

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, July 5, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, July 5, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:40 a.m. - 12:27 p.m.</u>	<u>2:10 p.m. - 4:32 p.m.</u>
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X	X
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X	X

Regrets:

Councillor Anne Johnston
Councillor Joe Mihevc

Also Present:

Councillor Pam McConnell

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 June 7, 2001, were confirmed.

8.1 Promoting the Toronto Firefighter Training Programs.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 1, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief recommending that:

- (1) the Fire Chief be authorized to undertake a three-year pilot project designed to actively market the Toronto Firefighter Training Programs at the local, provincial, national, and international level;
- (2) the Fire Chief establish a temporary position of Marketing Co-ordinator - Firefighter Training Programs as a three-year secondment;
- (3) for the duration of the three-year pilot project, net revenues generated from marketing Toronto Fire Service (TFS) Training Programs be shared on a 50/50 percent basis between the Toronto Fire Service and the City's capital expenditure plan, with 50 percent of net revenues allocated to the improvement of the TFS training program and 50 percent to be used to subsidize capital expenditures arising from improvements to the TFS training facilities;
- (4) the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer set up a separate corporate account for this initiative which will show total expenditures and revenues for this marketing initiative;
- (5) the successes of this marketing initiative be evaluated at the end of 2004 with the view of establishing this initiative as a permanent business practice; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 2 Report No. 8)

8.2 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Seneca, Durham and Humber Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology, and the City of Toronto.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief respecting the delivery of a revised model of provincial pre-service training to prospective firefighters; and recommending that:

- (1) the City be authorized to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, The Office of the Fire Marshal and each of The Seneca, Durham, and Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology for the purpose of having a pre-service firefighter education and training program developed and maintained for recruits to Toronto Fire Services; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 8)

8.3 Request for Proposal for the Manufacture, Supply and Maintenance of Firefighter Protective Clothing (Bunker Suits).

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 11, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief, and the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the proposal submitted by Total Fire Group for the Manufacture, Supply and Maintenance of fire fighting protective clothing (bunker suits) on a lease program for the period of three years with an option to renew for one year, at an expected maximum cost of \$5 million, in accordance with the requirements of Toronto Fire Services, be accepted as being the proposal having the overall highest ranking based on evaluations combining technical criteria, the maintenance program and being the lowest cost, for suits using proven materials, as determined by the RFP evaluation committee;

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- (2) the Toronto Fire Services staff be authorized to negotiate a contract for the manufacture, supply and maintenance of Morning Pride "Advance" bunker suits with Total Fire Group for a lease program, consistent with the proposal and RFP, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take all required actions including execution of any contract(s) resulting from these negotiations.

The Community Services Committee also had before it during consideration of the foregoing matter copies of facsimile transmissions dated July 5, 2001, from Mr. Peter Hill, Senior Vice President, SafeDesign Apparel Ltd., requesting confirmation that they could not participate in the in camera session of the Community Services Committee regarding the Request for Proposal for the Manufacture, Supply and Maintenance of Fire Fighting Protective Clothing (Bunker Suits), and requesting transcripts and results from the in camera session of the Community Services Committee.

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

- Ms. Alice Sparfel, SafeDesign Apparel Ltd., and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Mary Grilloit, Total Fire Group;
- Mr. Dave Holwell, Chair, TPFPA Health and Safety Committee, and submitted a copy of a communication (undated) addressed to Deputy Fire Chief R. Simpson, in regard thereto;
- Mr. Jim Lee, President, Toronto Professional Fire Fighters' Association; and
- Mr. Greg Shultz.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Kelly moved that the Committee meet privately to discuss the matter of the Request for Proposal for the Manufacture, Supply and Maintenance of Firefighter Protective Clothing (Bunker Suits), having regard that the subject matter may involve litigation or potential litigation, in accordance with the Municipal Act, which was carried.

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The Committee recessed at 4:05 p.m. to meet in camera to consider the aforementioned matter.

