furthermore, it is recommended that models be identified along a continuum of integration, and with the possible exception of an “early leader”, that they include a strong community planning and development focus;

(11) the rationale for selecting pilot model sites be clear and the selection process be fair, equitable and transparent. Furthermore, it is recommended that if it is desirable to identify “early leaders”, a two-part selection process (invited “exemplar” sites and RFP process) be used, with sufficient time and resources for community development and proposal support;

(12) evaluation be highlighted as a goal of the pilot project, that an evaluation plan be included as part of the project plan and that expert advice be included early in the planning process to inform the design of the evaluation plan; and

(13) an effective communication strategy be included in the project plan and that the strategy includes appropriate messages about child development principles, the

importance of the “early years”, links to broader policy directions, stakeholder impacts and mechanisms for the communication and dissemination of information and new knowledge.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of:
  - (a) the report dated June 27, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
  - (b) the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the communication dated June 28, 2000, from the City Clerk; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on August 1, 2000, on the Federal and Provincial commitments to children’s issues.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - July 13, 2000)

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

## **7.8 Children and Youth Report Card.**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 28, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on June 26, 2000, recommended that authority be granted for the establishment of a working group comprised of staff from various City divisions, the School Boards and the Children's Aid Societies to gather and analyze data for the Children's Report Card.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk; and
- (2) directed that the City Clerk delete all references in the aforementioned communication to the "Children's Report Card" and insert in lieu thereof "Children and Youth Report Card."

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 7)**

**7.9 Effects of Permit Fees and User Fees on the Delivery of Services for Children and Youth and Access to Public Space.**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 28, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on June 26, 2000, recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to allocate resources to research the effects of permit fees and user fees on the delivery of services for children and youth;
- (2) a policy be developed on the protection of services for children and youth to be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee;
- (3) the City's position/policy on charging for its space be clarified; and
- (4) the Children's Advocate, Chair of the Policy Sub-Committee, the Mayor (or his designate) be requested to meet with the Chairs of the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board and to jointly advocate at the provincial level of government.

On motion by Councillor Chow (on behalf of Councillor Mihevc), the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee, subject to:

- (a) amending Recommendation (No. (1) to read as follows:

- "(1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to allocate resources to research the effects of permit fees and user fees on the delivery of services for children and youth, and that the scope of such research include the broader use of public facilities;" and
- (b) adding the following new Recommendation (No. (5):
- "(5) the City of Toronto, working with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, conduct regional public meetings as part of the review, and invite community stakeholders to participate in such review."

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 7)**

**7.10 Implementation Costs, Cost-Sharing status and Projected Outcomes of the Programs Within the Children's Action Plan Approved as Part of the City's Operating Budget.**

The Committee had before it a revised communication (July 4, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on June 26, 2000, had before it a report (June 20, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting implementation costs, cost-sharing status and projected outcomes of programs within the Children's Action Plan approved as part of the City's 2000 Operating Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the spending of \$667,000.00, representing the City's 20 percent share towards actual costs for six months for licensed child care programs, and further that the precedent of using any departmental unspent dollars or surplus funds be applied to enable the funds to be used toward the full annualized costs of \$6.7 million for the year 2000;
- (2) the \$667,000.00 be distributed proportionately in accordance with the 2000 budget submissions and Council directives using the same method that was utilized in 1999 and inclusive of home child care provider rates;
- (3) given that one-third of our children are living in poverty and that there are more than 13,000 children on the waiting list for subsidized child care, that the City's financial contribution of

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20 percent towards the funding of 2,000 child care spaces be used to fully fund 400 new spaces;

- (4) the \$100,000.00 approved in the 2000 budget for resource programs and special needs be distributed in accordance with the recommendations of a working group consisting of the following members:
- Toronto District School Board;
  - Toronto Catholic District School Board;
  - City of Toronto (including the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, Toronto Children's Services Division, and the Medical Officer of Health);
  - Metro Association of Family Resource Programmes;
  - Toronto Special Needs Network;
  - Child Welfare;
  - Family Day Board Members; and
  - other interested parties;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Children's Services Division, be requested to report in late Spring of 2001 on a full Children's Services Plan, that includes a broad range of children's services both City funded and unfunded, and that part of this plan include an examination of the family resource services; and
- (6) a working group composed of Children and Youth Action Committee members, Metro Association of Family Resource Programmes and Family Resource Programme partners, and a representative group of funded and unfunded family resource programs be part of the process.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Children and Youth Advocate; c. General Manager, Children's Services Division - July 13, 2000)

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

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

**7.11 Children and Youth Action Committee - Changes to Membership.**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 29, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on June 26, 2000, recommended that:

- (1) Ms. Nora Donovan be added to the Children and Youth Action Committee's membership as an alternate member to represent the Toronto Catholic District School Board; and
- (2) Councillor Bossons be deleted from the membership of the Committee.

