

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, February 12, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, February 12, 2001, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:39 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:39 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.</u>	<u>2:10 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</u>
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	x	x
Councillor Olivia Chow	x	x
Councillor Suzan Hall		x
Councillor Anne Johnston		x
Councillor Norman Kelly		x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x	x
Councillor Michael Prue		x
Councillor Michael Walker		x

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor David Shiner

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on January 11, 2001, were confirmed.

3.1 2001-2005 Capital Programs.

The Committee had before it the following 2001-2005 Capital Programs under its purview:

- Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Fire Services;
- Community and Neighbourhood Services, viz:
 - Children's Services;
 - Homes for the Aged; and
 - Shelter, Housing and Support.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned Capital Programs until its special meeting to be held on February 22, 2001.

(Community Services Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(a), Report No. 2)

3.1a 2001 Operating Budgets.

The Committee had before it the following 2001 Operating Budgets under its purview:

- Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Fire Services;
- Community and Neighbourhood Services, viz:
 - Children's Services;
 - Homes for the Aged;
 - Shelter, Housing and Support;
 - Social Development and Administration; and
 - Social Services.

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The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on February 6, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Library Board and Board of Health that:
 - (1) the recommendations contained in report, titled "Toronto Youth Cabinet City of Toronto Operating Budget Recommendations for 2001", of the CYAC Youth Action Plan be adopted; and
 - (2) the report (February, 2001) from Michele Papas and Mike Foderick, Youth Cabinet, Executive Committee members, titled "Youth Employment Initiative Proposal", be received for information;

- (b) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on February 6, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Library Board and the Board of Health that:
 - (1) the recommendations from the joint report (undated) of the Chair of the Policy Sub-Committee and the Children and Youth Advocate, titled "Children's Action Plan 2001," be adopted; and
 - (2) the report (February 5, 2001) from the Report Card Working Group, titled "Toronto Report Card on Children Update 2000", be received for information;

- (b)(i) (February 7, 2001) from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Olivia Chow providing a summary of the recommendations approved by the Children and Youth Action Committee as part of the CYAC 2001 Action Plan; and recommending that:
 - (1) the CYAC proposes to increase the number of early parenting programs to 1,500 families to support equitable access to parenting supports throughout the City of Toronto and provide culturally-specific programs for parents with children 0 to 6 years of age;
 - (2) the CYAC proposes to expand prenatal group education programs for 750 at-risk and high-risk women across the City of Toronto including the development of culturally-specific programs; and

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- (c) (February 9, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Advisory Committee on February 9, 2001, referred to the Community Services Committee for consideration at its meeting on February 12, 2001, a communication dated February 2, 2001, from the City Clerk respecting a motion by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Prue, pertaining to the continuance of the Tenant Support Grants Program, and wherein it recommended that:

- “(1) additional funds of \$37,500.00 be approved for the Tenant Support Grants Program such funds to be provided from the Corporate Contingency Fund, in order to assist eligible tenant groups who apply for the grants between now and March 31, 2001;
- (2) the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program be reinstated in 2001 and established as an annual program at a funding level of \$300,000.00;
- (3) the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program and associated budget be included in the 2001 budget considerations; and
- (4) this Notice of Motion also be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee.”;

and indicating that the Budget Advisory Committee further requested that the Tenant Support Grants Program remain within the 2000 funding envelope.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Toronto Centre - Rosedale, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee:

- (i) deferred consideration of:
- (1) the aforementioned Operating Budgets; and
- (2) the communication dated February 7, 2001, from the City Clerk advising of the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee with respect to the 2001 Operating Budget of the Toronto Youth Cabinet (Item (a));

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

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- (ii) approved, in principle, those recommendations without financial implications contained in the report, entitled "Children and Youth Action Committee Action Plan 2001" and in the communication dated February 7, 2001, from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Olivia Chow; and further referred such communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration of the financial implications on the 2001 Operating Budget (Item (b)); and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (iii) endorsed, in principle, the following Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3), embodied in the motion by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Prue, respecting the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program for 2001, contained in the communication dated February 9, 2001, from the City Clerk:

- “(2) the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program be reinstated in 2001 and established as an annual program at a funding level of \$300,000.00; and
- (3) the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program and associated budget be included in the 2001 budget considerations;”;

and further referred this recommendation to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for inclusion in the 2001 Operating Budget to be submitted to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on February 22, 2001 (Item (c)).

