

Agenda Index

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date of Meeting: Time: Location: Thursday, March 29, 2001 9:30 a.m. Committee Room 2 City Hall 100 Queen Street West Enquiry: Rosalind Dyers Committee Administrator 392-8018

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

DEPUTATIONS. List to be Distributed at Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

1. INTEGRATED FIRE AND POLICE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT.

City Clerk (February 15, 2001)

Advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on February 15, 2001, received a joint report (January 19, 2001) from the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing the fourth semi-annual status report on the Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

2. AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE TORONTO FIRE SERVICES.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief (February 21, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) Schedule "A" To Section 441-1 of the Municipal Code Fire Services and Inspections be amended by increasing the fee for Items 26, 27 and 28 to \$350.00 and for Item 29 to \$175.00;
- (2) Section 441-1 of the Code be amended to provide for "non-emergency elevator incidents responses" and to impose a fee for service to such responses of \$350.00; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. TORONTO EMS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHER "CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE" ACCREDITATION PROGRAM.

<u>Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services</u> (March 9, 2001)

Providing an update to City Council on the status of an initiative which will result in Toronto EMS Communications Centre achieving internationally recognized professional accreditation; and recommending that this report be forwarded to City Council for information.

4. TORONTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - 2000 QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT.

<u>Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services</u> (February 27, 2000)

Submitting, for information, the 2000 Quality Assurance Report for Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

5. CO-ORDINATING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES IN TORONTO.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (January 12, 2001)

Submitting a copy of a report, entitled "Combining Efforts, Co-ordinating Employment Services in Toronto", dated January 2001, prepared by the intergovernmental Joint Senior Steering Committee (comprised of Toronto Social Services, Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Human Resources Development Canada); noting that the report details the collaborative progress of the three levels of government in maximizing the efficiency and quality of employment service delivery in the City of Toronto; and recommending that the report be received for information.

(NOTE: Deferred from the February 12, 2001, meeting of the Community Services Committee.)

6. LEARNING ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROJECT: CONTRACT RECONCILIATION.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (January 24, 2001)

Providing an update on Toronto Social Services' completion of the financial reconciliation of the Ontario Works demonstration project undertaken by the Learning Enrichment Foundation; and recommending that:

- (1) Toronto Social Services, in conjunction with Ministry of Community and Social Services officials, continue its work with the Learning Enrichment Foundation to effect the final reconciliation as dictated by the terms of the Demonstration Project contract; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

(NOTE: Deferred from the February 12, 2001, meeting of the Community Services Committee.)

7. IMPACT OF PROVINCIAL POLICY ON ELIGIBLE HOURS OF CARE FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

<u>Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services</u> (March 5, 2001)

Advising of a recent change in provincial policy concerning eligible hours of care for clients in receipt of subsidized child care; outlining the service and policy implications for the City and recommending that:

- (1) the City continue discussions with the Ministry to secure the necessary flexibility in the interpretation and application of the new provincial guideline on "eligible hours of care" to support achievement of Ontario Works Program targets and the objectives in the Service Plan for Child Care and report to Council on the outcome of these discussions;
- (2) the City express its concern to the Minister of Community and Social Services that the policy and guidelines respecting "eligible hours of care" does not acknowledge the developmental benefit children receive through placement in high quality child care and that this policy can have a detrimental effect on children as a result of new and more frequent disruptions in their care arrangements as their families' work circumstances fluctuate; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. CLOSURE OF VICTORIA DAY CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (March 8, 2001)

Providing an update on the closure of Victoria Day Care and Family Services; outlining the actions being taken by Children's Services to ensure continued services to children, families and the community previously served by this agency; and recommending that this report be received for information.

9. EARLY YEARS CHALLENGE FUND AND COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR PROGRAM.

Secretary, Board of Health (February 21, 2001)

Advising that the Board of Health on February 19, 2001, had before it a report (February 6, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to a planning process related to the Early Years Challenge Fund and related Community Co-ordinator program; outlining the actions taken by the Board; and forwarding such report to the Community Services Committee for information.

10. CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE - CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP.

City Clerk (March 7, 2001)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on February 27, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that the People for Education be deleted from the membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee.

11. ACCREDITATION REPORT, CAREFREE LODGE HOME FOR THE AGED.

City Clerk (February 16, 2001)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 16, 2001, adopted a report (February 2, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the accreditation report for Carefree Lodge Home for the Aged, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for its information; and
- (2) the management, staff, and volunteers of Carefree Lodge be congratulated for their excellent achievements in quality care and service, as evidenced in the very complimentary report received from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation.

12. ACHIEVEMENT OF 2000 OPERATING OBJECTIVES, HOMES FOR THE AGED DIVISION.

City Clerk (February 16, 2001)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 16, 2001, received a report (February 6, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the achievement of 2000 Operating Objectives, Homes for the Aged Division, and wherein it directed that the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

13. TORONTO HOUSING COMPANY INC. - BOARD VACANCY.

Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Housing Company Inc. (March 6, 2001)

Advising that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company on February 26, 2001, adopted a report (February 14, 2001) from the Chief Executive Officer wherein it recommended that the City be formally advised of the resignation of Ms. Sandy Nimmo, a Tenant Director, and that the Board resolved to fill the vacancy by appointing the CWTC nominee, Mr. Robert Nykor, to serve the balance of Ms. Nimmo's term.

14. UPDATE ON SHELTER SERVICES ISSUES.

<u>Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services</u> (March 16, 2001)

Providing an update in response to a number of issues raised with respect to shelter service in the hostel system, e.g., capacity/access issues, "No Shows", use of beds and mats, review of Hostel Standards, and services for individuals on the street; and recommending that this report be received for information.

15. UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (SCPI).

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (March 19, 2001)

Providing an update on the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI); and recommending that:

- (1) the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program (SWYM) be funded through SCPI for 2001/2002, that Council approve annual project expenditures not to exceed \$550,127.00, at no net cost to the City of Toronto, subject to SWYM entering into the City's prototype SCPI contribution agreement, and that SCPI funds in the amount of \$137,500.00 be advanced to SWYM commencing April 1, 2001;
- (2) the Partners for Access and Identification Program (PAID) be funded through SCPI for 2001/2002; that Council approve annual project expenditures not to exceed \$552,622.00, at no net cost to the City of Toronto, subject to PAID entering into the City's prototype SCPI contribution agreement, and that SCPI funds in the amount of \$127,773.00 be advanced to PAID commencing April 1, 2001;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into SCPI prototype contribution agreements with PAID and SWYM, as described in Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2);
- (4) the Commissioner's delegation of authority to execute SCPI prototype contribution agreements and advance funds to PAID and SWYM effective April 1, 2001, be confirmed;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back in the fall of 2001 with a further update of SCPI initiatives and funding; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(NOTE: Appendix B forwarded to Members of Council only.)