

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 22, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, February 22, 2001 and Monday, February 26, 2001, in Committee Room 1 and 2 respectively, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:44 a.m.

Members Present:

	February 22, 2001		February 26, 2001			
	9:44 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	2:12 p.m. - 4:42 p.m.		9:41 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	12:01 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	2:10 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	x	x		x	x	
Councillor Olivia Chow	x	x		x	x	
Councillor Suzan Hall			x	x	x	x
Councillor Anne Johnston		x	x	x	x	x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x	x		x	x	
Councillor Michael Prue		x	x	x	x	x
Councillor Michael Walker		x	x	x	x	x

Regrets:

Councillor Norman Kelly

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor David Shiner

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

4.1 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.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (i) (February 19, 2001) from Ms. Louise Ktami in opposition to the proposed shelter facility at 717 Broadview Avenue;
- (ii) copy of a Petition signed by approximately 723 people requesting that Chester Village (717 Broadview Avenue) remain as a seniors' residence;
- (iii) (February 23, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Advisory Committee on February 23, 2001, referred back to the Community Services Committee for consideration during its 2001 Capital and Operating budget deliberations the communications from the City Clerk (February 12, 15 and 16, 2001) respecting the response to the Notice of Motion to submit an application for a new Home for the Aged (Ward 35 - Scarborough Southwest); and further that the Budget Advisory Committee requested:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee at that time providing the following information:
 - (i) prioritization of this project;
 - (ii) identification of funding sources; and
 - (iii) where the cost of land and debt charges associated with this project would be absorbed within the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department budget;

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- (b) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the Community Services Committee at that time providing the following information:
 - (i) what planning process has transpired to date respecting this project;
 - (ii) what community consultation has taken place; and
 - (iii) what would be necessary to facilitate the construction of this project; and
- (iv) (February 20, 2001) from Councillor Brad Duguid, addressed to Ms. Karen Kates, Ms. Maureen Gilroy and Ms. Laurie McGugan, in response to a letter they sent to Members of Council with respect to the City's purchase of 717 Broadview Avenue for a family shelter.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee with respect to 717 Broadview Avenue, under the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's Capital Program:

- Ms. Maureen Gilroy, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Albert Stortchak, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Maria Miller, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Mardi Noble, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Karen Kates, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Laurie McGugan, and submitted a brief and a communication (February 22, 2001) from Mr. Dennis Mills, M.P., Toronto-Danforth, advising that the funding for the project at 717 Broadview Avenue does not have Ministerial approval;
- Ms. Nony Ferby, and submitted a video in regard thereto;
- Ms. Maria Varlokostas, Hellenic Homes for the Aged;
- Ms. Rita Apostolidis, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;

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- Mr. Nickitas Nikolopoulos (with translator Ms. Kalliopi Tzalalis), and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Mr. Chris Spathis.

The following made presentations to the Community Services Committee on the respective Capital Programs under their purview:

- Mr. Bob Mavin, Director of Budget Services, Finance Department, providing a corporate overview of the programs for review under the Community Services Committee;
- Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Mr. Alan Speed, Fire Chief;
- Ms. Shirley Hoy, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and provided an overview of the programs for review;
- Ms. Marna Ramsden, General Manager, Children's Services Division;
- Mr. Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division; and
- Ms. Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged Division.

The Community Services Committee:

Works and Emergency Services:

- (I) Toronto Emergency Medical Services:
 - (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001-2005 Capital Program for Toronto Emergency Medical Services; and

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- (b) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services to report to the Community Services Committee on the status of each individual project in the Capital Program;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

(II) Fire Services:

recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001-2005 Capital Program for Fire Services;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

(III) Children's Services:

recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001-2005 Capital Program for Children's Services;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(IV) Homes for the Aged:

recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001-2005 Capital Program for Homes for the Aged, subject to:

- (a) approving the proposed new 178-bed Home for the Aged in Ward 35 - Scarborough Southwest, as recommended in the report dated January 24, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and

