

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, November 15, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, November 15, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:38 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:38 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.</u>	<u>2:12 p.m. - 6:15 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 Walker	x	x

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on October 18, 2001, and the Minutes of the joint meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee and the Community Services Committee held on September 20, 2001, as amended by adding Councillor Walker's name in the affirmative in the recorded vote shown on page 14, were confirmed.

11.1 Toronto Fire Services Protocol for Charity Fundraising.

The Committee had before it a report (October 26, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the development of a protocol for City of Toronto employees in Toronto Fire Services to ensure that future fundraising activities comply with Corporate policies; and recommending that Council approve the protocol for Toronto Fire

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Services charitable fundraising.

Ms. Sean Pearce, Toronto Fire Service, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and provided Members of the Committee with a copy of the 2002 Toronto Fire Fighter Calendar.

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

Councillor Duguid moved that the Committee recommend to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned joint report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief;
- (2) that Council endorse the Toronto Fire Fighter Calendar and encourage the Fire Chief to work within the protocol to allow the use of City of Toronto and Fire Service equipment and facilities for the creation and promotion of the calendar;
- (3) that the Fire Chief be authorized to allow the use of the Toronto Fire Service logo and name on the Toronto Fire Fighter Calendar and material associated with the calendar, provided the appropriate protocols are met; and
- (4) that those fire fighters who dedicate their time and effort to create the Toronto Fire Fighter Calendar and engage in numerous fundraising activities to raise thousands of dollars for local charities be commended.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Councillor Mihevc moved that part (3) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid be amended by adding after the words "Fire Chief" the following words:

"in consultation with the appropriate staff of the City's Human Rights office".

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

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

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 13)

11.2 Request for Proposals No. 2104-01-3201 - Console Dispatch System and Digital Audio Switch for the Toronto Central Ambulance Control Centre.

The Committee had before it a revised report (October 31, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that AVTEC Inc., the proponent with the highest overall evaluated score as determined by the evaluation team, be awarded the contract for the supply and installation of a Console Dispatch System and Digital Audio Switch as described in the City's Request for Proposals, excluding workstation monitors, at a total cost of \$2,060,829.90 including all charges and taxes.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 13)

11.3 Toronto Emergency Medical Services - General Manager's Community Advisory Committee and Terms of Reference.

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an overview of the inauguration of the General Manager's Community Advisory Committee; submitting the Terms of Reference for such Committee; and recommending that this report be received and endorsed by the Community Services Committee and City Council.

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

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 13)

11.4 Public Access Defibrillation.

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the implementation plan and timetable to expand the City of Toronto's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program to priority City-owned buildings; providing an update on the expansion of the PAD programs in the Civic Centres; and recommending that:

- (1) the expansion of the current City of Toronto Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program to include the 200 key locations identified in this report be considered as part of the 2002 Capital and Operating Budget process; these locations should be phased in over a four-year period starting with the highest priority sites at a rate of one new site per week;
- (2) the program impact related to this report be reviewed by Acting Chief Financial Officer prior to implementation;
- (3) the role of the Toronto Cardiac Safe City Program agency (Toronto Emergency Medical Services (Toronto EMS), in partnership with Sunnybrook and Women's College Base Hospital) be expanded to include responsibility for medical direction, AED deployment, quality assurance, as well as the purchasing, maintenance and service of all the AEDs;
- (4) Toronto EMS work with Finance Services staff establishing a chargeback mechanism to recover Public Access Defibrillation training expenses from the participating departments;
- (5) Council endorse Toronto EMS establishing and managing a committee that would pursue a long-term fundraising project to encourage private and corporate donations to the Toronto Cardiac Safe City program;
- (6) Council request the Acting Chief Financial Officer to establish a municipal reserve fund designated specifically for the Toronto Cardiac Safe City fundraising project. Under the *Income Tax Act* these donations to the municipality would be tax deductible and the donations would be used to purchase AED equipment and promote PAD programs in the community; and
- (7) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be authorized to take necessary actions to give effect thereto.