(Motion carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillors Chow, Duguid, Prue and Walker

AGAINST: None)

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(Community Services Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Children and Youth Advocate; Councillor Pam McConnell - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(b), Report No. 2)

3.2 Appointments to the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (January 11, 2001) from the City Clerk recommending that three Members of the Community Services Committee be appointed to serve on the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee for a term of office expiring on May 31, 2002, in order to hear appeals on the 2001/2002 grants programs under the purview of the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee adopted the aforementioned communication, and appointed the following to serve on the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee:

- Councillor Brad Duguid;
- Councillor Norman Kelly; and
- Councillor Michael Walker.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Brad Duguid; Councillor Norman Kelly; Councillor Michael Walker; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(c), Report No. 2)

3.3 Operation of Protocol for Late Night Entertainment Events.

The Committee had before it a report (January 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services responding to the request to provide a report after six months of operation regarding the Protocol for Late Night Entertainment Events; concluding that the protocol has ensured that City-owned venues are checked and that Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services are present to the extent determined by those agencies; that there does not appear to have been widespread adoption with respect to private property, but that potential changes in provincial legislation may well enable licensing of such events, at which point use of the protocol could be made a condition of licensing; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council that:
 - (a) the Province of Ontario be urged to ensure that the new Municipal Act contains the clause included in the Proposed New Municipal Act allowing a municipality to license "exhibitions, concerts, festivals and other organized public amusements held for profit or otherwise"; **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
 - (b) if the Municipal Act is amended to permit licensing of Late Night Entertainment Events, then Council not introduce such licensing until such time as the Toronto Police Services Board policy is amended to provide for attendance by Paid Duty Officers at any venue where such events occur; **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
 - (c) the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to review its policy regarding provision of Paid Duty Officers to establishments serving liquor, where Late Night Entertainment Events occur, in light of the potential licensing allowed for in the Proposed New Municipal Act regarding "organized public amusements", and thus the potential for mandatory application of the Late Night Entertainment Event Protocol to private property; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

- (d) a City-wide standard of Paid Duty policing be used based on the experiences in the past three years; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (2) received the report of the Commissioner of Urban Development Services. **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)

3.4 Amendments to Emergency Planning By-law No. 27-1998 and Revision to the City of Toronto Emergency Plan.

The Committee had before it a report (January 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of revisions made to the City of Toronto Emergency Plan to reflect the current organizational structure and responsibilities of the Toronto Emergency Planning Office, and of the need to seek Council approval for amendments to the City's Emergency Planning By-law No. 47-1998 in regard thereto; and recommending that:

- (1) approval be given to amend the By-law to add the Manager, Emergency Planning, City of Toronto Emergency Planning Office, as a member of the Toronto Emergency Planning Committee established by the By-law;
- (2) those portions of the report addressing revisions to the Plan be received for information; and
- (3) authority be given to introduce the necessary Bill at Council.

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

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)

**3.5 Response to Request for Report -
Emergency Services on the Waterfront.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief, and the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on September 14, 2000, to report on various issues respecting Emergency Services on the Waterfront, in particular with respect to staffing levels and equipment operated by the Marine Unit of the Toronto Fire Services during 1999, 2000, projections for 2001, and supplemented by information on the staffing and activities of Toronto Emergency Medical Services and the Toronto Police Marine Unit; and recommending that the report be received as information.

Councillor David Shiner, Willowdale, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Walker (on behalf of Councillor Shiner), the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned joint report, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information; and
- (2) directed that the Toronto Police Services Board be requested, for the third time, to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with a co-ordinated response (together with Fire Services and Toronto Emergency Medical Services) on the delivery of emergency services on the Waterfront.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Mr. Norman Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Councillor David Shiner, Willowdale - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(d), Report No. 2)

3.6 Toronto EMS Response to Recommendations Arising from the Fleuelling Inquest, and in Response to Questions Raised on Efforts to Deal with Overcrowding of Hospital Emergency Departments.

The Committee had before it a report (January 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing a response to recommendations arising out of the inquest into the death of Mr. Joshua Fleuelling, as well as a response to questions raised in a brief from Councillor Maria Augimeri on Toronto EMS efforts to deal with overcrowding of Hospital Emergency Departments; and recommending that:

- (1) the following report be received by City Council; and
- (2) specific recommendations that may have a financial implication be considered as part of the 2001 Operating Budget and 2001-2005 Capital Works Budget.