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- (b) deferring the Site Redevelopment Project for True Davidson Acres until the period 2004-2006, providing the new Home for the Aged in Scarborough is approved;

and further that the Budget Advisory Committee be advised of the Community Services Committee's support for the Site Redevelopment Project for Albion Lodge;

(Motion by Councillor Johnston)

(V) Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001-2005 Capital Program for Shelter, Housing and Support;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (b) requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the listing price for 717 Broadview Avenue; and

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (c) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with community stakeholders and experts, to prepare a revised forecast on the capital needs for new shelter beds which reflects a increase in the City's homeless population, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee by the summer of 2001.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; All Interested Parties; c. Mr. Alan Cohen, Budget Division, Finance Department - February 26, 2001)

4.2 2001 Operating Budgets.

The Committee had before it a communication (February 12, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on February 12, 2001:

- (i) deferred consideration of:
 - (1) 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; 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));
- (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
- (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

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- (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)).

The Committee also had before it a report and communications from the following in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (February 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee to report on the financial implications on the 2001 Operating Budget arising from the recommendations contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report, "The Growing Season"; noting that the adoption of such recommendations would require a total of \$831,500.00 in additional funds as follows:

- \$625,000.00 for the Community Services Grants Program budget;
 - \$133,500.00 for the Toronto Public Health Operating Budget; and
 - \$73,000.00 for the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Operating Budget;

and recommending that the report be received for information;

- (February 20, 2001) from Ms. Tracy Kett in opposition to any proposed cuts to the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's budget;
- (February 20, 2001) from Mr. Joe Myers, Staff Lawyer, Willowdale Community Legal Services, in support of the Tenant Support Grants Program (Tenant Defence Fund);
- (February 20, 2001) from Ms. Elinor Mahoney, Community Legal Worker, Parkdale Community Legal Services, in support of the Tenant Hotline operated by the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations;
- (undated) from Ms. Caroline Mah in opposition to any cuts to the Shelter, Housing and Support and Social Services Divisions' Operating Budgets;

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- (February 19, 2001) Petition from approximately 50 persons in support of Family Resource Programs operated by the East End Children's Centre, and expressing concern with respect to the impact that funding cuts will have on such programs;
- (February 19, 2001) from parents of the Martin Luther Church Day Nursery expressing concern regarding any proposed cuts to the 2001 Operating Budget of the Children's Services Division; and
- (February 21, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, outlining concerns with respect to the Operating Budgets for Children's Services, Homes for the Aged, Shelter, Housing and Support and Social Services.

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

- Ms. Susan Slater, Vice-Chair, and Mr. Dan McIntyre, Co-ordinator, Tenant Defence Fund, on behalf of the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations;
- Mr. Ken Amoroso, Membership Secretary, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79;
- Ms. Alison Kemper, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons;
- Ms. Janice Etter, Toronto Food Policy Council/Community Reference Group for the Food and Hunger Action Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Debbie Field, Food Share;
- Ms. Judy Shum, Next Door Family Resources, representing the Cooking Healthy Together Partnership;
- Ms. Kirsten Mummenhoff-Cooney, North York Harvest Food Bank, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Richard Brault, Alex Wilson Community Garden, and Mr. Nick Saul, Stop 103, and submitted a communication (February 15, 2001) from Mr. J. Alexander Houston,

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Executive Director, George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation;

- Ms. Aurora Meliton, May Robinson Seniors' Building, "Garden of Eden" project;
- Ms. Fiona Nelson, and suggested that Members of Council read the following:
 - (i) "The Good Society The Humane Agenda" by John Kenneth Galbraith;
 - (ii) "Do We Care? Renewing Canada's Commitment to Health" by Margaret A. Somerville; and
 - (iii) "The Needs of Strangers" by Michael Ignatieff;
- Ms. Mary Gabriele-Skelley, Supervisor, NYAD, Not Your Average Daycare, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Ruth Kottas, Child Care Supervisors Network of Wards 1 and 2, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Pauline Hutchings, on behalf of the Greater Toronto Tenants Association, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Cathy Wright respecting the Children's Services budget;
- Ms. Maria de Wit, Toronto Child Care Advisory Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Cheryl Lajoie, Executive Director, Metro Association of Family Resource Programmes, and submitted an article, entitled "The Origins of Youth Violence";
- Ms. Cheryl De Gras, Supervisor, and Ms. Margaret Ramage, on behalf of the Pat Schulz Child Care Centre, and submitted briefs in regard thereto;
- Mr. Brad Butt, Greater Toronto Apartment Association, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, Housing Action Now Coalition, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Robin Ribeiro respecting the Children's Services budget;