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

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(Clause No. 24(a), Report No. 13)

11.5 Establishment of Health Care Emergency Operations Centre.

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the establishment of a specialized Emergency Operations Centre by Toronto Emergency Medical Services for the central co-ordination of the response of all health care agencies in the City of Toronto to a disaster or to a major incident; indicating that the establishment of this Centre will result in one-time start-up costs of \$81,190.00 for the purchase of new equipment and modification of existing office space, and that ongoing operating costs are estimated at \$20,000.00 per year; and recommending that:

- (1) the establishment of an Emergency Operations Centre for the co-ordination of health care in the City, to be located at Toronto Emergency Medical Services Headquarters, be considered as part of the 2002 Operating Budget process;
- (2) during an emergency, the Centre provide a focal point for the exchange of information and the smooth and seamless co-ordination of operations between all stakeholders in the City of Toronto's health care system, including Toronto Public Health, Hospitals, Long-Term Care Facilities, Community Care Access Centres, and Emergency Medical Services;
- (3) the Centre be established within existing space at 4330 Dufferin Street, utilizing dual use of existing space and telecommunications and other infrastructure, in order to make this operation as cost-effective and fiscally responsible as possible; and
- (4) Toronto Emergency Medical Services, as one of the lead City of Toronto agencies for emergency health care, be directed to assume responsibility for the operation of the Centre.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that the specialized Health Care Emergency Operations Centre be consistent with the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

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(Clause No. 24(b), Report No. 13)

11.6 Purchase of Service Agreement - St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch.

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services seeking approval to enter into a Purchase of Service Agreement with St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, which will replace the unconditional annual grant; advising that the direct costs associated with this Agreement will be approximately \$30,000.00 on an annual basis; and recommending that:

- (1) City of Toronto Council approve the principle of entering into a Purchase of Service Agreement with St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch;
- (2) the funding formula for direct billings and, further, the formula established for in kind services provided by Toronto EMS to St. John Ambulance be approved;
- (3) St. John Ambulance resources be made available to Toronto EMS and the City of Toronto in the event of a major community incident through established protocols;
- (4) authority be granted to allow St. John Ambulance the right of first refusal to purchase vehicles and equipment declared surplus by Toronto EMS; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 13)

**11.7 Update on Transfer of Care Delays Experienced
by Toronto Emergency Medical Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (October 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the offloading delays in the transfer of patient care at Toronto-area hospital emergency departments, the time lost at each hospital, and the costs associated with such delays; and recommending that:

- (1) Toronto Council continue to endorse the efforts of Toronto Emergency Medical Services to resolve the offloading delay problem; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; and
(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)
 - (b) that Council once again request the Province of Ontario to pay 100 percent of the cost to cover the transfer of care delays experienced by Toronto Emergency Medical Services; and
(Motion by Councillor Chow)
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, be requested to provide the Community Services Committee at its next regular meeting to be held on January 16, 2002, with a financial estimate of the productivity losses resulting from Toronto EMS staff having to wait at hospital Emergency Rooms to off-load ambulance patients. **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 13)

**11.8 Update on the New Patient Priority System
for Distributing Ambulance Patients.**

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on recently implemented changes to the criteria for the distribution of ambulance patients to hospital emergency departments; advising that this system replaces the Critical Care Bypass and Redirect Consideration; noting that all training costs will be reimbursed by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, or from existing budgets; and recommending that Council accept this report for information, and continue to support Toronto Emergency Medical Services in their efforts to deal with emergency department overcrowding and ambulance diversion.

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

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 13)

**11.9 Forecast of Future Demands for Services -
Toronto Emergency Medical Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (October 30, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the forecasting of future service demands and resource requirements, using both the call volume data generated by Toronto Emergency Medical Services as part of its quality assurance process and demographic data; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(c), Report No. 13)

11.10 Implications of the Provincial Response to the Child Care Service Plan.

The Committee had before it a report (October 22, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the provincial response to the City's proposed Child Care Service Plan and confirming the level of provincial funding approved for child care for 2001; outlining the service and financial implications of these provincial decisions on the City's 2001 Action Plan for Children, and a 2001 spending strategy for child care; proposing how the National Child Benefit savings will be used to support the child care needs of Ontario Works clients; and recommending that:

- (1) the City continue to document the pressing need for child care expansion and advocate for increased provincial and federal funding support;
- (2) the cost-shared funding approved by the Province be used to provide on average a 2.1 percent base increase in per diem rates paid to licensed child care operators under subsidy contract and an average increase of 2.1 percent in service contract base funding for family resource centres and special needs resourcing and that the child care subsidy space ceiling be adjusted accordingly;
- (3) the money approved for child care from the National Child Benefit savings be used to increase the child care subsidy specifically designated for Ontario Works clients by 280 spaces, thereby mitigating the impact of possible reductions in the regular fee subsidies available;
- (4) the City use the remaining unspent net City funding of approximately \$3.3 million approved in the Children's Services 2001 Operating Budget to address high priority health and safety issues, including required playground retrofits in child care programs across the City; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (November 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on October 31, 2001, directed that the Community Services Committee be advised that it does not support the clawback of the National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS), that it supports continued use of the NCB savings in shelter, and also recognizes the need for sustainable funding of child care; and recommended

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that, in following Council's decision to use \$2.2 million to support child care, the money must be:

- spent on quality licensed child care;
 - targeted to benefit children on social assistance; and
 - used on an interim basis until another source of sustainable public funding is identified; and
- (November 14, 2001) copy of a document, entitled "Backgrounder: The termination of Ontario's child care?", which was submitted by Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 Trinity Spadina.

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

- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care;
- Ms. Sharon Filger, Chair, Child Care Advisory Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Jim Tsatsos, Toronto Home Child Care Association, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Cheryl DeGras, Pat Schulz Child Care Centre Program, and on behalf of the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Nina Bendali, Red Apple Daycare; and
- Ms. Virginia Thomson, Junction Daycare.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
(Motion by Councillor Johnston)
 - (b) that the Chair of the Community Services Committee request an urgent meeting with the provincial Minister of Community and Social Services on matters related to funding cuts to regulated child care and family resource centres; **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

- (c) that the appropriate staff of the Children's Services Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, together with the Child Care Advisory Committee and other community partners, i.e., family resource centres, be requested to develop an urgent action notice for distribution across all regulated child care centres and family resource centres in Toronto; such notice to include information on MPPs to contact, and on other ways to become involved in opposing funding cuts to both the child care and family resource centres;
- (d) that the Children's Services Division support appropriate actions opposing the deregulation and cuts to the child care and family resource systems in Toronto and Ontario; and

(Motions (c) and (d) by Councillor Mihevc were carried on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillors Chow, Duguid, Hall, Johnston, Mihevc and Walker

AGAINST: Councillor Kelly

- (e) that a copy of the report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, together with any amendments thereto, be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for distribution to Ontario municipalities and to the Early Learning and Child Care Commission for appropriate action; and **(Motion by Councillor Johnston, and amended by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to prepare an analysis of the potential economic and social impacts of provincial deregulation of the licensed child care and family resource systems; and further that this report be prepared for consideration during the City's 2002 Operating Budget process, for advocacy with the provincial and federal governments, and be forwarded to the Early Learning and Child Care Commission. **(Motion by Councillor Johnston)**

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care; Ms. Sharon Filger, Chair, Child Care Advisory Committee; Mr. Jim Tsatsos, Toronto Home Child Care Association; Ms. Cheryl DeGras, Pat Schulz Child Care Centre Program; Ms. Nina Bendali, Red Apple Daycare; Ms. Virginia Thomson, Junction Daycare; c. General Manager, Children's Services - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 13)

11.11 Early Childhood Education Development and Care Pilot Project.

The Committee had before it a report (October 26, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising of the need for expenditures on the remaining sites in Phase 2 of the City's Early Childhood Education, Development and Care (ECEDC) pilot project; and recommending that:

- (1) funding approval be given to the Corvette Early Years proposal under the sponsorship of Not Your Average Daycare (NYAD), the Queen Victoria Early Years Project proposal under the sponsorship of The Crèche and the Action for Children Today and Tomorrow (ACTT) proposal under the sponsorship of East York/East Toronto Family Resources for the purpose of the implementation of an ECEDC pilot;
- (2) expenditure commitments, for the remaining allocated funds within the Social Services Stabilization Reserve Fund, of up to \$184,200.00 for each pilot, or \$553,200.00 in 2002, \$553,200.00 in 2003 and, in principle, \$553,200.00 in 2004 be approved;
- (3) the applications of all three pilots to the Provincial Early Years Challenge Fund be supported for matching funding from the Province;
- (4) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee; 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 the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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(Clause No. 24(d), Report No. 13)

11.12 Ontario Early Years Centres and Early Literacy Initiative.

The Committee had before it a report (October 31, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information concerning the Ontario Early Years Centres and Early Literacy Initiative and the implications for the City's Children's Strategy; and recommending that the City:

- (1) confirm its support in principle for increased provincial funding for early literacy and family resource centre programs that support families in their parenting role;
- (2) stress to the Province the critical need identified in Toronto's Child Care Service Plan for increased funding to licensed programs which provide early childhood education and care to children;
- (3) advise the Province that the City is willing to assist in achieving the objectives within the Ontario's Early Years Plan that are consistent with the City's mandate, structure and the City's Children's Strategy;
- (4) seek further clarification from the Province concerning the roles and relationship of the provincially appointed local Early Years Steering Committee, and the proposed Local Champion of Ontario Early Years Centres with respect to the development of the local early years plan;
- (5) this report be referred to the Toronto Board of Health and Toronto Public Library Board for information; and
- (6) authorize appropriate local officials to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (November 12, 2001) from Ms. Susan Fletcher, Executive Director, suggesting that before the Province implements Early Years Centres, particularly ones located in schools, it needs to change the formula used to calculate school capacity; and further that this issue should be added to the recommendations for discussion.

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

- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care; and
- Ms. Lesley Siegal, Toronto Association of Family Resource Programs.

The Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (2) that the City of Toronto request the Federal Government to:
 - (a) in future, attach criteria on the use of the funding instalments under the Early Childhood Development Fund initiatives, in order to prevent misuse of such funds by the provincial government; and
 - (b) transfer the funds directly to municipalities with child care services and family resource centres; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)
- (3) that a copy of the report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, together with any amendments thereto, be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for distribution to Ontario municipalities for appropriate action. **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 13)

11.13 Increased Child Care Space in Schools.

The Committee had before it a report (October 29, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on October 18, 2001, to report on the possibility of increasing child care space in school facilities and the need for increased City funding to cover the added occupancy costs of such additional space; outlining the process for the joint annual review of current square footage available to child care programs in school settings for the purpose of updating the City's child care occupancy cost agreements with the Boards of Education; 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, Children's Services - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(e), Report No. 13)

**11.14 Governance Review, Homes for the Aged -
Final Report.**

The Committee had before it a report (October 26, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services reporting on the options and findings of the governance review of the Homes for the Aged, conducted by The Hay Health Care Consulting Group; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Homes for the Aged - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(f), Report No. 13)

**11.15 Naming of the New Home for the Aged -
"Wesburn Manor" (Ward 3 - Etobicoke Centre).**

The Committee had before it a communication (November 2, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on November 2, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (October 26, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the name "Wesburn Manor" be endorsed as the name for the new Home for the Aged, to be located at the corner of The West Mall and Burnhamthorpe Road, as suggested by representatives of residents, staff, volunteers and the Community Reference Group; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for approval.

On motion by Councillor Hall, 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 City Clerk.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 13)

11.16 Retirement Home Standards of Care.

The Committee had before it a report (October 21, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee in September 2001 to report on what should be included in regulations on retirement home standards of care, including the limitations of existing City by-laws in this regard and any other implications; and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto reiterate that:
 - (a) the provincial government develop mandatory Province-wide standards of care;
 - (b) such standards be enforced by a body at arm's length from both government and the retirement home industry, consisting of representatives from the industry and appointments to represent consumers, advocates and government;
 - (c) the provincial government assume the full costs of the development and enforcement of resident standards of care;
- (2) the City of Toronto strongly urge the provincial government to base provincial standards of care on an enhanced version of the Lodging Houses By-law of the former City of Etobicoke as outlined in this report; 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 from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 13)

**11.17 Surplus TTC Owned Property at 640 Lansdowne Avenue -
Status of Negotiations with Leisureworld Inc. (Ward 18 - Davenport).**

The Committee had before it a communication (October 16, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Administration Committee on October 16, 2001, received a report (October 2, 2001) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, entitled "Surplus TTC Owned Property - 640 Lansdowne Avenue, Status of Negotiations with Leisureworld Inc.", wherein it noted that both Leisureworld Inc., through its agent, and the Shelter, Housing and Support Division have withdrawn their interest in the property, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Clause No. 24(g), Report No. 13)

11.18 Social Development Strategy.

The Committee had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of the Social Development Strategy; providing a summary of the Strategic Directions; and recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the Social Development Strategy as the social policy component of the City's Strategic Plan;
- (2) the Social Development Strategy be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Fiona Nelson appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and