The Committee also had before it a communication (February 9, 2001) from Ms. Karen McNama, National Representative, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, responding to the Toronto Emergency Medical Services recommendations arising from the Fleuelling Inquest.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2)

3.7 Agreement Between Sunnybrook Women's College Health Sciences Centre and Toronto Fire Services for Fire Fighter Training in Defibrillation and Medical Emergency Skills.

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief requesting approval for the continuation and formalization by way of a written agreement with Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, whose staff will teach defibrillation and other medical services as required for Toronto Fire Services; noting that appropriate financing in the amount of \$139,405.60 has been provided for in the 2001 Operating Budget of Toronto Fire Services; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve that Sunnybrook staff continue to provide training and accreditation in defibrillation skills to Toronto Fire Services staff; and

- (2) Council authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to execute the agreement with Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre.

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

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)

3.8 Removal of Fire Alarm Pull Stations at 275 Shuter Street.

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief recommending that approval be given to Toronto Fire Services staff to work out a program with the staff of the Metro Toronto Housing Corporation respecting its building at 275 Shuter Street to remove the fire alarm pull stations contained within.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Fire Chief be requested to report to the Community Services Committee following completion of the project at 275 Shuter Street, such report to include a cost-benefit analysis.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 2)

3.9 Toronto Food Charter and Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report.

The Committee had before it a joint communication (January 25, 2001) from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee, submitting the Toronto Food Charter and the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II report; and recommending that:

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- (1) Toronto Council adopt the Toronto Food Charter;
- (2) Toronto Council adopt the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II report;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services co-ordinate an interdepartmental response to the Food and Hunger Action Committee's Phase II report and report back through the budget process on the implications of the recommendations in the report for the 2001 budget; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee;
- Ms. Rhonda Teitel-Payne, Stop 103 Neighbourhood Food Centre;
- Ms. Debbie Field, Food Share Toronto;
- Mr. Richard DeGaetano, Scarborough Hunger Coalition; and
- Ms. Janice Etter.

The Committee:

- (a) recommended to Council:
 - (i) the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1), (3) and (4), contained in the joint communication from Councillor McConnell and Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski; and

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- (ii) that Recommendation No. (2) be deleted and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"(2) all recommendations contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report that do not have financial implications be approved; and that all recommendations with a financial impact be considered as part of the 2001 Operating Budget, as per Recommendation No. (3)";

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (b) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to provide the report requested in Recommendation No. (3) of the joint communication to the February 22, 2001, special meeting of the Community Services Committee; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
- (c) recommended to the Board of Health that the recommendations pertaining to the Board contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report, attached to the joint communication dated January 25, 2001, from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee, be considered and any resulting recommendations thereon be processed as expeditiously as possible. **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

(Board of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Pam McConnell; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski; Ms. Rhonda Teitel-Payne; Ms. Debbie Field; Mr. Richard DeGaetano; Ms. Janice Etter - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 2)

3.10 Development of a Child Care Centre at 5200 Yonge Street.

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the development of a child care centre and a family resource program at 5200 Yonge Street; noting that construction was included as part of the approved Capital Budget since 2000, and that funding for the project has been allocated in the Child Care Capital Reserve with the original source of funds coming from Sam-Sor Enterprises Inc. and Imperial Oil Limited; and recommending that:

- (1) authority to issue a tender for construction be granted in order to proceed with the completion of the child care centre at 5200 Yonge Street;
- (2) authority be granted to enter into a contract with City Centre Child Care to operate a child care program and a resource centre on the said location on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials 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. 7, Report No. 2)

3.11 Extension of Child Care Subsidies to Recreational Programs for School-Aged Children.

The Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that on September 29, 2000, the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department received notification from the Province of a regulation amendment under The Day Nurseries Act that allows child care fee subsidies to be used by school-aged children in recreation programs; outlining the implications of this policy change for the City; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children Services - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(e), Report No. 2)

3.12 Youth Representation on the Children and Youth Action Committee.

The Committee had before it the following report and communication:

- (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting youth representation on the Children and Youth Action Committee; and recommending that:
 - (1) Council approve increasing the membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee by appointing additional representatives of agencies serving youth;
 - (2) Council approve the appointment of two representatives of the Toronto Youth Cabinet as members of the Children and Youth Action Committee; and
 - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