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- Ms. Ulla Knowles, St. Theresa's, on behalf of the Coalition for Student Nutrition, and submitted placemats made by the children at Braeburn Junior Public School;
- Mr. Tom Smarda respecting the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's budget;
- Mr. John Firman, parent and President of the Board, Hester How Child Care Centre, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Ann Fitzpatrick, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Cheryl Chandler, East York/East Toronto Family Resources, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Nadia Djait respecting the Children's Services budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Natalie Guitard and Ms. Janine Cote-Wilkinson, Director of Le Petit Chaperon Rouge, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Doug Smith, parent, St. Stephen's Community House Child Care Centre;
- Mr. Michael Hoechmann, parent, Central Clinton Day Care;
- Ms. Nina Bendali, Red Apple Day Care;
- Ms. Judy Meikle, Director, York University Co-op Day Care;
- Ms. Paulette Burgher, parent, York University Co-op Day Care;
- Mr. Feng Lu, parent, York University Co-op Day Care;
- Ms. Toni Wylie, East End Children's Centre;
- Ms. Mary Francis, Growing Tikes Child Care;

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- Mr. Bob Rose, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Lynne Martens, College Montrose Children's Place;
- Ms. Joylyn Hewitt and Ms. Pauline Eastman, Better Beginnings Now CAP-C, in support of funding for Family Resource Centres;
- Ms. Susan Neilsen, Toronto Adult Student Association;
- Ms. Anna Pacheco-Rye and Ms. Dana Gray, West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre/Family Resource Program, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Rochelle Hopkins respecting the Children's Services budget;
- Mr. Richard Cobbing, Board Member, and Ms. Lourdes Martinez and Ms. Leticia Lamos, parents, Kent Infant Toddlers Daycare Centre;
- Ms. Judy Vellend, Homelessness Action Group, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Mo Srivastava respecting the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Sonnja Paris respecting the Children's Services budget;
- Ms. Alexandra Weir, on behalf of Bond Street Nursery School;
- Ms. Veronica Montegue respecting youth programs, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Ms. Linda Muraca, Junction Daycare Centre.

The following made presentations to the Community Services Committee with respect to the 2001 Operating Budgets under their purview:

- Mr. Bob Mavin, Director of Budget Services, Finance Department, and provided a corporate overview of the programs for review under the Community Services Committee;

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- Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Mr. Alan Speed, Fire Chief;
- Ms. Shirley Hoy, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and provided an overview of the programs for review;
- Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division;
- Ms. Marna Ramsden, General Manager, Children's Services Division;
- Mr. Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division;
- Mr. Eric Gam, Social Development and Administration Division; and
- Ms. Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged Division.

Toronto Emergency Medical Services:

Councillor Walker moved that the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Toronto Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$95,197,200 gross and \$39,084,600 net, which was **carried**.

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

Councillor Duguid moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, be requested to:

- (i) consider the option to lease rather than purchase replacement vehicles, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee by May 2001; and
- (ii) report to the Community Services Committee on the status of the negotiations with the Province of Ontario with respect to the 2000 and 2001 subsidies for Toronto Emergency Medical Services,

which was **carried**.

