

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, June 7, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:40 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.</u>	<u>2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</u>
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Anne Johnston	X	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X	X
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Frances Nunziata

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 May 10, 2001, were confirmed.

7.1 Transfer of Care Delays on Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

The Committee had before it a report (May 28, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the impact of delays in the transfer of patient care at Toronto area hospital emergency departments and the need to review and obtain approvals for strategies to offset the effects these delays are having on ambulance unit availability and response time; outlining the financial implications as a result of these delays; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council endorse the strategies outlined in this report to address the effects that transfer of patient care delays are having on paramedic response times;
- (2) the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager of Toronto Emergency Medical Services meet with the Chief Executive Officers of Toronto area hospitals to review the impacts that transfer of care delays are having on the Toronto Emergency Medical Services and to develop strategies to effectively deal with this trend;
- (3) City Council recommend to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) that standards be established to allow for the timely transfer of patients from the care of paramedics to hospital emergency department staff to effect the immediate return of ambulances to active service;
- (4) City Council further advise the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care of the impact that transfer of care delays are having on ambulance availability and emergency response time within the City of Toronto;
- (5) the General Manager of Toronto Emergency Medical Services undertake immediate steps to protect emergency response time within the City of Toronto, including reductions in the provision of non-emergency inter-facility transfer services at such times and to the extent required to restore emergency response times in the City of Toronto, effective immediately;
- (6) the General Manager of Toronto Emergency Medical Services communicate directly with all health care agencies on the strategies to be employed to address emergency response time issues and further report back to Council on the effectiveness these plans have had on response time and ambulance availability;

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- (7) the General Manager of Toronto Emergency Medical Services report monthly to the Community Services Committee on the impacts of the Toronto EMS budget due to strategies employed to protect emergency response times;
- (8) the General Manager of Toronto Emergency Medical Services continue to negotiate with the MOHLTC for funding for the costs directly attributable to the delays in the transfer of patient care and further to report back to the September meeting of the Community Services Committee on the status of these negotiations; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a copy of a communication (June 6, 2001), addressed to the Chief Executive Officers, Acute Care Hospitals with Emergency Departments' Managers, from Mr. John A. King, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, respecting "Accountability for Patients Arriving in Emergency Departments by Ambulance Services."

The Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) by adding the words "Seniors' Advocate" after the word "Committee", so that such recommendation reads as follows:

"(2) the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Seniors' Advocate, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager of Toronto Emergency Medical Services meet with the Chief Executive Officers of Toronto area hospitals to review the impacts that transfer of care delays are having on the Toronto Emergency Medical Services and to develop strategies to effectively deal with this trend;"

and further that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee for information;

Motion by Councillor Johnston and amended by Councillor Chow)

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- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on June 26, 2001, on the result of:
 - (a) the meeting with the Chief Executive Officers of the Toronto area hospitals; and
 - (b) the negotiations with the Province of Ontario with respect to the \$724,000.00 required immediately to address the transfer of patient care delay crisis in Toronto; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (iii) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services be requested to report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee providing an analysis of the performance of each Toronto area hospital with regard to the delays experienced by paramedics in exercising the transfer of care of patients in emergency departments.

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 6)

7.2 Update on Conversion of Toronto Emergency Medical Services to an All Advanced Life Support Paramedic System.

The Committee had before it a report (May 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on the activity and status of the previously approved conversion of Toronto Emergency Medical Services from a combination primary care paramedic and advanced care paramedic system to an all advanced care system; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and

- (2) Toronto Council endorse continuation of paramedic upgrade training.

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

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) that the Toronto Emergency Medical Service work with post-secondary institutions, such as Humber College and Centennial College, to ensure that prospective paramedics and other Emergency Medical Services employees are trained to the highest standard required for the City of Toronto's operations.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 6)

7.3 Provincial Funding of Land Ambulance Services.

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the outcome of recent negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the funding of Land Ambulance Services; outlining the financial implications of the 2000 operating funding subsidy and noting that 2001 subsidy negotiations will commence once final agreement has been reached on all facets of the 2000 budget; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 18(a), Report No. 6)

7.4 Leasing of Ambulances.

The Committee had before it a report (May 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the request of the Committee to report on the potential of leasing ambulances rather than purchasing replacement ambulances as a potentially cost-savings measure; concluding that it would appear that there would be longer term financial benefits to continue with the purchase of ambulances through the current practices of the five-year vehicle replacement program; noting the reasons for this conclusion; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 18(b), Report No. 6)

7.5 Toronto Fire Services Response to Recommendation Arising from the Inquest into the Deaths of Linda Elderkin and Paul Benson.