- (February 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on February 2, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that the following be added to the membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee:
 - Kunle Akingbola, Canadian Red Cross, Toronto Region;
 - Andrea Breen, East Metro Youth Services;
 - Lesley Buresh (alternate - Tina Cutler), Human Resources Development Canada;
 - Keith Carman, Parkdale Focus Community Project;
 - Matthew Curran, YMCA Employment and Community Services;
 - Kay Eastham, OAYEC;
 - Jannett Fagan, Gateway Café Youth Job Network Centre;

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- Madeleine Fleming, Safe Neighbourhoods Network;
- Mike Foderick, Ward 14 Youth Advisory Council;
- Pamela Gawn, YWCA Stop 86 Young Women's Shelter;
- Kiras Gharabaghi, Eva's Initiatives;
- Theresa Glover, The Massey Centre for Women;
- Randy Heasman, St. Stephen's Community House;
- Kazi Hoque (alternate - Andy Mitchell), Community Social Planning Council of Toronto;
- Dawood Khan, For Youth Initiative;
- Fiona Koo, Ralph Thornton Centre;
- Kevin Lee, Scadding Court Community Centre;
- Fred Matthews, Central Toronto Youth Services;
- Keith McNair, Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre;
- Susan Miner, Street Outreach Services;
- Paul Junio Morgan, Secondbase Scarborough Youth Shelter;
- Farah Nembhard, Central Neighbourhood House;
- Phyllis Novak, SKETCH;
- Khan Rahi, Access Action Council;
- Ana Maria Revilla, Riverdale Housing Action Group;
- Heather Sant, JobStart;
- Neda Skific, Harbourfront Community Centre;
- Sally Spencer, Youth Assisting Youth;
- Lancelot Straun, University Settlement Recreation Centre;
- Lance Thrall, Operation Springboard;
- Jamie Toguri, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto;
- Celeste Wentt, Scarborough Youth Resource Centre; and
- two members of Toronto Youth Cabinet still to be designated.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report dated January 25, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the communication dated February 5, 2001, from the City Clerk; (**Motion by Councillor Chow**)
- (2) recommended to the Striking Committee that the following be appointed to the Children and Youth Action Committee:

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- Councillor Maria Augimeri;
- Councillor Irene Jones;
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski;
- Councillor Pam McConnell; and
- Councillor Sherene Shaw; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Children and Youth Advocate be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on March 6, 2001, on the number of current citizen members, the need for an additional 34 new citizen members, terms of reference, mandate, quorum, and appropriate sunset provisions, etc. **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

(Striking Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 2)

3.13 Response to the Notice of Motion to Submit an Application for a New Home for the Aged (Ward 35 - Scarborough Southwest).

The Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the staff actions taken since the Council direction on October 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11, 2000, to submit the City's intention to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to apply to build and operate a new long term care facility; noting that the application is in response to the third and final Request for Proposals released by the Ministry; advising that the site identified in the application is the triangular parcel of land, located at the northwest corner of St. Clair and Midland Avenues; outlining the financial implications with respect to the construction and operation of such a facility; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council formally reconfirm its support for the application for the construction and ongoing operation of a new 178-bed long term care facility to be located on the City-owned property located at the northwest corner of St. Clair and Midland Avenues, and communicate this support to the MOHLTC as required by the application process, by the March 15, 2001 deadline;

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- (2) City Council recognize that the Capital Budget for the project is projected at \$24.0 M (with \$13.35 M in MOHLTC funding towards the cost of construction), and would result in a required cashflow for the period 2002 to 2004;
- (3) City Council recognize that the Operating Budget for the project is projected at \$7.77 M annually (with a \$1.07 M net cost to support the operation of the new Home), that would become operational in the year 2004;
- (4) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for their deliberations and decisions in considering multi-year priorities of all of the projects for the City;
- (5) contingent upon MOHLTC approval of the City's application, and in consideration of the very significant time constraints associated with the MOHLTC approval process, staff be directed to report directly to City Council regarding the next steps required;
- (6) contingent upon MOHLTC approval of the City's proposal:
 - (a) City Council support the notion of a Community Facilities Official Plan designation on the triangular parcel of land located at the northwest corner of St. Clair and Midland Avenues; and
 - (b) staff be directed to submit the additional planning applications (i.e., Zoning By-Law Amendment and Site Plan Control approval) required to support this Official Plan designation and to develop this land with a long term care facility; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Ann Dembinsky, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, appeared before the Community Services Committee in regard thereto, and submitted a communication (February 7, 2001) recommending that City Council formally reconfirm its support for the Homes for the Aged Division's application to construct and operate a new, 178-bed long term care facility.