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Fire Services:

Councillor Duguid moved that:

- (1) the Service Level Adjustment (two trucks out of service) be added back into the Fire Services Operating Budget at a cost of \$2,800,000;
- (2) that fees for false alarms and elevator calls be increased from \$300 to \$350 per vehicle, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with an estimate as to the amount of additional revenue this will generate for the City; and
- (3) that the fees for highway response be increased to the maximum level of \$350, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services provide the Budget Advisory Committee with an estimate as to the amount of additional revenue this will generate for the City;
- (4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Fire Chief, be requested to consider maximizing revenue generating opportunities, such as utilizing the Fire Services name and logo on clothing, accessories, toys, and other appropriate products, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee by June 2001;
- (5) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Fire Chief, be requested report to the Budget Advisory Committee on potential savings and efficiencies from allowing maintenance of the Fire Services fleet to be administered by Fire Services directly, and that such report include examples of vehicles being out of service for extended periods of time for minor repairs and of overcharging for vehicle maintenance;
- (6) the Community Services Committee support in principle the hiring of 55 new firefighters conditional on the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief reporting further on the level of savings identified through the negotiations with the Toronto Professional Firefighters Association in areas such as snow clearing, grass cutting and maintenance;

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- (7) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services in consultation with the Fire Chief considered the option to lease rather than purchase replacement fire services fleet, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and
- (8) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to review the Toronto Fire Services management structure and consider opportunities for rationalization following implementation of the Records Management System.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Councillor Walker moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee the revised 2001 Operating Budget for Fire Services in the amount of \$242,583,800 gross and \$238,869,100 net; and
- (2) the Community Services Committee support the hiring of 55 new firefighters.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7) and (8) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, they were **carried**.

Councillor Johnston requested that the vote on part (6) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid be taken in two separate parts and be split after the words "55 new firefighters".

Upon the question of the adoption of the first portion of part (6) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, viz:

"the Community Services Committee support in principle the hiring of 55 new firefighters",

it was **lost** on a tie vote, as follows:

FOR: Johnston, Mihevc and Prue - 3

AGAINST: Duguid, Hall and Walker - 3

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, viz:

“the Community Services Committee support the hiring of 55 new firefighters”,

it was **carried** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 4

AGAINST: Duguid and Hall - 2

Upon the question of the adoption of the second portion of part (6) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, viz:

“conditional on the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief reporting further on the level of savings identified through the negotiations with the Toronto Professional Firefighters Association in areas such as snow clearing, grass cutting and maintenance”,

it was **lost** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Duguid and Hall - 2

AGAINST Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 4

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, it was **carried**.

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

Social Services:

Councillor Duguid moved that:

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- (A) the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (i) the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Social Services, subject to reducing such budget by a total of \$4,450,000 gross and \$4,708,800 net, as follows:
 - (1) Ontario Disability and Support Program -
Program Delivery \$3.1 million and
associated reduction in GTA Pooling
Revenues of \$0.4 million
(as recommend in (ii) below) - \$2,700,000 net
 - (2) Provincial Technology Initiative -
100 percent funding for implementation
costs - \$1,633,800 net
 - (3) Adjustments based on revised 2000
Projected Actual:
 - (a) Adjustment in Special Needs
Items for OW clients - \$200,000 net
 - (b) Adjustment in Operating
Expenses, e.g., Administration
Fees (Dental, Postage, etc.) - \$100,000 net
 - (4) Defer Repairs and Maintenance
to 2002 - \$75,000 net
 - (ii) that Council decline to pay the \$3,100,000 gross, \$2,700,000 net increase under the Ontario Disability and Support Program - Program Delivery and associated reduction in GTA Pooling Revenues without detailed justification from the Province of Ontario; and further that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to advise the Province and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario of this action;

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- (B) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the most up-to-date caseload estimate available as of the end of March 2001, prior to the final decision being made on the 2001 Operating Budget Ontario Works Caseload; and
- (C) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee, once issues relating to the transition to the BTP System have been addressed, on the advisability and opportunity to consolidate the 14 local offices into 5 to 10 local offices, such report to include the potential cost-savings,

which were **carried**

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Children's Services:

Councillor Chow moved that the Children's Services budget be increased by a total of \$4,333,000 gross and \$866,700 net, as follows:

- (i) payment of actual cost to licensed child care providers Phase II - equity in teaching staff rates and provider rates - \$3,333,000 gross and \$666,700 net;
- (ii) expansion of special needs resourcing programs - addressing children at risk - \$500,000 gross and \$100,000 net; and
- (iii) expansion of family resource programs - better equity of funding across the City - \$500,000 gross and \$100,000 net;

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Children's Services' budget be reduced by a total of \$14,596,400 gross, and \$320,000 net, as follows:

- (i) deferring the implementation of the "early leader" in the Early Childhood Education Development and Care Pilot Project until September 2001 - \$600,000 gross, \$0.0 net;

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- (ii) deferring for one year the 2000 subsidy space expansion - \$13,676,400 gross, \$0.0 net;
- (iii) deferring for one year the contribution to the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund, approved by Council as part of the City of Toronto Daycare Grant being eliminated in 2001 - \$320,000 gross, \$320,000 net,

which was **carried**

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

Councillor Duguid moved:

- (1) that staff review the need to continue to provide City-operated child care services, and report on the potential cost-savings, complications, and impacts of turning over City-owned child care centres to non-profit child care agencies;
- (2) the approval, in principle, of those recommendations without financial implications contained in the report, entitled "Children and Youth Action Committee Action Plan 2001" and in the joint communication dated February 7, 2001, from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Olivia Chow; and
- (3) the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Children's Services.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Councillor Walker moved that part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid be deferred until the June 2001 meeting of the Community Services Committee.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (i) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was **carried** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Chow, Hall, Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 6

AGAINST: Duguid - 1

Upon the question of the adoption of part (ii) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was **carried** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Chow, Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 5

AGAINST: Duguid and Hall - 2

Upon the question of the adoption of part (iii) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was **carried** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Chow, Johnston, Mihevc Prue and Walker - 5

AGAINST: Duguid and Hall - 2

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, deferring part (1) of the motion by Councillor Duguid until June 2001, it was **carried**.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (2) and (3) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid they were **carried**.

Shelter, Housing and Support:

Councillor Walker moved that the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support, subject to:

- (i) reducing such budget as follows:
 - (1) Implement Rent Freeze Campaign \$150,000 gross/net;
- (ii) adding the amount of \$300,000 gross and net to the Tenant Defence Fund for the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program; and

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- (iii) adding the amount of \$6,400,000 for the allocation of mortgage renewal savings to "Let's Build" or Homelessness Initiatives.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Shelter, Housing and Support budget be amended by adding 1000 emergency shelter beds (at \$14.60 net per diem) over a three-year period, at a total cost of \$5,475,000 gross and \$1,766,700 net each year.

Councillor Hall moved that the Shelter, Housing and Support budget be reduced by the following items:

- (2) Eliminate 12 FTEs at Seaton House - \$587,900 gross/net
- (3) Eliminate 1 FTE at Women's Residence - \$37,500 gross/net
- (4) Reduce Hostel Redirect Program - \$288,800 gross/net
- (5) Additional Gapping - \$1,212,000 gross/net
- (6) Reduce Hostel Travel and Supplies - \$267,000 gross/net
- (7) Realize Social Housing Devolution Funding - \$100,000 net

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

Councillor Duguid moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on opportunities to enhance client training within the shelter system; and
- (2) the issue of the 1000 shelter beds be deferred until the end of 2001, once 290 beds have been created.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, it was **carried**

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, it was **lost** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Duguid and Hall - 2

AGAINST: Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 4

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mihevc, it was **carried** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 4

AGAINST: Duguid and Hall - 2

Upon the question of the adoption of part (i) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, it was **carried**

Upon the question of the adoption of part (ii) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, it was **carried** on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Hall, Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker - 5

AGAINST: Duguid - 1

Upon the question of the adoption of part (iii) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, it was **lost** on a tie vote, as follows:

FOR: Johnston, Mihevc and Walker - 3

AGAINST: Duguid, Hall and Prue - 3

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Hall, it was **carried** unanimously.

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Social Development and Administration:

Councillor Mihevc moved that the issue of including \$625,000 net in the Community Services Grants Program budget, such amount arising from the recommendations contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report pertaining to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, be referred to the Grants Sub-Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration, which was **carried**.