- (2) directed that the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be requested to report to the next regular meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on January 16, 2002, on the feasibility of taking legal recourse, a legal challenge under the Constitution, or a class action suit against the federal and provincial governments, due to the cutbacks the City of Toronto is experiencing with respect to its social programs.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor; Ms. Fiona Nelson - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(h), Report No. 13)

11.19 Changes in City Funding of Homecare/Homehelp Services.

The Committee had before it a report (October 21, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update following the meetings held by staff and the Senior's Advocate with organizations affected by the proposed changes to City funding of homecare/homehelp services; and recommending that:

- (1) subject to the approval of the 2002 Operating Budget, up to \$95,000.00 be allocated from the 2002 Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) to provide transitioning funding to affected programs; 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 (November 15, 2001) from Ms. Odette Maharaj, Executive Director, Scarborough Support Services, in support of the recommendations contained in the report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

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(Clause No. 24(i), Report No. 13)

**11.20 Community Services Grants Program -
Adequacy of Funding.**

The Committee had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on May 10, 2001, to report on the adequacy of the Community Services Grants Program budget in meeting the funding needs of community-based programs; 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. Liane Regendanz, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Mr. Chung Tang and Mr. Duberlis Ramos, representing the Chinese Canadian National Council, Toronto Chapter, the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, the Hispanic Development Council, and the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and further directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit to the Grants Sub-Committee in January 2002 a program request to develop a community initiatives funding program in the amount of \$400,000.00, which was **carried on the following recorded vote.**

FOR: Councillor Chow, Hall, Mihevc and Walker

AGAINST: Councillor Duguid and Kelly

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Liane Regendanz, St. Stephen's Community House; Mr. Chung Tang, Chinese Canadian National Council; Mr. Duberlis Ramos, Hispanic Development Council; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Committee Secretary, Grants Sub-Committee - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(j), Report No. 13)

11.21 Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto - 2002 Service Agreement.

The Committee had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the establishment of a service agreement with the Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto (CIT); advising that a flatline base budget request of \$331,565.00 is contained in the 2002 Consolidated Grants Budget, and that the funding level under the service agreement will be dependent on Council approval of the 2002 Operating Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto in accordance with the service and legal requirements, terms and conditions contained in this report;
- (2) once the agreement is signed, funding be flowed to CIT under the interim appropriation authority; 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. 13)

11.22 Youth Employment Job Development Project.

The Committee had before it a report (October 31, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the activities of the Youth Employment Job Development Project; and recommending that:

- (1) the Ontario Association of Youth Employment Centres be allocated an amount of \$80,000.00 to support the development of effective partnerships with business and community-based youth employment service providers;
- (2) the recommended funding be utilized for the purposes described in this report, to be completed by April 30, 2002; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action

to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 13)

11.23 Current Status of the Shelter System in Toronto.

The Committee had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on initiatives to increase hostel capacity in the single adults and youth and family shelter systems, and recommending that up to \$850,000.00 in annual operating and one-time capital funding under the Off the Street, Into Shelter initiative be approved for a client referral centre at no net cost to the City; and recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$750,000.00 in annual operating costs and up to \$100,000.00 in one-time capital costs from Provincial Off the Street, Into Shelter funding to operate a client referral centre to assist single adults and youth to access available shelter beds and related services, conditional on no new net costs to the City;
- (2) the Chair of the Community Services Committee brief the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the federal Minister of Public Works and Government Services on the growing homelessness situation in Toronto prior to the meeting of federal and provincial Ministers of Housing at the end of November;
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee on actions taken to address current pressures on the family shelter system in Toronto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (November 14, 2001) from Ms. Victoria Schei, respecting the impacts on West Hill Public School resulting from the number of families being housed in the Kingston Road motels for extended periods of time;

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- (November 15, 2001) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee, Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate, Councillor Michael Feldman, Chair, Capital Revolving Fund Reference Group and Co-Chair, Rental Action Plan, Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski and Councillor Pam McConnell, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Task Force, Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, Councillor Joe Pantalone, Co-Chair, Rental Action Plan and Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee, Councillor Sherene Shaw, Diversity Advocate, and Councillor Michael Walker, Chair, Tenant Defence Sub-Committee, submitting an open letter to the Federal and Provincial Ministers Responsible for Housing, on the need to address the shortage of affordable housing in Toronto at the meeting of Housing Ministers in Quebec City on November 30, 2001, and on the need for an agreement on funding a workable and effective affordable rental housing program; and
- (November 15, 2001) from Councillor David Soknacki, requesting that Recommendation No. (3) contained in the report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be amended to read as follows:
 - “(3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee on actions taken to address current pressure on the family shelter system in Toronto, without revisiting the three-year plan to reduce the use of Kingston Road motels to shelter homeless families;”.