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

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(Clause No. 15(f), Report No. 2)

3.14 Toronto Report Card on Homelessness 2001.

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submitting the Toronto Report Card on Homelessness 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the recommendations of the Toronto Report Card on Homelessness 2001, specifically that the City of Toronto:
 - (a) forward this report card to the federal and provincial governments, municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area and community stakeholders including funders and service providers;
 - (b) forward this report card to all of the federal, provincial and territorial housing ministers with a request to join the City of Toronto in pressing for a National Housing Strategy;
 - (c) request that the Mayor present this report card to the Big City Mayors' Caucus and the Prime Minister at their meeting scheduled for February 25, 2001;
 - (d) continue to participate in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Policy Options Team and provide the necessary support for the Big City Mayors' efforts;
 - (e) urge all Toronto City Councillors to bring together groups in their communities to explore ways in which to provide further assistance in the City's efforts to help people who are homeless;
 - (f) reaffirm its commitment to maintaining a maximum 90 percent occupancy rate in the emergency shelter system as established by City Council in June 1999;
 - (g) continue to develop emergency shelter services for high risk and under-served groups including couples, gay and transgendered people, people with pets and people requiring harm reduction facilities;
 - (h) continue to support community participation and active involvement of homeless and socially isolated people in City committees;

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- (i) urge the federal government to:
 - (i) fund the proposed Assisted Rental Program at the level suggested in the FCM National Affordable Housing Strategy (October 2000), while maintaining the production volumes suggested in the election platform; and
 - (ii) recognize all non-federal sources as matching contributions in the proposed Assisted Rental Program, including provincial and municipal tax reductions targeted to affordable housing, provincial funding of supportive housing and private contributions;
- (j) urge the provincial government to:
 - (i) collaborate with the federal government, the municipal sector, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to ensure delivery of the Assisted Rental Program as soon as possible;
 - (ii) provide funding for more hospital and community-based mental health supports and addictions services;
 - (iii) provide additional funding for supportive and transitional housing for people with mental health and addictions issues; and
 - (iv) restore rent control legislation to help protect affordable rental housing stock in Toronto;
- (2) Toronto Council approve production of the Toronto Report Card on Homelessness on a biennial basis with brief update reports in the intervening years; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated January 25, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;

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- (b) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to continue to liaise with Federal officials regarding the assistance required in addressing challenges created by fluctuations in refugee claimants seeking shelter; and further that consideration be given to working with the Federal Government to create a facility that specializes as a holding centre for refugee claimants; and
- (c) that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to meet with the Minister of Community and Social Services to request the Province of Ontario to increase efforts to expand the provincial shelter system for abused women; and
- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the status of efforts to establish a homeless infirmary to give shelter to homeless people while they recover from surgical procedures or non-infectious diseases.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)

**3.15 Response to the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee's
"State of the Disaster" Report.**

The Committee had before it a report dated January 25, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the concerns raised in the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee's report "State of the Disaster" pertaining to the City of Toronto's emergency shelter response to homelessness; and recommending that:

- (1) staff conduct a review of current Hostel Standards and report to the Community Services Committee in the fall of 2001;
- (2) staff from Toronto Parks and Recreation, Toronto Public Health and the Shelter, Housing and Support Division review the recently completed inventory of toilet, shower, bathing and

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towel programs operated by the Parks and Recreation Division and assess opportunities for improved interagency co-ordination and improved access for the homeless;

- (3) options be explored to establish additional access points to emergency shelter and other services as part of an overall approach to helping people leave the street;
- (4) the Shelter, Housing and Support Division review the benefits provided through the emergency shelter and Out of the Cold system and report to the Community Services Committee in the fall of 2001 as part of an overall approach to ensuring access to income and shelter benefits for people who are homeless; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it during consideration of the foregoing matter communications from the following:

- (February 7, 2001) from Ms. Barbara Hurd, Chairperson, Federation of Metro Tenants Associations;
- (February 12, 2001) from Ms. Ann Fitzpatrick, Children's Aid Society of Toronto;
- (February 8, 2001) from Mr. Toby Mullally, on behalf of the Street Survivors Program at Central Neighbourhood House;
- (January 2001) submitted by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Seaton House Current and Projected Capacity January 2001"; and
- (February 12, 2001) submitted by Councillor Olivia Chow, headed "Funds to Build Affordable Housing and Shelters".