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing a response to the Jury recommendations directed to Toronto Fire Services as a result of the Coroner's Inquest into the deaths of Linda Elderkin and Paul Benson at 2362 Queen Street East on January 16, 1999; noting that, although no financial implications are associated with the approval of this report at this time, an amount of \$3,956,103.00 would be required to respond to all of the recommendations from the Inquest; and recommending that this report be received as information and forwarded to the Mayor's Task Force on Fire Services for consideration and development of recommendations as part of its report back to the Community Services Committee on Fire Services resources.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint report; and further directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Chief Coroner of Ontario for information.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 6)

7.6 A.R. Clarke & Co. Tannery Blaze on Eastern Avenue.

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the Committee's request to report on the tannery blaze fire at A. R. Clarke & Co. at 633 Eastern Avenue on March 27, 2001; providing a review of the protocol that deals with critical emergencies, the notification process, and the control of hazardous wastes and chemicals in buildings; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (June 7, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth, respecting the tannery blaze fire at A. R. Clarke & Co.; noting that three public meetings have been held with local residents to discuss the aftermath of the fire; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services prepare an emergency management plan applicable to events such as fires in old factories and abandoned industrial sites in close proximity to residential areas that includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) a lead co-ordinator who is responsible for liaising with various emergency services, City departments, provincial agencies, hydro and gas utilities, and any other organization providing vital community services;
 - (b) a process for notifying nearby residents of any interruption in vital services such as electricity;
 - (c) a process for temporarily housing residents who have to be evacuated from their homes due to health and safety issues; and
 - (d) a mechanism for developing a neighbourhood emergency response plan with the assistance of the local Councillor and City staff;

and that this emergency plan be presented to the Community Services Committee for public review in the Fall of 2001.

- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with Toronto Public Health and Toronto Fire Services, undertake an inventory that identifies all old and/or abandoned factories in close proximity to residential areas that may contain contaminated materials on site which could pose a public health risk and that this inventory be made available to the public.

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On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare an emergency management plan applicable to events such as fires in old factories and abandoned industrial sites in close proximity to residential areas that includes, but is not limited to:
 - (i) a lead co-ordinator who is responsible for liaising with various emergency services, City departments, provincial agencies, hydro and gas utilities, and any other organization providing vital community services;
 - (ii) a process for notifying nearby residents of any interruption in vital services such as electricity;
 - (iii) a process for temporarily housing residents who have to be evacuated from their homes due to health and safety issues; and
 - (iv) a mechanism for developing a neighbourhood emergency response plan with the assistance of the local Councillor and City staff;

and that this emergency plan be presented to the Community Services Committee for public review in the fall of 2001; and

- (b) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Public Health, undertake an inventory that identifies all old and/or abandoned factories in close proximity to residential areas that may contain contaminated materials on site which could pose a public health risk, and that this inventory be made available to the public.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Medical Officer of Health; Councillor Jack Layton - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 18(c), Report No. 6)

7.7 Draft Social Development Strategy Consultation and Release of “Preserving Our Civic Legacy.”

The Committee had before it a report (May 15, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones, Chair, Social Development Strategy Steering Committee providing an update on the findings of the first phase of the community consultation on the Social Development Strategy; submitting a copy of “Preserving Our Civic Legacy”; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services present to the Community Services Committee a revised draft of the Social Development Strategy incorporating the findings of “Preserving Our Civic Legacy”;
- (2) Council approve Phase II of the public consultation on the draft Social Development Strategy which would include public forums in each Community Council area as well as presentations to appropriate Council task forces and advisory committees; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 6)