Members Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Michael Prue
Councillor Michael Walker

The Board adjourned its private meeting at 4:31 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing members in attendance.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Ms. Alice Sparfel, SafeDesign Apparel Ltd. Ms. Mary Grilloit, Total Fire Group; Mr. Jim Lee, President Toronto Professional Fire Fighters' Association; Mr. Dave Holwell, Chair, TPFPA Health and Safety Committee; Mr. Greg Shultz - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 8)

8.4 U.S.E. Hickson Plant Fire.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing a review of the cause of the U.S.E. Hickson Fire from April 9 to 20, 2000, the response of emergency organizations to the fire, and the relevance of emergency planning pertaining to potential chemical hazardous fires; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned joint report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(a), Report No. 8)

8.5 Toronto Fire Services - Reflections on the Year 2000.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing, for information, a copy of the Toronto Fire Services' "Reflections on the Year 2000", which provides an overview of the Toronto Fire Services' operations during the year; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned joint report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on fire fatality statistics to date in 2001, together with an update on the Fire Services' efforts to continue the "War on Fire" campaign.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(b), Report No. 8)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

8.6 Toronto Fire Services - Review of Task Force Meeting.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing a review of the Fire Services Task Force meeting held on June 18, 2001; noting that the Fire Chief will be responding with the appropriate reports to the Task Force by December 2001 with respect to the criteria and performance of Fireground Incident Technicians; and recommending that the report be received for information purposes.

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

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On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned joint report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief be requested to prepare a joint report to the Community Services Committee, well in advance of the 2001 Operating Budget submissions, confirming the need to hire an additional 55 firefighters, and on any phase-in options and alternative funding sources to offset at least part of the expenditure required.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(c), Report No. 8)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

8.7 Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (June 22, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on June 22, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (June 13, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged recommending that:

- (1) Mrs. Marlene Cater be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, effective June 2001, as the representative of the Toronto Inter-Home Volunteers (T.I.V.), for the period of her term as Chairperson of T.I.V.; 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 recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged contained in the aforementioned communication from the Acting City Clerk.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 8)

8.8 Draft Social Development Strategy.

The Committee had before it a report (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the draft Social Development Strategy as a basis for consulting with the community on Council's strategic priorities, which will inform the City's multi-year planning process;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to City Council by the end of 2001 to seek final approval for the Social Development Strategy; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Keith McNair, President, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

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

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 8)

8.9 Supply, Fitting and Delivery of Prescription Eyeglasses.

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 5, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the quotation submitted by City Optical Inc., the lowest evaluated bid based on Canadian Content, in the estimated amount of \$554,953.35, including all charges and applicable taxes, for the supply, fitting and delivery of prescription eyeglasses to individuals in receipt of Ontario Works throughout the Toronto area be accepted for the period ending June 30, 2002, renewable on an annual basis until June 30, 2004.

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 8)

8.10 Provincial Announcement Respecting Mandatory Literacy Testing and Training Initiative.

The Committee had before it a report (June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a review of the Province's recent announcement regarding its Mandatory Literacy Testing and Training Initiative; outlining the key elements of the initiative; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee in the fall of 2001 when the Province releases details on its phased-in approach for implementing the literacy testing and training initiative;
- (2) Toronto Social Services report any budget implications related to the Provincial changes discussed in this report through the 2002 budget process; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a communication dated May 8, 2001, requesting the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee on a number of issues in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the following items, as listed in the communication dated May 8, 2001, from Councillor Pam McConnell, and that a copy of such report be forwarded to the School Advisory Committee for information:
 - the impact of literacy testing on welfare recipients;
 - the current availability of adult education programs given the

changes in the education funding formula;

- the financial implications for the City, given the elimination of adult services from the public school system and the risk of further sidelading of education costs;
- the length of current waiting lists for addiction treatment programs;
- the likely impact of mandatory programs on those waiting lists;
- the cost of providing adequate addiction services under the proposed plan;
- any mechanisms available for recovering the costs of programs from the Province; and
- the inflation adjusted value of welfare benefits relative to their 1994 levels.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale; c. General
Manager, Social Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 8)

8.11 Ontario Federal Council Leadership Award.

The Committee had before it a report (June 14, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that Ms. Karen Wilson, Toronto Social Services, and Ms. Rosemary Bennett, Ms. Debbie Muldoon, and Ms. Cheryl San Juan from the Social Development and Administration Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department are recipients of an Ontario Federal Council Leadership Award, which recognizes people and teams who have made exemplary contributions towards the Council's key priorities; indicating that the Leadership Award was for their participation in The jobsMARKET for Persons with disABILITIES Steering Committee; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The General Manager, Social Services Division, presented gifts and certificates to the recipients of the Ontario Federal Council Leadership Award.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and further extended its congratulations to the following recipients of the Award:

- Ms. Sonya Broadbridge, Centre for Education and Training;
- Ms. Wendy Nailer, Toronto Consortium of Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities;
- Mr. Bill Wright, Toronto Consortium of Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities;
- Ms. Shirley Curson-Prue, Human Resources Development Canada;
- Ms. Kerry Ann Markle, Ontario Disabilities Support Program, Employment Supports, Ministry of Community and Social Services;
- Ms. Debbie Muldoon, Community Outreach Support, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department;
- Ms. Rosemary Bennett, Community Outreach Support, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department;
- Ms. Cheryl San Juan, Community Outreach Support, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department; and
- Ms. Karen Wilson, Social Services Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Sonya Broadbridge; Ms. Wendy Nailer; Mr. Bill Wright; Ms. Shirley Curson-Prue; Ms. Kerry Ann Markle; Ms. Debbie Muldoon; Ms. Rosemary Bennett; Ms. Cheryl San Juan; Ms. Karen Wilson; c. General Manager, Social Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(d), Report No. 8)

8.12 Recent Changes in the Profile of Toronto's Ontario Works Caseload.

The Committee had before it a report (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting recent changes in the City's social assistance caseload, focussing on overall caseload growth and decline, as well as on key trends related to caseload composition and to changes in the length of time clients remain on assistance; noting the implications with respect to delivery of service; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. General Manager, Social Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(e), Report No. 8)

8.13 2001 Social Assistance Caseload - May Year-to-Date.

The Committee had before it a report (June 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the 2001 Social Assistance caseload May year-to-date; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. General Manager, Social Services)

(Clause No. 19(f), Report No. 8)

**8.14 2001 Per Diem Rates for the City of Toronto's
Directly Operated Child Care Centres.**

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

- (1) effective September 3, 2001, the per diem rates for full fee paying families whose children are enrolled in the City's child care centres be set as follows: \$60.00 per day for infants; \$53.00 per day for toddlers; \$43.00 per day for preschoolers and \$26.00 per day for schoolage;
- (2) families whose children are currently enrolled in either the infant or toddler programs in the City's child care centres be grandfathered at the current blended per diem rate of \$43.00 per day until such time as their child is required to move up to the next age grouping, at which time the new unblended rate for that age grouping will apply;
- (3) per diem rates be reviewed annually and adjusted when necessary to reflect but not exceed salary increases negotiated as a result of City collective bargaining; 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 Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee in September 2001 on how the community-based child care centres are addressing the same challenges as the City of Toronto's directly operated child care centres, namely:
 - (a) meeting provincial guidelines;
 - (b) meeting salary increases and pay equity; and

- (c) reflecting the above two guidelines in their annual reviews and adjustment of per diems.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. General Manager, Children's Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 8)

8.15 Impact on the City of the "Ontario's Early Years Plan".

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a synopsis of the May 10, 2001, provincial announcement of "Ontario's Early Years Plan" and its potential impact on the City's Action Plan for Children, as well as a contrast of Ontario's intended use of federal early child development fund with the initiatives being planned and announced by other provinces and territories proposing a strategy to secure its fair share of funding for early years programs from the two senior levels of government; and recommending that:

- (1) the City continue to seek clarification from the Province of Ontario concerning allocation details for the initiatives announced as part of "Ontario's Early Years Plan";
- (2) the City communicate to the Minister and his provincial officials the City's expectation that based on the child population and the level of demonstrated need in the Toronto community, the City expects its fair share of the federal funding for early child development announced in Ontario's Early Years Plan;
- (3) the City register its very strong concern that increased funding for child care was not part of "Ontario's Early Years Plan" given the demonstrated high level of unmet demand for child care support in this community;
- (4) with the assistance of the Children and Youth Advocate, the City develop a strategy to increase public awareness of the many benefits of high quality child care for children and families and build public recognition that child care is an essential component of any early years plan;
- (5) the City discuss with Human Resources Development Canada potential future opportunities for federal policy and funding initiatives to support more directly the identified child care needs within the City; and

(6) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto. The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Kerry McQuaig, Child Care Educator Foundation; and
- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care.