Subsequent to the meeting a communication dated February 9, 2001, was received from Mr. Steve Watson, National Representative, CAW, expressing comments with respect to the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee's recommendations; attaching a copy of the CAW National Executive Board Statement on the Crisis of Homelessness and information on the CAW Millennium Fund to help homeless youth, and was forwarded to Members of the Community Services Committee under separate cover.

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

- Ms. Kathy Hardill, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, and submitted a copy of the “Seaton House Population Report (Daily)” for January 31 and February 7, 2001, and a copy of an “Availability Check of Shelter Beds for Women”;
- Ms. Irene Jackson, St. Christopher House, The Meeting Place;
- Mr. Calvin Henschell, Regent Park Community Health Centre, and showed a video, entitled “Calling for Men’s Beds”;
- Reverend Bruce McLeod;
- Ms. Barbara Czarnecki, Windmill Line Housing Co-operative, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Julius Deutsch, Toronto/York Region Labour Council;
- Mr. Charlie Diamond, Evangel Hall;
- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, Metro Network for Social Justice;
- Ms. Penny Bethke, Parkdale Community Health Centre;
- Mr. Tooker Gomberg;
- Mr. Henrique Robart, Open Door Centre;
- Mr. David Walsh, Realco Property;
- Dr. Rosemary Gray-Snelgrove, St. Peters/Darchei Noam Out of the Cold, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Beric German, Street Health;
- Mr. Vance Latchford;

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- Reverend Dan Heap;
- Sister Susan Morin; and
- Mr. Jack Edward Maleszyk.

The Committee:

(i) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report dated January 25, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the concerns raised in the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee's "State of the Disaster" Report; and further that: **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(a) City Council direct the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to add 1,000 new beds to the emergency shelter system within the next year; and further to report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee during the 2001 budget process on the implementation of adding such beds to the system, and with a request that the Budget Advisory Committee be urged to fund rapid emergency shelter expansion;

(b) the following Recommendation No. (2), contained in the "State of the Disaster" Report be approved in principle:

"(2) That four dormitory style facilities be opened, which should be run by an aid organization such as the Red Cross, as emergency shelter warming centres. These facilities should be able to accommodate up to 150 men, women and couples, and should be available for the duration of the disaster.";

and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on March 6, 2001, on how the foregoing recommendation can be facilitated;

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- (c) the following Recommendation No. (5), contained in the "State of the Disaster" Report be approved in principle:

"(5) That the above facilities and existing facilities operate from a harm reduction philosophy. There must be adequate staffing levels and adequate staff training with respect to mental health issues, harm reduction, and crisis de-escalation to ensure both safety and the meeting of standards.";

and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on March 6, 2001, on how this can be accomplished;

- (d) the following Recommendation No. (6), contained in the "State of the Disaster" Report be approved, as amended:

"(6) That the Director of Hostel Services be directed to develop a policy on barrings for all City-funded shelters, and that such policy include a consistent barring protocol and clear appeal process, and be posted in every shelter.";

- (e) the following Recommendation No. (7), contained in the "State of the Disaster" Report be approved, as amended:

"(7) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to carry out a special investigation of health standards in the shelter system to work towards improving public health standards. If necessary, Hostel Services must fund any identified deficiencies.";

- (f) the following Recommendation No. (10), contained in the "State of the Disaster" Report be approved:

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"(10) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to develop and implement a strategy for ensuring sufficient access for homeless people to public toilets.";

- (g) the Federal Government be requested to open, as soon as possible, Fort York and Moss Park Armouries for the duration of the winter months;

(Motions to (a) to (g) by Councillor Mihevc)

- (h) given that the Province of Ontario is short-changing the City by \$13.7 million in 2001, the Mayor and City Council demand the Province of Ontario pay the actual cost of operating the homeless shelters;
- (i) the Province of Ontario be reminded that the bare minimum standards for homeless shelters should meet the United Nations' standards for refugee camps;
- (j) \$6.4 million of mortgage renewal savings be restored to the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's budget envelope, and be allotted into either the "Let's Build" budget or the Mayor's Homelessness Initiatives Fund; and
- (k) the \$3 million in the Mayor's Homelessness Initiatives Fund be unfrozen so that it is available to be used in 2001.