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

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

**7.12 Elimination of the Provincial Clawback on Preferred Accommodation Revenue - Homes for the Aged.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 23, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and

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Neighbourhood Services advising of a change in policy by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care on June 5, 2000, to discontinue the 50 percent clawback on preferred accommodation revenue resulting in the Homes for the Aged Division receiving \$1.35 million in additional revenue in the year 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) the 2000 gross expenditure budget be increased by \$1,000,000.00 to \$128,784,300.00;
- (2) the additional \$1,000,000.00 increase in the expenditure budget be allocated to the Homes' program to refurbish and improve the quality of residents' living environment in 2000;
- (3) the revenue budget be increased by \$1,000,000.00 (Grants from Others) to \$66,617,600.00;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, report back to the Community Services Committee regarding the proposed use of the remaining \$350,000.00;
- (5) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief urging the Committee to reinvest the accommodation fee revenue in the front-line delivery of quality services to the residents of Toronto's Homes for the Aged.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on

the viability of utilizing the remaining allocation of \$350,000.00 (referred to in Recommendation No. (4) of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services) for front-line services, and further that such report include the feasibility of using any available funds in 2001 for such front-line services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Service; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Ms. Anne Dubas, President, CUPE Local 79 - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.13 Update on the Kensington Health Centre's  
Application for Additional Long Term Care Beds.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 21, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Toronto Community Council on May 2, 2000, to report on direction received to clarify and support the concept of a "continuum of care" within a long term care organization, and to clarify the current status of Kensington Health Centre's application to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for 150 additional long term care beds; advising that the Kensington Health Centre was not awarded the additional beds requested in its bid, and that it is not known at this time whether the Centre will bid on a future RFP for additional beds; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Li Preti, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Homes for the Aged - July 13, 2000)

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



**7.14 Ontario's Long Term Care System.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 23, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on April 19, 2000, to report on the role of the Community Care Access Centres and the various types of long term care facilities available to the elderly; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Homes for the Aged - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.15 Accreditation Survey - Bendale Acres.**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 16, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on June 16, 2000, had before it a report (June 2, 2000) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, forwarding the Accreditation Survey of Bendale Acres undertaken by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation from March 19-21, 2000, and wherein it recommended that:

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

and that the Advisory Committee adopted the aforementioned report, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and directed that its congratulations be expressed to the staff, volunteers and Home Advisory Committee at Bendale Acres.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Bendale Acres - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.16 Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program  
Second Suites Pilot Project.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 29, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising of plans to proceed with a Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) Second Suite Pilot Project; indicating that RRAP loans are allocated by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and do not flow through the City's budget; that \$400,000.00 is to be reallocated within CMHC's Toronto RRAP allocation for the Second Suites Pilot Project, and that, as the delivery agent for RRAP in Toronto, the City will continue to receive the same administration fee per loan as it does with other RRAP activity; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Li Preti, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

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

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

**7.17 Toronto Housing Company Inc. -  
Portfolio Capital Funding Needs.**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 7, 2000) from the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Housing Company Inc., advising that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company Inc., on March 27, 2000, adopted a report (March 27, 2000) from the Chief Executive Officer respecting the Housing Company's portfolio capital funding needs; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Housing Company Inc. - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.18 Quotation for Supply and Installation of  
Systems Furniture Workstations - Social Services.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 26, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the quotation submitted by Brigholme Business Furnishings be accepted for the supply and installation of approximately 334 Systems Furniture Workstations required by Social Services Offices of the Social Services Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, during the period ending December 31, 2001, at a total cost of \$1,717,323.59 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee awarded the contract as recommended in the aforementioned joint report, in accordance with the Purchasing By-law.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.19 The Youth Employment Job Development Grant Review.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the community consultations on the Youth Employment Job Development (YEJD) Grant Program conducted throughout the City; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into contracts with community agencies to provide an overall co-ordination function for the youth employment agencies to increase the effectiveness of their job development activities and deliver projects that emerge from this co-ordination to an amount of no more than \$120,000.00 in 2000;
- (2) the community agencies responsible for the development of a co-ordinated strategy seek

partnerships with the Provincial and Federal Governments to increase the funds to support these co-ordination activities in the future;

- (3) the co-ordination project be evaluated after the one year period; 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 Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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

#### **7.20 Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization (SWYM) Contract Extension.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with HRDC for the second year of operation of the SWYM program for a twelve-month period beginning September 15, 2000;
- (2) the Commissioner include the 2001 budget implications for the second year of the SWYM program in the 2001 budget request, to be reviewed as part of the Department's 2001 budget review process; and
- (3) 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 report.