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

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report;
- (2) that Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair of the Community Services Committee, and Councillor Suzan Hall meet with the provincial Minister of Community and Social Services to express the City of Toronto's position; and
- (3) that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide briefs for both the federal and provincial governments regarding the needs of children and expressing the City's position; and further that a copy of these briefs be forwarded to the School Advisory Committee.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; c. General Manager, Children's Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 8)

8.16 Early Childhood Education, Development and Care Pilot Project.

The Committee had before it a report (June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a progress report on the City's Early Childhood Education, Development and Care (ECEDC) pilot project, and an update on City activities regarding the provincial Early Years Challenge Fund; requesting permission to proceed with Phase 2, including expenditures on the early leader pilot site and subsequent sites; and recommending that:

- (1) funding approval be given to the York Early Years Proposal under the sponsorship of Macaulay Child Development Centre for the purpose of the implementation of an

ECEDC pilot;

- (2) funding approval be given to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education to support the evaluation of all pilot sites;
- (3) funding of \$62,500.00 be approved to support the York Early Years pilot in 2001 with commitment of \$250,000.00 for each of 2002 and 2003; and \$187,000.00 in 2004, the final year of the pilot project;
- (4) funding of \$25,000.00 be approved to support the evaluation component of all the ECEDC pilots in 2001; \$159,300.00 in 2002; \$81,000.00 in 2003 and \$25,500.00 in 2004;
- (5) the application of the York Early Years Proposal to the Provincial Early Years Challenge Fund for matching support be endorsed;
- (6) City staff report further once Order In Council appointments are made to the Toronto Early Years Steering Committee;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (8) 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 the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, General Manager, Children's Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(g), Report No. 8)

**8.17 Potential Impact of Provincial “Superjails” for
Community and Neighbourhood Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the potential impacts of the new provincial “Superjails”, as raised by the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, as they relate to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department; concluding that it has been demonstrated that appropriate discharge protocols and service co-ordination must be in place to help reduce the risk of homelessness for people leaving correctional facilities; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Correctional Services for information; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (May 17, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, following a presentation from the John Howard Society of Toronto respecting the potential impacts of the provincial “Superjails” plan, recommended that the City of Toronto:

- (1) actively oppose the Government of Ontario’s decision to create and eventually privatize Superjails;
- (2) continue to urge other orders of government to address the systemic issues of poverty and homelessness in recognition of their relationship to both incarceration rates and the lack of supports available to people leaving the correctional system; and
- (3) advocate for provincial policies and funding to support diversion programs, alternative sentencing and reinstatement of halfway houses for offenders with non-payment of fines and non-violent crimes.

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

- Ms. Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Barry Scanlon, on behalf of OPSEU;

- Ms. Giselle Dias, Prisoners with HIV/Aids Support Action Network;
- Mr. Roland Rajo, COSTI-North York Housing Help Program, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Ms. Sarah Boyles, Church of the Holy Trinity.

Councillor Kelly moved that the Committee recommend to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) the adoption of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons contained in the communication from Councillor Layton,

which was **lost**.

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

Councillor Duguid moved that the Committee:

- (1) receive the aforementioned report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) refer the communication from the Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to the Chair of the Community Services Committee, with a request that a copy thereof be forwarded to the provincial Minister of Correctional Services for information, together with the brief requested in the following Recommendation No. (3); and
- (3) direct that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to prepare a brief for the Chair of the Community Services Committee to forward to the provincial Minister of Correctional Services outlining the concerns expressed regarding discharge protocols, service co-ordination, and the potential impact of superjails on the City.

which was **carried**.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Ms. Amber Kellen, John Howard Society of Toronto; Mr. Barry Scanlon, on behalf of OPSEU; Ms. Giselle Dias, Prisoners with HIV/Aids Support Action Network; Mr. Roland Rajo, COSTI-North York Housing Help Program; Ms. Sarah Boyles, Church of the Holy Trinity; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; General Manager, Social Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(h), Report No. 8)

8.18 Appeals Report on Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative - Homeless Programs and Services Fund and Small Capital Improvements Fund, and the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - 2000.