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

- Councillor Ron Moeser, Ward 44, Scarborough East;
- Ms. Connie Henderson, Principal, West Hill Public School, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Kathy Hardill, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, and submitted a copy of “State of the Disaster Update 2001”;
- Mr. Calvin Henschell, Regent Park Community Health Centre, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Mr. James Kagoshima, Homeless person, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

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The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
 - (b) that Council be advised that the Community Services Committee endorses the use of the Toronto City Hall basement as a client referral centre to assist single adults and youth to access available shelter beds and related services;
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on December 4, 2001, on:
 - (i) any outstanding issues related to the feasibility of using City Hall as a client referral centre, and on the results of any further consultation in this regard; and
 - (ii) the impact of the additional beds introduced into the shelter system in October and November, and on whether such beds have reduced the occupancy rate to the Council-approved maximum of 90 percent; and
- (3) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee, after the resolution of the Emergency Shelter By-law issue, on the matter of the Kingston Road motels.

(Motions (1) to (3) by Councillor Mihevc)

The following motion by Councillor Chow, amending a motion by Councillor Duguid on behalf of Councillor Soknacki, was withdrawn.

“That the motion by Councillor Duguid, on behalf of Councillor Soknacki, be amended to read as follows:

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- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee, after the Emergency Shelter By-Law has been approved by Council, on actions taken to address current pressure on the family shelter system in Toronto, without revisiting the three-year plan to reduce the use of Kingston Road motels to shelter homeless families unless:
- (i) the Province of Ontario would not provide any additional funding to build new abused women's shelters in Toronto; and
 - (ii) the City of Toronto is not able to build new shelters to accommodate families in Kingston Road motels.”

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Ron Moeser, Ward 44 Scarborough East; Councillor David Soknacki, Ward 43, Scarborough East; Ms. Connie Henderson, Principal, West Hill Public School; Ms. Kathy Hardill, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee; Mr. Calvin Henschell, Regent Park Community Health Centre; Mr. James Kagoshima, Homeless person; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 13)

11.24 Interim Report on the City's Response to the Jordan Heikamp Inquest Recommendations.

The Committee on November 15, 2001, had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a update on the development of the City's response to the Jordan Heikamp Inquest recommendations and identifying implications for the 2002 budget process; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health for information;
- (2) the City of Toronto ask the Province to provide additional funding to increase the number of Young Parent Resource Centres, formally known as maternity homes, in Toronto;
- (3) the City of Toronto again ask that the Province provide additional funding to increase the capacity of the abused women's shelter system in Toronto;

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- (4) Council endorse, in principle, the proposal to expand the Robertson House program model for high-risk homeless mothers to four other shelters in Toronto as part of a co-ordinated approach to service provision for high-risk young women who are homeless, subject to approval of the financial implications to be reviewed in the 2002 Operating Budget submission of Shelter, Housing and Support Division; 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:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report of the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide a one page briefing note for the meeting of the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Suzan Hall, and the provincial Minister of Community and Social Services with regard to the funding issues arising out of the Coroner's Jury recommendations following the Inquest into the death of Jordan Heikamp.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services c.
General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 13)

**11.25 Ongoing City Administration of the Provincial Funding
and Approvals for Various Programs Under the Shelter,
Housing and Support Division.**

The Committee had before it a report (October 28, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the ongoing City administration of the provincial funding and approvals for the Supports to Daily Living Program, the Community Partners Program and the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative, the Off the Streets Into Shelter Fund, and the Provincial Homeless Initiatives Fund; and recommending that:

- (1) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract annually with the Province for the City administration of the Supports to

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Daily Living Program and to contract with community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix A conditional on 100 percent funding from the Province;