(Motions (h) to (k) by Councillor Chow)

- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (1) report directly to Council for its meeting on March 6, 2001, on the foregoing Recommendations Nos. (i)(a) to (g); **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
 - (2) report to the Community Services Committee on the number and location of shelter beds across the City of Toronto that have not

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been opened due to political or community opposition; and
(Motion by Councillor Johnston)

- (3) report to the Community Services Committee on the feasibility of opening homeless shelters in Scarborough- Agincourt within the next three months. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

The following motion by Councillor Kelly was put to a vote and was **lost**:

“That the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:

- (1) explore ways that could empower governments at all levels to remove the homeless from the streets; and report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and
- (2) investigate the feasibility of developing a policy that involves shelter users contributing to the running of the shelters or to other City programs.”

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; All Interested Parties - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(g), Report No. 2)

3.16 Emergency Shelter Capacity Issues.

The Committee had before it a communication (January 25, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons on January 22, 2001, identified a number of urgent issues related to people who are homeless, and requested that the Community Services Committee endorse the following recommendations:

- (1) that the City approve the immediate addition of 300 beds to the emergency shelter system to address the shortfall this winter; and that the City consider opening space at Metro Hall for this purpose or to approach the federal government for use of either the Moss Park or Fort York Armouries; and

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- (2) in an effort to try and determine accurate numbers on the availability of emergency shelter beds, that Toronto Hostel Services be asked to work with emergency shelter operators to determine a practice whereby shelter beds are counted at 11:00 p.m. instead of in the morning as is the current practice.

Ms. Sarah Shartal, Co-ordinator, Income Protection Working Group, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (a) received Recommendation No. (1) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, contained in the aforementioned communication; and
- (b) referred Recommendation No. (2) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration as part of the protocol in meeting the 90 percent occupancy rate objective, including treatment of “no shows”.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Ms. Sarah Shartal - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(h), Report No. 2)

3.17 Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program.

The Committee had before it the following reports:

- (December 22, 2000) from the City Auditor responding to the request of Council to audit and assess the value of the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program; advising that funding in the amount of \$170,000.00 will be in the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department's 2001 Operating Budget request, which is subject to Council's approval; and recommending that:

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- (1) funding for the 2001 Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program be approved as part of the year 2001 budget process, subject to the following:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services prepare a work plan including specific timetables relating to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation report prepared by the Canadian Training Institute; and
 - (b) the implementation of the recommendations contained in this report;
 - (2) future program evaluations of the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program, as well as future evaluations for other similar projects, include a “value for money” component in its evaluation process; and further that program evaluations be required to consider the economy of modules, as well as their effectiveness in attaining performance objectives;
 - (3) the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program modules administered by various community agencies be evaluated in terms of their effectiveness on the basis outlined in the body of this report;
 - (4) specific budgetary controls be initiated in regard to the operation of each module; and that such budgetary controls include an ongoing review process in order to ensure that costs are in accordance with the budget;
 - (5) management information systems currently administered by Youthlink be adapted and utilized in order to incorporate specific program objectives as required by the City of Toronto and Human Resources Development Canada;
 - (6) management information systems be adapted and utilized to facilitate the ongoing evaluation of the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program; and that detailed evaluations which demonstrate the success or otherwise of the program be reported to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services either on a quarterly basis or subsequent to each training module; and
 - (7) this report be forwarded to the Audit Committee for information; and
- (January 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a response to the final evaluation report on the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization (SWYM) Program, based on the separate evaluations of the program carried

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out by the Canadian Training Institute and the City Auditor; and recommending that:

- (1) the City Auditor's recommendation to approve the funding for the Squeegee Working Youth Mobilization Program as part of the year 2001 budget process be endorsed by the Community Services Committee;
- (2) a work plan including specific timetables relating to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the evaluation reports prepared by the Canadian Training Institute and the report prepared by the City Auditor be developed and submitted; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report dated December 22, 2000, from the City Auditor and the aforementioned report dated January 22, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to the necessary funds being available in the 2001 Operating Budget.

(Policy and Finance Committee - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(i), Report No. 2)

3.18 Update on Ontario Works Employment Assistance Programs and Services.

The Community Services Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on Toronto Social Services efforts to further improve the delivery of Employment Assistance programs and services; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council endorse the overall approach and directions set out in this report, including the principles, guidelines and criteria in Attachment A, as the basis for the successful delivery of Employment Assistance programs and services to Ontario Works clients; and

- (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. 11, Report No. 2)

3.19 Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Contract Reconciliation.

The Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until its next regular meeting to be held on March 29, 2001.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Eunice Grayson, Executive Director, Learning Enrichment Foundation; c. General Manager, Social Services - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(j), Report No. 2)

3.20 Update on the National Child Benefit Supplement Strategy.

The Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the implementation of the National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS) in Toronto; and recommending that:

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- (1)
 - (i) City Council reconfirm that the City's savings from the implementation of the National Child Benefit Supplement be reinvested in the continuation of the Shelter Fund program (\$9.6 million) and child care supports (\$2.2 million) as outlined in this report for 2001, contingent on the level of actual NCBS savings;
 - (ii) the reinvestment strategy in subsequent years be reported to Council for endorsement; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until after the Federal Government's second phase National Child Benefit Supplement investment on April 1, 2001.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Community Services Committee; c. General Manager, Children Services - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(k), Report No. 2)

3.21 Co-ordinating Employment Services in Toronto.

The Committee had before it a report (January 12, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until its next regular meeting to be held on March 29, 2001.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(l), Report No. 2)

3.22 Quotation for Fourteen Digital Scanners and Related Software.

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the quotation submitted by RICOH Canada for the supply, delivery, installation and integration of fourteen Digital Scanners and related Software, on a rental basis for five years for Community Services' "Digital Document Management Solution" for seven Children's Services locations within the City of Toronto, be accepted at the total price of \$574,839.00 shown, including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received.

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

- Mr. Jamie Besner, Urban Intelligence; and
- Mr. Brian R. Greatrix, Xerox Canada Ltd.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to investigate the potential savings in bulk purchasing with respect to digital scanners and photocopiers and report thereon directly to Council for its meeting on March 6, 2001.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. General Manager, Children's Services - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 2)

**3.23 Tenant Support Grants Program -
4750, 4752 and 4754 Dundas Street West.**

The Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2001, referred to the Community Services Committee a motion respecting a grant under the Tenant Support Grants Program - 4750, 4752 and 4754 Dundas Street West, and wherein it recommends that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to advance \$1,000.00 of the additional grant that has been approved to the tenants at 4750, 4752 and 4754 Dundas Street West to cover their lawyer's retainer fee; and
- (2) By-Law No. 838-2000 be amended to give the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services discretionary authority to issue advance payments of up to \$1,000.00 for additional grant applications, if tenant groups applying for the grant can demonstrate, in writing, that they require a retainer fee to engage the service of a qualified professional.

Mr. Paul York, Greater Toronto Tenants' Association, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Motion contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 2)

3.24 Tenant Support Grants Program - 65, 71, 75 and 79 Thorncliffe Park.

The Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2001, referred to the Community Services Committee a motion respecting a grant under the Tenant Support Grants Program - 65, 71, 75 and 79 Thorncliffe Park, and wherein it recommends that Council make a grant of \$5,000.00 to the Thorncliffe Park Tenants' Association and such money be allocated from the Tenant Support Grants Program.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Motion contained in the aforementioned communication.

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 2)

3.25 Tenant Support Grants Program - 10 Shallmar Boulevard.

The Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2001, referred to the Community Services Committee a motion respecting a grant under the Tenant Support Grants Program - 10 Shallmar Boulevard, and wherein it recommends that Council make a grant of \$6,000.00 to the tenants at 10 Shallmar Boulevard and such money be allocated from the Tenant Support Grants Program.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk having regard that the tenants of 10 Shallmar Boulevard have withdrawn their appeal for a judicial review of the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal Order on the above-guideline rent increase application for their building.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(m), Report No. 2)

3.26 Preliminary Results of Providing Assistance to Tenants Through the Tenant Support Grants Program.

The Committee had before it a report (February 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the applications to the Tenant Support Grants Program received to date and the results of assisting the tenant groups through the Program; and recommending that the report be received for information.

Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Committee:

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- (1) recommended that City Council request the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal to prepare a report analysing its decisions by city, and forward such report to the City of Toronto; and
- (2) received the report dated February 2, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 2)

3.27 A Blue Print for Child Care and Development Services in Toronto.

The Committee had before it a communication (February 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on February 2, 2001, recommended that the following recommendations contained in the communication dated January 30, 2001, from the Children and Youth Advocate be endorsed in principle:

- (1) that the Children and Youth Action Committee endorse the establishment of a Commission to determine a Blue Print for Child Care and Development Services in Toronto; and
- (2) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the City's Children and Youth Advocate, report to the Community Services Committee, through the Children and Youth Action Committee, regarding the Commission's membership and staff support.

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 for its next regular meeting to be held on March 29, 2001, such report to include the financial impact on the 2001 Operating Budget.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Children and Youth Advocate - February 12, 2001)

(Clause No. 15(n), Report No. 2)

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The Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Chair.