7.8 Community Services Grants Program - 2001 Allocations.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 24, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 24, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of the report dated May 11, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Community Services Grants Program - 2001 Allocations; and the report dated April 17, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the results of the initial eligibility assessment of applicants under the 2001 Community Services Grants Program; and further advising that the Sub-Committee:

(1) referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on June 7, 2001:

- Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada (CSGP No. 19);
- La Casa Dona Juana (CSGP No. 48);
- CANES Home Support Services (CSGP No.51);
- Centre francophone du Toronto metropolitan/COFTM (CSGP No. 58);
- Community Care East York (CSGP No. 66);
- Coping in Tough Times (CSGP No. 76);
- Dixon Hall (CSGP No. 88);
- Ethiopian Association in Toronto (CSGP No. 104);
- Humber Community Seniors' Services Inc. (CSGP No. 131);
- Iranian-Canadian Senior Citizens' Centre (CSGP No. 135);
- Korean-Canadian Telecare Life Line Inc. (CSGP No. 147);
- Learning Disabilities Association of North York (CSGP No. 153);
- Learning Enrichment Foundation (CSGP No. 154);
- Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association Ontario (CSGP No. 169);
- Scarborough Support Services for the Elderly Inc. (CSGP No. 216);
- Somali Immigrant Women Association (CSGP No. 233);
- St. Christopher House (CSGP No. 242);
- Storefront Humber Inc. (CSGP No. 251);
- Tamil-Eelam Society of Canada (CSGP No. 257);
- Vietnamese Greater Toronto Interlink Services (CSGP No. 286);
- Volunteer Centre of Toronto (CSGP No. 290); and
- WhyyMee Family Counselling Foundation of Toronto (CSGP No. 299);

(2) directed that, with respect to the appeal by Coping in Tough Times (CSGP No. 76), the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to

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review the comments made during the deputation regarding the duplication of services; and

- (3) received the communication dated May 23, 2001, from the West Toronto Support Services for Senior Citizens & The Disabled Inc. having noted the comments contained therein.

The Committee also had before it a report (May 28, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 2001 Community Services Grants Program appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 24, 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$40,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston, appeared before the Community Services Committee and asked questions in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the recommendation of the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee contained in the communication from the City Clerk; (**Motion by Councillor Walker**)
- (2) the adoption of the appeals report dated May 28, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; (**Motion by Councillor Walker**)
- (3) that the Seniors' Advocate and appropriate Grants staff meet with the affected Home Care and Home Help organizations on the proposed changes in municipal support for such programs in 2002, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee in the fall of 2001; and (**Motion by Councillor Johnston**)

- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and appropriate staff meet with the Province of Ontario to determine the types of support required to provide home help that will allow seniors and the disabled to remain in their own homes. **(Motion by Councillor Hall)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department
- June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 6)

7.9 Breaking The Cycle of Violence Grants Program - 2001 Allocations.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 24, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 24, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of the report dated May 14, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 2001 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program; and further reports, for the information of the Committee, having referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on June 7, 2001:

- Canadian Foundation for Children Youth and the Law (BTCV No. 14);
- Christie-Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (BTCV No. 25);
- Ethiopian Association in Toronto (BTCV No. 47);
- Fred Victor Centre (BTCV No. 51);
- Tropicana Community Services Organization (BTCV No. 111);
- Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (Toronto) (BTCV No. 112);
- University Settlement Recreation Centre (BTCV No. 113);
- Vietnamese Youth & Women's Services Association (BTCV No. 114); and
- WhyyMee Family Counselling Foundation of Toronto (BTCV No. 119).

The Committee also had before it a report (May 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 24, 2001; and recommending that:

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

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

- (1) the adoption of the recommendation of the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee contained in the communication from the City Clerk; and
- (2) the adoption of the appeals report dated May 25, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 6)

7.10 Levi Strauss Foundation Grant for the Toronto Youth Cabinet.

The Committee had before it a report (May 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to accept \$30,000.00 (U.S.), approximately \$45,600.00 (Canadian), from the Levi Strauss Foundation for the Toronto Youth Cabinet consistent with the purposes outlined in this report;
- (2) the 2001 Children and Youth Action Committee gross budget allocation, which is in the Corporate Non-Program Expenditures account be adjusted to reflect the additional funding of \$30,000.00 (U.S.), approximately \$45,600.00 (Canadian); and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 6)

7.11 Implementation of the Recommendations of the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase 2 Report “The Growing Season.”