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

#### **7.21 Social Development Strategy Consultation Document.**

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The Committee had before it a report (June 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Social Development Strategy consultation document; and recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the draft goals, principles and strategic directions outlined in the overview of the draft Social Development Strategy as a basis for engaging the community in consultation to further refine and develop the strategic directions;
- (2) Council approve the Social Development and Administration Division's contracting with the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto to a maximum of \$45,000.00 (as contained in the Department's 2000 approved Operating Budget) to assist in the strategy, design, co-ordination and support for a community consultation process in 2000 according to a project plan negotiated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (3) the Community Services Committee canvass its members to identify a Councillor who would participate in a steering committee to guide the design of the consultation process and the development of the final version of the Social Development Strategy;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to City Council during the first year of its new term to seek final approval of the Social Development Strategy; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending Recommendation No. (3) to read as follows:
  - “(3) Councillor Irene Jones be appointed to participate in a steering committee to guide the design of the consultation process and the development of the final version of the Social Development Strategy;” and

**(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to use as background information during the Social Development Strategy consultation process the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled 'Ethno-Racial Inequality in the City of Toronto: An Analysis of the 1996 Census.' **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

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**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 7)**

**7.22 Development of Northern Portion of 28 Bathurst Street for a Transitional Residence/Housing and Child Care Centre - Ward 20 - Trinity-Niagara.**

The Committee had before it a report (July 7, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing the development of a transitional residence/housing project and child care centre on the northern portion of 28 Bathurst Street, which would include the following two buildings:

- (a) a child care centre for 20 infants, 20 toddlers and 32 pre-schoolers; and
- (b) a separate building with a transitional residence providing a supportive long-term residence for approximately 75 men and 24 apartments for permanent housing;

outlining the financial implications and impact statement in regard thereto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community Services Committee adopt this report and forward it to Council for approval of the construction of a Transitional Residence/Housing and Child Care Centre on the northern portion of 28 Bathurst Street;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for approval of the expenditure of up to \$5.75 million from the 2000 Shelter, Housing and Support Division capital budget to proceed with construction of the proposed development at 28 Bathurst Street;
- (3) staff be authorized to seek 50 percent capital cost-sharing from the Federal Government under the Supportive Community Partnerships Initiative (SCPI) for the Transitional

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Residence/Housing development, and report back to the Community Services Committee should commitment for the funds not be forthcoming prior to award of a construction contract;

- (4) Children's Services be authorized to provide up to \$1.321 million from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of the Child Care Centre; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity-Niagara, appeared before the Community Services Committee in support of the development of the project on the northern portion of 28 Bathurst Street.

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

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.23 Income Tax Receipts for Family Shelter Contributions.**

The Committee had before it a report (July 4, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer responding to the request to report on the City's policy with respect to the possibility of issuing income tax receipts for cash donations and gifts-in-kind made to the City, insofar as they pertain to sponsorship under the Family Shelter program; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.24 Extended Services Required for Heat Warnings and Summer Water Distribution.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (July 13, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health responding to the request by City Council to report further on the Hot Weather Response program, insofar as it pertains to cooling centres, community outreach and education during Heat Warnings; outlining the communication plan when a Heat Warning is called; addressing the distribution of bottled water to the homeless during the summer months; and recommending that:

- (1) expenditures of up to \$100,000.00 for the Hot Weather Response program in 2000 be funded through underspending within the Toronto Public Health and the Shelter, Housing and Support Division to support implementation of Heat Warning activities, including enhanced services such as opening cooling centres, extending library hours, and extending community outreach and education as required;
- (2) details of the under-expenditures in 2000 that may be reallocated for this purpose be included as part of the 2000 Operating Budget variance reporting process;
- (3) funding implications of continuing the Hot Weather Response Program beyond December 31, 2000, be subject to a report to the Policy and Finance Committee as part of the 2001 Operating Budget process for Toronto Public Health;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

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

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health - July 13, 2000)

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

**7.25 Affordable Housing Project - 25 Leonard Avenue.**



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The Committee had before it a communication (July 12, 2000) from the Councillor Olivia Chow, Toronto Downtown, respecting the conversion of an existing medical office building at 25 Leonard Avenue to 51 units of affordable housing; and recommending that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the August 1, 2000, meeting of Council, if necessary, to provide an update on this affordable housing project regarding financing and the agreement of purchase and sale.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, with a request that she report thereon to the Community Services Committee in the Fall, if necessary.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Olivia Chow; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division - July 13, 2000)

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

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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Chair.