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

Councillor Duguid moved that the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration, subject to reducing such budget by a total of \$85,000 gross and \$55,000 net, as follows:

- (i) Eliminate contracted desktop services
March 1 - \$60,000 gross/\$30,000 net

- (ii) Eliminate Social Development Strategy
April 1 - \$25,000 gross/net,

which was **carried**.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Homes for the Aged:

Councillor Johnston moved that the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for the Homes for the Aged, subject to:

- (a) reducing the net budget by \$1,361,300 under Stabilization/Increase in Provincial Funding to result in a zero percent increase; and

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- (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services exploring the potential to utilize the remaining \$1,113,800 under Stabilization/Increase in Provincial Funding, should the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department be required to fund debt charges for the proposed new Scarborough Home for the Aged,

which was **carried**.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Community Services Committee:

Works and Emergency Services:

(I) Toronto Emergency Medical Services:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Toronto Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$95,197,200 gross and \$39,084,600 net;
- (b) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, to:
 - (i) consider the option to lease rather than purchase replacement vehicles, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee by May 2001; and
 - (ii) report to the Community Services Committee on the status of the negotiations with the Province of Ontario with respect to the 2000 and 2001 subsidies for Toronto Emergency Medical Services;

(II) Fire Services:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:
 - (i) the revised 2001 Operating Budget for Fire Services in the amount of \$242,583,800 gross and \$238,869,100 net, which includes the impact of:
 - (1) the addition of two out-of-service trucks, totalling \$2,800,000; and

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- (2) the addition of 55 firefighters, totalling \$2,612,800;
 - (ii) that fees for false alarms and elevator calls be increased from \$300 to \$350 per vehicle, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with an estimate as to the amount of additional revenue this will generate for the City; and
 - (iii) that the fees for highway response be increased to the maximum level of \$350, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services provide the Budget Advisory Committee with an estimate as to the amount of additional revenue this will generate for the City;
- (b) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Fire Chief, to:
- (i) consider maximizing revenue generating opportunities, such as utilizing the Fire Services name and logo on clothing, accessories, toys, and other appropriate products, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee by June 2001;
 - (ii) report to the Budget Advisory Committee on potential savings and efficiencies from allowing maintenance of the Fire Services fleet to be administered by Fire Services directly, and that such report include examples of vehicles being out of service for extended periods of time for minor repairs and of overcharging for vehicle maintenance;
 - (iii) consider the option to lease rather than purchase replacement fire services fleet, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and
- (c) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to review the Toronto Fire Services management structure and consider opportunities for rationalization following implementation of the Records Management System;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

(III) Children's Services:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

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- (i) the adoption of the recommendations contained in the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Children's Services, subject to:
 - (1) reducing such budget by a total of \$14,596,400 gross, and \$320,000 net, as follows:
 - (i) deferring the implementation of the "early leader" in the Early Childhood Education Development and Care Pilot Project until September 2001 - \$600,000 gross, \$0.0 net;
 - (ii) deferring for one year the 2000 subsidy space expansion - \$13,676,400 gross, \$0.0 net;
 - (iii) deferring for one year the contribution to the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund, approved by Council as part of the City of Toronto Daycare Grant being eliminated in 2001 - \$320,000 gross, \$320,000 net;
 - (2) increasing such budget by a total of \$4,333,000 gross and \$866,700 net, as follows:
 - (i) payment of actual cost to licensed child care providers Phase II - equity in teaching staff rates and provider rates - \$3,333,000 gross and \$666,700 net;
 - (ii) expansion of special needs resourcing programs - addressing children at risk - \$500,000 gross and \$100,000 net; and
 - (iii) expansion of family resource programs - better equity of funding across the City - \$500,000 gross and \$100,000 net; and
- (ii) the approval, in principle, of those recommendations without financial implications contained in the report, entitled "Children and Youth Action Committee Action Plan 2001" and in the joint communication dated

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February 7, 2001, from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Olivia Chow; and

- (b) deferred consideration of the following motion by Councillor Duguid until the June 2001 meeting of the Community Services Committee:

"That staff review the need to continue to provide City-operated child care services, and report on the potential cost-savings, complications, and impacts of turning over City-owned child care centres to non-profit child care agencies."