The Committee had before it a joint communication (May 24, 2001) from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee advising that the Food and Hunger Action Committee on May 16, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of a report dated May 16, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the development of an implementation plan for the recommendations contained in the Food and Hunger Action Committee Phase 2 Report “The Growing Season”, and wherein it recommends that:

- (1) the revised Terms of Reference for the Food and Hunger Action Committee, as attached, be approved;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and the Board of Health for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Food and Hunger Action Committee contained in the aforementioned joint communication from Councillor McConnell and Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 6)

7.12 Homes for the Aged - Uncollectible Account.

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting authorization to write-off an uncollectible account, in the amount of \$12,305.93, accumulated on behalf of A.H., a resident at Kipling Acres Home for the Aged from February 1997 until his death on October 24, 1999; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears accumulated on behalf of A.H. while he was a resident at Kipling Acres; and

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

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 6)

7.13 Request for Quotation for the Supply and Delivery of Food and Related Supplies for the Child Care Centres.

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer advising of the results of the Request for Quotation for the supply and delivery of Food and Related Supplies for the Child Care Centres for the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, Children's Services Division for the period June 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002, with the City having the option to renew on an annual basis at marketplace prices at the time of renewal until April 30, 2004; and recommending that the bid submitted by the lowest bidder, Derry Foods Limited in the estimated amount of \$957,902.41 including all charges and applicable taxes for the supply and delivery of Food and Related Supplies be accepted for the period June 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002, renewable on an annual basis until April 30, 2004.

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

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 6)

7.14 Toronto's Childcare Service Plan.

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the scope and intent of the Childcare Service Plan which has been prepared as part of the City's submission to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for provincial funding; and recommending that:

- (1) the implementation principles contained in the attached Childcare Service Plan be endorsed and the Plan be submitted to the Ministry of Community and Social Services in conjunction with the City's 2001 request for provincial subsidy based on the 2001 Operating Budget approved by Council for Children's Services;
- (2) approval be given to host up to six community meetings in the early fall of this year to secure input into the Childcare Service Plan from users of childcare services prior

to ward-based implementation planning; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The General Manager, Children's Services Division, gave an overhead presentation on the Childcare Service Plan.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) to read as follows:

"(2) approval be given to host up to six community meetings in the early fall of this year to secure input into the Childcare Service Plan from users of childcare services prior to ward-based implementation planning; and further that discussion take place at such meetings on Canada's best practices, including the Quebec model of delivering \$5.00 per day child care, and the various challenges faced by the Children's Services Division resulting from provincial actions; and";

- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee in September 2001 on the result of negotiations with the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services, particularly with respect to:

- compliance to the KPMG study;
- payment for playground reconstruction;
- payment for actual costs in operating childcare and family resource centres;
- financial impact of the Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP) Program; and
- the changing demographics of families being subsidized.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services Division - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 6)

7.15 An Early Learning and Child Care Commission.

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a response to the proposal to establish an Early Learning and Child Care Commission in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the City endorse the establishment of a time-limited and independent Early Learning and Child Care Commission in Toronto to develop a communication and advocacy strategy to influence national and provincial policy and funding support for child care and early learning and development;
- (2) City officials participate as part of an Advisory Group to the three-person Commission and provide technical information and assistance as required;
- (3) the findings and recommendations of the Commission be forwarded to Council through the Children and Youth Action Committee and be considered in conjunction with the City's Action Plan for Children; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the July 5, 2001 meeting of the Community Services Committee on:
 - (a) the details of the provincial announcement in May 2001 with respect to the \$114 million for Early Year Initiatives, including the share of funding that Toronto should receive, and the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department's plan for implementing Toronto's share of the funding; and