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

- (1) \$95,000.00 of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative – Homeless Programs and Services appeals fund be allocated as recommended in Appendix A of this report;
- (2) \$100,000.00 of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative – Small Capital Improvements Fund appeals fund be allocated as recommended in Appendix A of this report;
- (3) \$50,000.00 of the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives (HIF I) appeals fund be allocated as recommended in Appendix A of this report; and
- (4) 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. 11, Report No. 8)

**8.19 Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative -
Allocations for Transitional Housing.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) funding for transitional housing projects in the amount of \$7,865,157.00 to 11 organizations, identified in Appendix 1;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into SCPI funding agreements with the organizations listed in Appendix 1, for the development and provision of transitional housing and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Commissioner and the City Solicitor on terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Commissioner in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (3) a SCPI Contingency Fund be established in the amount of \$1,179,773.00;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to approve the use of SCPI funds in the Contingency Fund under the criteria set out in Appendix 3 and that any such funds so disbursed shall not exceed \$500,000.00 for any one project identified in Appendix 1;
- (5) if Contingency Funds are approved by the Commissioner as described in Recommendation No. (4), the SCPI funding agreement in respect of that project be amended to reflect the additional amount of funding being provided to the project;
- (6) the disbursement of the funding to the organizations identified in Appendix 1, be subject to the project receiving all required planning approvals and having entered into all necessary agreements as described in Recommendation No. (2);
- (7) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to terminate a funding agreement at any time prior to the commencement of construction if, in the Commissioner's opinion, increases in costs would prevent the organization being funded from achieving cost-effective transitional housing targets;

- (8) the Commissioner provide an information report to Council with respect to the cancellation of funding due to circumstances described in Recommendation No. (7); and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto including the introduction of any necessary bills in Council.

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

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 8)

**8.20 Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative - Native Men's Residence:
Emergency Shelter Expansion 14 Vaughan Road - Ward 21, St. Paul's East.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting emergency shelter expansion of the Native Men's Residence at 14 Vaughan Road under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI); and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve SCPI funding for emergency shelter capital in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the approved 2001 Operating Budget to Native Men's Residence for the development costs associated with the expansion of the hostel uses; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into a SCPI contribution agreement with Native Men's Residence, for the development and provision of an emergency shelter and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Commissioner and the City Solicitor; such agreements are to set out terms and conditions which secure the long-term objectives of the SCPI program and to be in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and further that funding under such agreements are deemed to be in the interests of the municipality; and
- (3) recommended funding be conditional, subject to the project receiving and securing the following:
 - (i) all required planning approvals;
 - (ii) evidence of operating and capital funding commitments;

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- (iii) evidence of mortgage financing commitment;
 - (iv) final construction budget approved by City staff;
 - (v) final operating budget approved by City staff; and
 - (vi) or any conditions deemed reasonable and necessary by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to terminate the agreements, and any funding thereunder, at any time prior to the commencement of construction should increases in costs prevent the achievement of a cost-effective project, or if any terms and conditions of agreements have not been met; and
- (5) 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. 13, Report No. 8)

8.21 Shelter Proposal at 2714 Danforth Avenue.

The Committee had before it a report (June 14, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting a proposal by Dixon Hall to purchase and renovate a new 70-bed emergency shelter for men, women, and couples at 2714 Danforth Avenue; and recommending that:

- (1) staff be directed to work with Dixon Hall on the development of a shelter for 70 men, women and couples at 2714 Danforth Avenue;
- (2) Council approve SCPI funding for emergency shelter capital in the amount of \$1.1 million to Dixon Hall towards the acquisition and capital costs associated with the development of a shelter for 70 men, women and couples at 2714 Danforth Avenue;

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- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into a SCPI contribution agreement with Dixon Hall, for the development and provision of an emergency shelter and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Commissioner and the City Solicitor; such agreements are to set out the terms and conditions which secure the long-term objectives of the SCPI program and to be in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor and to advance funds according to the agreement; and further that funding for such agreements are deemed to be in the interests of the municipality;
- (4) recommended funding be conditional, subject to the project receiving and securing the following:
 - all required planning approvals;
 - evidence of operating and capital funding commitments;
 - evidence of mortgage and financing commitment;
 - final construction budget approval by City staff;
 - final operating budget approved by City staff; and
 - or any conditions deemed reasonable and necessary by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to terminate the agreements, and any funding thereunder, at any time prior to the commencement of construction should increases in costs prevent the achievement of a cost-effective project or if any terms and conditions of agreements have not been met; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Mr. Yubun Chiu;
- Mr. Hiro Hattoi;