- (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract annually with the Province for the City administration of the Community Partners Program and to contract with community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix B conditional on 100 percent funding from the Province;
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract annually with the Province for the City administration of and 20 percent cost-sharing in the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative;
- (4) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract with community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix C and be authorized to release up to 40 percent of the 2001 budget for the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative prior to final approval of the 2002 budget as consistent with the Interim Operating Budget Estimates report;
- (5) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract annually with the Province for the City administration of the Provincial Homeless Initiatives Fund conditional on 100 percent funding from the Province;
- (6) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract annually with the Province for the City administration of the Off the Streets, Into Shelters Fund (OSIS) conditional on ongoing recognition from the Province of existing City programs as representing the City's 20 percent share in the funding of this program;
- (7) Council approve an in year budget adjustment of \$78,138.00 (gross) and \$0.0 (net) to the 2001 budget of the Shelter, Housing and Support Division to accommodate HR pressure funding provided by the Province for the Supports to Daily Living Program and the Community Partners Program;
- (8) Council approve the issuance of the 2001 HR funding amounts to agencies as detailed in Appendix A, B, and C in this report;
- (9) Council approve an in year budget adjustment of \$64,999.00 (gross) and \$0.0 (net) to the 2001 Consolidated Grants budget to accommodate HR pressure funding provided by the Province for the Provincial Homeless Initiatives Fund which is part of the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF);

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- (10) in July of 2002, the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services provide a report to Council on the services provided under this service contract in 2001;
- (11) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for their consideration; and
- (12) 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 the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(k), Report No. 13)

11.26 Enhancing Access to Public Washrooms.

The Committee had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to a request to report on options to increase access to public washrooms, in particular for people who are homeless; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health and the Works Committee for information and appropriate action;
- (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Medical Officer of Health, and other relevant City departments, be asked to investigate and report back on the feasibility of automatic public toilets for the City of Toronto similar to those used in European and U.S. cities;
- (3) City staff continue current activities to promote co-ordination, training and incremental improvements under existing program funding to address this issue; and

- (4) 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 aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 13)

11.27 Front Street Extension and Long-Term Operation of Eva's Phoenix.

The Committee had before it a joint report (October 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to City Council's request for a report on the options available to ensure the long-term operation of Eva's Phoenix, a shelter and training facility for homeless youth, in light of the need to demolish the building at 11 Ordnance Street to allow for the construction of the Front Street Extension; noting that the Front Street Extension Project will include the cost of relocating the Eva's Phoenix facilities; and that every effort will be made to relocate within the neighbourhood; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. General Manager,
Shelter, Housing and Support - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(I), Report No. 13)

11.28 Progress Report on the Let's Build Affordable Housing Development.

The Committee had before it a report (November 1, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on recent achievements and upcoming activity under the City's Let' Build initiative, including the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing; 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, Shelter, Housing and Support - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(m), Report No. 13)

11.29 Development Proposals for 57 Units of Affordable Housing on Sites Owned by Not-For-Profit Groups - Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale and Ward 40 Scarborough.

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting grants and loans from the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing (CRF) in order to proceed with redevelopments to create approximately 57 units of affordable housing under the Let's Build program and to obtain approval to enter into mortgages and other agreements deemed appropriate to secure the provision of these affordable housing units; and recommending that:

- (1) the business case submitted by the Shaw House Corporation be accepted under the Let's Build program as an Affordable Housing Project for the development of approximately six affordable rental housing units as part of a building to be renovated at 108 Lakeshore Avenue, City of Toronto, pending confirmation of acceptable development and operating costs by the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and further that, as used herein, "Shaw House Corporation" means Shaw House Corporation or another entity associated with and controlled by it and acceptable to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) the business case submitted by St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre be accepted under the Let's Build program as an Affordable Housing Project for the development of approximately 51 affordable rental housing units as part of a building to be renovated at 3333 Finch Avenue East, City of Toronto, pending confirmation of acceptable development and operating costs by the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and further that, as used herein "St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre" means St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre or another entity associated with and controlled by it and acceptable to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;