- (b) the composition of the proposed Early Learning and Child Care Commission.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services Division - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 6)

7.16 Status of the Cost-Sharing Request for the York Before and After School Program.

The Community Services Committee had before it the following report and communication:

- (May 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a status of the cost-sharing request made to the Toronto District School Board by the City with respect to the York Before and After School Program and the need for a funding strategy for 2002; and recommending that:
 - (1) a commitment be given to include \$240,000.00 in the 2002 Children's Services budget request to continue City funding for the York Before and After School Program until the end of the 2001/2002 school year;
 - (2) the City clarify for families enrolling their children in the York Before and After School Program this fall that the second year of the City's transitional funding support will end June 30, 2002;
 - (3) the City immediately renegotiate its service contracts with community operators to provide the York Before and After School Program for one more school year;
 - (4) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (June 6, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the School Advisory Committee on June 5, 2001:

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- (1) supported the recommendation contained in the report dated May 18, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the status of the cost-sharing request for the York Before and After School Program; and
- (2) recommended that the Toronto City Council Liaison Committee (School Advisory Committee) assist and negotiate with the Toronto District School Board to seek long-term, permanent funding for the York Before and After School Program.

Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee:

- (a) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (i) the adoption of the report dated May 18, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to deleting Recommendation No. (2); **(A motion to adopt Recommendation No. (2) was voted on separately and was lost on a tie vote.)**

- (ii) the adoption of Recommendation No. (2) of the School Advisory Committee, subject to such recommendation being amended to read as follows:

"(2) that the Toronto City Council School Liaison Committee (School Advisory Committee) assist the Toronto District School Board to negotiate with the Province of Ontario to seek long-term permanent funding for the York Before and After School Program"; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (iii) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services negotiate with the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services to secure funding for the York Before and After School Program for subsequent years after 2002, and further with a view to expansion of the program across areas of the City of Toronto where such a program is needed and is

economically viable. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

- (b) directed that, in future, the City Clerk be requested to forward Minutes of the School Advisory Committee and the School Liaison Committee to the Children and Youth Action Committee and the Community Services Committee for information; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (c) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Children and Youth Action Committee and the Community Services Committee on:
- the need for Before and After School Programs offered by Libraries, Children's Services, Parks and Recreation, and non-profit organizations;
 - a plan to ensure that these programs are made available across the City of Toronto; and
 - negotiations with the Province of Ontario and any other sources in order to secure funding for such a plan.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Councillor Frances Nunziata; c. Ms. Renee Mina, Committee Secretary, School Advisory Committee - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 18(d), Report No. 6)

7.17 Survey of Toronto Shelters.

The Committee had before it a communication (April 23, 2001) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West, advising that he has been working on the issue of capacity in the City of Toronto shelters and had initiated a survey that was conducted in March 2001 by Ms. Michelle Ell and which focuses on the current capacity and occupancy rates in the system.

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The Committee also had before it a report (May 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the shelter survey regarding bed availability in the City's shelter system, referred to the Committee by Councillor Mihevc; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

- Ms. Michelle Ell;
- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, on behalf of the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee and Church of the Holy Trinity, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council:
 - (a) acknowledge that the supply of shelter beds is not meeting demand in a number of key areas; and **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
 - (b) commit to a goal whereby everyone who requires a shelter bed has access to such a bed; and that this goal be implemented as soon as possible; **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
 - (c) take no action with respect to Council Fire, given the lack of hostel beds for single men, until such time as the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services reports directly to Council on June 26, 2001, on the feasibility of Council Fire being able to continue to provide shelter beds; **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the securing of full funding for the Out of the Cold shelter sites during the summer; **(Motion by Councillor Chow, on behalf of Councillor Layton)**