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- Mr. John Fox, McMillan Binch;
- Ms. Marleane Davidson;

- Ms. Janet Sherbanowski, and submitted a list of social housing, care facilities and crises facilities near the proposed shelter at 2714 Danforth Avenue, together with a map in regard thereto;

- Ms. Nadine Stoikoff;

- Ms. Wendy Arnett;

- Mr. Kirk Thomas, and submitted a proposed motion requesting that the matter be deferred until the September 11, 2001, meeting of the Committee, or until such time as Dixon Hall presents a specific and detailed operating plan for public review, together with a copy of a petition signed by approximately 76 persons in opposition to the proposed redevelopment of 2714 Danforth Avenue as a homeless persons shelter, and a copy of a survey, entitled "Your Opinion Counts" conducted by the Danforth area businesses, which was signed by approximately 732 persons in opposition to a shelter at that location and by approximately 210 in support of the shelter;

- Ms. Yvette Piiparinen; and

- Mr. Bruce McDougall, Executive Director, Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Centre.

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

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

The Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report; (**Motion by Councillor Chow**)

- (2) that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to undertake public consultation as soon as possible after Council's consideration of the proposed shelter at 2714 Danforth Avenue; (**Motion by Councillor Prue**)

- (3) that a community liaison committee be established and that the deputations who appeared before the Community Services Committee

be invited to participate; and **(Motion by Councillor Prue)**

- (4) Dixon Hall be requested to consider allocating space in its shelter for Convention refugee claimants. **(Motion by Councillor Prue)**

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
All Interested Parties c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support -
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(Clause No. 14, Report No. 8)

8.22 Provincial Off The Street, Into Shelter Homelessness Initiative.

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Provincial Off the Street, Into Shelter homelessness initiative, and how the funding will be used to enhance outreach activities for winter 2001/2002; and recommending that:

- (1) the Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be increased by \$1.4 million to incorporate the provincial funding for Off the Street, Into Shelter, with zero impact on the 2001 Operating Budget, subject to 100 percent funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to initiate a Request for Proposal or similar process in line with the seven priority areas identified in this report for funding Off the Street, Into Shelter initiatives;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to Council in the fall with the agencies and projects recommended for Off the Street, Into Shelter funding; and
- (4) 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 the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support -
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(Clause No. 19(i), Report No. 8)

**8.23 Response to the Recommendations of the
Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the recommendations of the Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee; and recommending that:

- (1) the City continue to work with the Aboriginal community to better meet the needs of the Aboriginal homeless population and continue to encourage Aboriginal agencies to apply for existing City homeless program and services funding;
- (2) a new shelter for Aboriginal people who are homeless be developed in conjunction with the City and operated by an Aboriginal agency;
- (3) the Let's Build staff of the Shelter, Housing and Support Division continue to work with Aboriginal agencies interested in developing affordable and transitional housing, and that information sessions, particularly on proposal development, be provided;
- (4) training to increase sensitivity to Aboriginal needs in drop-ins and shelters be co-ordinated by the Shelter, Housing and Support Division in co-operation with Toronto's Aboriginal community;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services continue to work with the Province to develop a detoxification facility for Aboriginal people who are homeless; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee:

- (a) by February 2002, on the success of the implementation of the 31 recommendations developed by the Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee, as embodied in Appendix 4 of Clause No. 13 of Report No. 8 of the Community Services Committee, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 10, 11 and 12, 2000; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

- (b) on the financial responsibilities of the federal government to better meet the needs of Aboriginals who live outside the reservations. **(Motion by Councillor Kelly)**

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 8)

8.24 Additional Approvals and Conditions for Provincial Rent Supplement.

The Committee had before it a report (June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the provincial rent supplement program; and recommending that:

- (1) in regard to the Province's regular RS10,000 rent supplement:
 - (a) Council approve further commitments to a maximum total of 1,841 units (an increase of about 441 units from Council approvals to date), for new supply, private landlords, and/or non-profit landlords;

 - (b) Council reiterate its request that the Province cover rent supplement costs beyond the 2001-2005 funding horizon, until the tenants concerned choose to move or no longer need subsidy;