(IV) Homes for the Aged:

recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for the Homes for the Aged, subject to:

- (a) reducing the net budget by \$1,361,300 under Stabilization/Increase in Provincial Funding to result in a zero percent increase; and
- (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services exploring the potential to utilize the remaining \$1,113,800 under Stabilization/Increase in Provincial Funding, should the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department be required to fund debt charges for the proposed new Scarborough Home for the Aged;

(V) Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support, subject to:
- (i) reducing such budget by a total of \$2,543,200 gross and \$2,643,200 net, as follows:
- (1) Implement Rent Freeze Campaign - \$150,000 gross/net
 - (2) Eliminate 12 FTEs at Seaton House - \$587,900 gross/net
 - (3) Eliminate 1 FTE at Women's Residence - \$37,500 gross/net

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- (4) Reduce Hostel Redirect Program - \$288,800 gross/net
- (5) Additional Gapping - \$1,212,000 gross/net
- (6) Reduce Hostel Travel and Supplies - \$267,000 gross/net
- (7) Realize Social Housing Devolution Funding - \$100,000 net;
- (ii) adding the amount of \$300,000 gross and net to the Tenant Defence Fund for the Tenant Support Grants Program and the Outreach and Organizing Program; and
- (iii) adding 1000 emergency shelter beds (at \$14.60 net per diem) over a three-year period, at a total cost of \$5,475,000 gross and \$1,766,700 net each year; and
- (b) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee on opportunities to enhance client training within the shelter system;

(VI) Social Development and Administration:

- (a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration, subject to reducing such budget by a total of \$85,000 gross and \$55,000 net, as follows:
 - (i) Eliminate contracted desktop services
March 1 - \$60,000 gross/\$30,000 net
 - (ii) Eliminate Social Development Strategy
April 1 - \$25,000 gross/net
- (b) referred to the Grants Sub-Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration the issue of including \$625,000 net in the Community Services Grants Program budget, such amount arising from the recommendations contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase II Report pertaining to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department;

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(VII) Social Services:

(a) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

(i) the recommended 2001 Operating Budget for Social Services, subject to reducing such budget by a total of \$4,450,000 gross and \$4,708,800 net, as follows:

(1) Ontario Disability and Support Program -
Program Delivery \$3.1 million and
associated reduction in GTA Pooling
Revenues of \$0.4 million
(as recommend in (ii) below) - \$2,700,000 net

(2) Provincial Technology Initiative -
100 percent funding for implementation
costs - \$1,633,800 net

(3) Adjustments based on revised 2000
Projected Actual:

(a) Adjustment in Special Needs
Items for OW clients - \$200,000 net

(b) Adjustment in Operating
Expenses, e.g., Administration
Fees (Dental, Postage, etc.) - \$100,000 net

(4) Defer Repairs and Maintenance to 2002 - \$75,000 net

(ii) that Council decline to pay the \$3,100,000 gross, \$2,700,000 net increase under the Ontario Disability and Support Program - Program Delivery and associated reduction in GTA Pooling Revenues without detailed justification from the Province of Ontario; and further that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to advise the Province and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario of this action;

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- (b) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the most up-to-date caseload estimate available as of the end of March 2001, prior to the final decision being made on the 2001 Operating Budget Ontario Works Caseload; and
- (c) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee, once issues relating to the transition to the BTP System have been addressed, on the advisability and opportunity to consolidate the 14 local offices into 5 to 10 local offices, such report to include the potential cost-savings.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Grants Sub-Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Children's Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; Executive Director, Social Development and Administration; General Manager, Social Services; Mr. Alan Cohen, Budget Division, Finance Department - February 26, 2001)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:40 p.m. on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Duguid, Hall, Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker

AGAINST: None.

Chair.