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- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee in September or October 2001 on:
- (a) additional resources required to implement the goal to provide shelter beds to everyone requiring such beds;
 - (b) an action plan that defines how the Shelter, Housing and Support Division will publicize the goal to those in need;
 - (c) a plan to replace shortages deriving from the closure of the beds at Princess Margaret Hospital;
 - (d) a comprehensive system for tracking hostel beds, allocating empty beds, and for communication between community agencies and the City; and
 - (e) the transitional housing units not included in the occupancy numbers;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (4) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and appropriate staff be requested to develop a simple electronic template for all Members of Council to use in producing their reports to the Community Services Committee on the available sites in their respective Wards that could be used for shelters (as adopted by City Council on April 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, and its special meeting on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001); and further that relevant background information be provided to Councillors to assist in this regard, e.g., the map showing locations of hostels across the City of Toronto; **(Motion by Councillor Chow, on behalf of Councillor Layton)**
- (5) directed that Members of Council be invited to submit their completed reports to the Community Services Committee for consideration with the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, requested in the foregoing Recommendation No. (3); and **(Motion by Councillor Chow, on behalf of Councillor Layton)**

- (6) directed that Members of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons be invited to attend the September or October 2001 meeting of the Community Services Committee at which the foregoing shelter issues will be discussed. **(Motion by Councillor Chow, on behalf of Councillor Layton)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Joe Mihevc; Councillor Jack Layton; Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Ms. Michelle Ell; Ms. Tanya Gulliver; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - June 7, 2001)

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 6)

7.18 Homeless Health Reference Group.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 23, 2001) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on May 22, 2001, recommended the adoption of a joint report (May 22, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the progress of the Homeless Health Reference Group; and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto request that the teaching hospitals located in the City of Toronto, in collaboration with the Shelter Housing and Support Division, develop a common discharge protocol based on the best practices identified in this report;
- (2) the City of Toronto urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to complete negotiations with the Sherbourne Corporation to establish and fund a pilot project infirmary for people who are homeless in the City of Toronto in the 2001-2002 fiscal year, based on the principles identified in this report;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services conduct an inventory of existing homeless services and funding in order to determine the extent to which they meet the harm reduction principles identified in this report, and to develop strategies to address any shortfalls identified through the inventory;
- (4) the City of Toronto incorporate the harm reduction principles identified in this report in the provision of homeless services and grants and urge other service providers and funders of homeless services to do the same in order to ensure consistency and access

to services;

- (5) the City of Toronto urge the Provincial Government to:
 - (a) establish a provincial homeless health framework to specifically address the health care access issues experienced by people who are homeless and which identifies appropriate delivery models and funding sources;
 - (b) continue to invest in supportive and transitional housing; and
 - (c) develop an inter-ministerial process and strategies to address urgent gaps in housing, social and health services available to people who are homeless;
- (6) the City of Toronto continue to urge the Federal Government to invest in affordable housing to ensure that the health needs of people who are homeless are addressed; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Board of Health contained in the aforementioned communication from the Secretary.

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 6)

7.19 Evaluation of the Tenant Defence Fund Outreach and Organizing Project.

The Committee had before it a communication (May 22, 2001) from City Clerk advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on May 16, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of a report (May 6, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it recommended that the following actions be taken in light of the conclusions of the consultant report on Evaluation of the Outreach and Organizing Program ("the Review"):

- (1) the Outreach and Organizing component of the Tenant Defence Fund project be continued as an annual program for tenants in the City of Toronto;

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- (2) the City enter into a purchase of service agreement with the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations (the Federation) at a maximum cost of \$150,000.00, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, retaining the Federation to carry out the Outreach and Organizing component of the Tenant Defence Fund Program for a term commencing May 16, 2001, and ending May 15, 2002, which agreement shall be renewable annually at the option of the City;
- (3) Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 of the Review be adopted and incorporated into the service agreement with the Federation;
- (4) Recommendations Nos. 6 and 7 of the Review be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration in light of the information available from the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal (the Tribunal), and that the Federation's requirements under the service agreement be revised to better reflect the information it can obtain from the Tribunal;
- (5) Recommendation No. 9 of the Review, regarding the number of buildings with above-guideline applications (AGI) which the Federation is required to contact, that the service agreement clarify that the Federation be only required to initiate contact with all such buildings affected by providing notices of its services, and that the number of buildings be expanded to include those with demolition and condominium conversion applications in addition to AGI applications; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect to these recommendations.