- (2) in regard to the 436 supportive RS10,000 rent supplement units allocated in Toronto to the Ministries of Community and Social Services and Health and Long Term Care (separate from the 1,841 regular units), the Chair of the Community Services Committee write to the Premier and the relevant provincial ministers seeking assurances of provincial funding indefinitely beyond the 2001-2005 funding commitments; and
- (3) 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. 17, Report No. 8)

8.25 Update Report Regarding Birchmount Residence, A Shelter for Senior Men.

The Committee had before it a report (June 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the development of Birchmount Residence which opened in December 1999 as a shelter for senior men; noting that, as a result of the continued commitment of staff, community members and residents of the Birchmount facility, the program has been successful at integrating into the local neighbourhood; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(j), Report No. 8)

8.26 Initiatives Underway to Increase Hostel Capacity.

The Committee had before it a report (June 22, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the various initiatives currently underway to increase hostel capacity and to improve access to these facilities; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, seconded by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the following motion:

“WHEREAS the sudden closure of Women in Transition on June 25, 2001, has resulted in the loss of a 30-bed shelter (Bloor House) for single adult women, and a 30-bed shelter (Spadina House) for assaulted women and their children;

WHEREAS the City was the primary funder of the 30 beds at Bloor House;

WHEREAS this reduction in beds at Bloor House comes at a time when occupancy levels are high and when more beds are needed for single adult women; and

WHEREAS time is a critical factor:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to take all measures necessary to select and support a proposal from an established community service agency to both develop and operate a new shelter of 30 beds or more for single adult women, and report back to the Community Services Committee on options including the possible purchase of Bloor House and potential agencies to manage a women’s shelter program.”; and

- (2) received the report dated June 22, 2001, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 8)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

8.27 Changes to the Membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (June 22, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on June 20, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the following be appointed as members/alternates to the Children and Youth Action Committee.
- Trustee Nellie Pedro, Toronto District School Board;
 - Trustee Pauline Ling, Toronto District School Board (alternate);
 - Sharon Filger, Child Care Advisory Committee;
 - Maria deWitt, Child Care Advisory Committee (alternate); and
 - Shannon Ryan, United Way; and
- (2) Trustee Lilein Schaeffer, Toronto District School Board (alternate), and Collette Murphy, United Way, be deleted from the membership of the Committee.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the aforementioned communication from the Acting City Clerk.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 8)

**8.28 Development of a Child Care Centre at
610 Jane Street, Ward 13, Parkdale-High Park.**

The Committee had before it a report (June 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) approval be given to proceed with design and construction of a child care centre at 610 Jane Street, subject to an approval to transfer the property to Children's Services at no cost;
- (2) the development of the centre be funded through a contribution from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$905.4 thousand at no net cost to the City of Toronto;
- (3) an appropriate capital account be set up and the required amount be transferred accordingly;
- (4) Children's Services Division be given authority to enter into a contract for operation of the child care centre with a qualified non-profit child care operator selected through an open public process to be completed prior to the completion of the project;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Administration Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Children's Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(k), Report No. 8)

**8.29 Request for Grant from the Tenant Defence Fund -
Brentwood Towers Tenants' Association.**

The Committee had before it a communication (July 3, 2001) from Ms. Mira Sirotic, President, Brentwood Towers Tenants' Association, requesting a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Tenant Defence Fund's Additional Tenant Support Grant (Type 4) to oppose O'Shanter Development Corporation Ltd.'s condominium conversion application to the Ontario Municipal Board.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended that the aforementioned communication be submitted to Council without recommendation; and further that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit a report on the grant application from Brentwood Towers Tenants' Association to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee for consideration at its meeting on July 19, 2001, and to City Council for its meeting on July 24, 2001.

(Tenant Defence Sub-Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Mira Sirotic, President, Brentwood Towers Tenants' Association - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 8)

**8.30 Update on Transfer of Care Delays on
Toronto Emergency Medical Services.**

The Committee had before it a briefing note dated July 4, 2001, prepared by the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services regarding the impact of delays in the transfer of patient care at Toronto area hospital emergency departments and the effects these delays are having on ambulance unit availability and emergency response times.

Mr. Bruce Farr, Director, EMS Operations, Works and Emergency Services Department, provided the Community Services Committee with a verbal presentation on the foregoing matter.

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On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the
aforementioned briefing note.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - July 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 19(1), Report No. 8)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Chair.