Ms. Pauline Hutchings, on behalf of Mr. Paul York, Greater Toronto Tenants' Association, appeared before it the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.)

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 6)

7.20 Appointment of an Administrator for the Purposes of the Ontario Works Act, 1997.

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 14, 2001) from the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) City Council appoint Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, as Administrator under Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, retroactive to April 1, 2001; and
- (2) City Council request approval from the Director of Ontario Works, Ministry of Community and Social Services, for such appointment, as required under Section 43 of the Act.

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

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 6)

7.21 Update on the Implementation of the Ontario Works Service Delivery Model.

The Committee had before it a report (May 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the implementation of the Province's new Service Delivery Model (SDM) in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee in the spring of 2002, following the full implementation of the SDM, on the service and budget impacts related to the operation of the new Model in Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto."

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

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 6)

7.22 2001 Social Assistance Caseload.

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the 2001 Social Assistance caseload, and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

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(Clause No. 18(e), Report No. 6)

7.23 Update on the Results of the Application for a New Home for the Aged in Scarborough Southwest, Ward 35, and Redevelopment of True Davidson Acres.

The Committee had before it a report (June 4, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the application for a new Home for the Aged in Scarborough and the outcome of the bed award decisions made by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC); advising of the need to reconfirm the capital budget and timelines for the redevelopment of True Davidson Acres, given the decision to not award beds to the City of Toronto and recommending that:

- (1) staff report back on the results of the requested debriefing meeting with the MOHLTC, once the reasons for the non-approval of the proposed Scarborough home have been clarified;
- (2) the capital budget of \$24.0 million for the proposed new Scarborough home for the aged be cancelled, deleting the requested cashflow of \$1.0 million in 2001, \$10.0 million in 2002, \$10.0 million in 2003, and \$3.0 million in 2004;
- (3) the redevelopment of True Davidson Acres be deleted from the 2004-2006 period and rescheduled to the 2001-2004 period;
- (4) the approved \$21.6 million capital budget for the True Davidson Acres project be re-established with a cashflow of \$4.8 million in 2001, \$9.6 million in 2002, \$6.24 million in 2003, and \$960 thousand in 2004;

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- (5) staff report back related to the details of the True Davidson Acres redevelopment, including the potential for leased space for an interim period of time, the impact on residents and staff, and a two-phase construction project, once all of the details have been confirmed.
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Johnston moved that the Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (b) that the City-owned land that was designated for the proposed Scarborough Home for the Aged in Scarborough Southwest, Ward 35, be used for affordable housing.

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

Councillor Duguid moved that part (b) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Johnston be amended by adding thereto the following:

“and that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corporate Services, be requested to report thereon to the Community Services Committee, and then the Administration Committee”.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Councillor Chow moved that part (b) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Johnston be amended by adding thereto the following words:

“as directed by Council at its meeting on April 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 and its special meeting on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corporate Services, report to the Community Services Committee on a detailed proposal with regard to the building of affordable housing on this site.

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Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, it was **lost**.

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

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Johnston, as amended by Councillor Chow, it was **carried**.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Community Services Committee, it was determined that City Council at its meeting on April 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 and its special meeting on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001, did not approve any recommendation or motion designating the City-owned land in Scarborough Southwest, Ward 35, for affordable housing should the proposed Scarborough Home for the Aged not proceed. Therefore, the following words in the amendment by Councillor Chow were deleted from the Committee Transmittal to the Policy and Finance Committee:

“as directed by Council at its meeting on April 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 and its special meeting on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001.”

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

“The Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report;
- (b) that the City-owned land that was designated for the proposed Scarborough Home for the Aged in Scarborough Southwest, Ward 35, be used for affordable housing; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corporate Services, report to the Community Services Committee on a detailed proposal with regard to the building of affordable housing on this site.”

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(Clause No. 18(f), Report No. 6)

7.24 Official Opening - Seaton House.

Councillor Chow orally advised that the official opening of Seaton House following its redevelopment will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., and expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work with respect to this project.

Councillor Walker requested that the roll be called prior to adjournment of the meeting:

Present: **Chow, Duguid, Johnston, Mihevc, Prue and Walker**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Chair.