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- (3) subject to the required planning approvals for the purpose of securing affordable rental housing, Council authorize grants and loans from the Capital Revolving Fund (CRF) being an amount not to exceed the following amounts:
 - (a) a grant of up to \$90,000.00 to Shaw House Corporation, a not-for profit organization, for the redevelopment of 108 Lakeshore Avenue; and
 - (b) a combination of loan and grant not to exceed \$589,000.00 to St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre, a not-for-profit corporation, for the redevelopment of 3333 Finch Avenue East;

all on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (4) the grants and loans detailed in Recommendation No. (3) are deemed to be in the interests of the municipality;
- (5) the Affordable Housing Agreements, Grant and Loan Agreements and any other agreements deemed appropriate by the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor for the making of grants and loans for the provision of affordable housing to lower-income households for at least the duration of the mortgage loans referenced in this report be authorized, all in form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (6) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into the agreements described in Recommendation No. (5) and any other agreements deemed appropriate by the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor on terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Acting Commissioner in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (7) the termination of grant and loan negotiations and arrangements with either of the two not-for-profit groups be authorized at any time prior to commencement of construction if increases in costs would prevent the achievement of the affordable housing targets outlined in the business plans put forward by the proponents;
- (8) the advancement of the capital grant and loan from the CRF be conditional upon the not-for-profit groups obtaining a first mortgage commitment on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions

to give effect thereto.

Councillor Kelly noted that the Ward number in the heading of the report was incorrect and should read "Ward 40 Scarborough", rather than "Ward 39 Scarborough".

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

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 13)

**11.30 City of Toronto Consolidated Grants
Allocation Report: Termite Research Grant.**

The Committee had before it a report (November 2, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the University of Toronto Termite Research Project; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the Termite Research Grant of \$99,000.00 for the year 2001; 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. 16, Report No. 13)

11.31 Tenant Forum on the Rental Housing Situation.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 30, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on October 30, 2001, received a report (October 22, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of Council to report on the organization of a tenant forum on the rental housing situation; and directed that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

Councillor Walker verbally indicated that he had sent a flyer to every tenant in his Ward regarding the proposed tenant forum and urged Members of Council to do the same.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and requested Councillor Walker to forward a copy of his flyer to all Members of Council.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
Councillor Michael Walker; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(n), Report No. 13)

11.32 Ontario Works Mandatory Literacy Testing and Training.

The Committee had before it a report (October 30, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse Toronto Social Services' direction with respect to implementation of the Province's mandatory literacy testing and training initiative; and
- (2) 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 aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 19, Report No. 13)

11.33 Changes to Membership - Children and Youth Action Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (November 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on October 31, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) Ms. Linda Silver, Toronto Association of Family Resource Programme, be appointed as the representative member of the Children and Youth Action Committee; and that Ms. Angela Ottolino be the alternate;
- (2) Mr. Guy Van Berkel, JobStart's Manager, Youth Department, be added as the alternate member to represent JobStart; and

- (3) Ms. Mandy Pipher and Mr. Ian Thompson of the Toronto Youth Cabinet be added as alternate members to the Children and Youth Action 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 City Clerk.

(Clause No. 22, Report No. 13)

11.34 Hearing and Vision Impairment Among School-Aged Children.

The Committee had before it a communication (November 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on October 31, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that:

- (a) the report (October 10, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted, wherein it recommended that:
- (1) the Children and Youth Action Committee advocate for the development, printing and distribution of educational materials to promote recognition of the signs and symptoms of hearing and vision problems among parents and other care providers;
 - (2) the Children and Youth Action Committee advocate with the Boards of Education that mechanisms be put in place to increase teacher awareness of the signs and symptoms of hearing and vision problems;
 - (3) the Children and Youth Action Committee advocate with the Boards of Education that policies and procedures be developed to address the follow-up of children who are identified with signs and symptoms of hearing and/or vision problems;
 - (4) the Children and Youth Action Committee establish a multi-stakeholder group, including, but not limited to, the Boards of Education and Toronto Public Health to address the above recommendations; and
 - (5) the Children and Youth Action Committee forward this report to the Boards of Education for their consideration;

- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (b) that the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health be referred to the Policy Sub-Committee for consideration in the 2002 Action Plan, and that the Boards of Education research what is being done in selected schools and report the findings back to the Children and Youth Action Committee and the Policy Sub-Committee.

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

(Clause No. 23, Report No. 13)

**11.35 Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration
Pilot Project: Review of Contract and Financial
Reconciliation.**

The Committee had before it a report (November 12, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on November 6, 7 and 8, 2001, struck out and referred back Clause No. 5 of Report No. 12 of The Community Services Committee, headed "Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Pilot Project: Review of Contract and Financial Reconciliation", to the Community Services Committee for further consideration at its next meeting scheduled to be held on November 15, 2001; and further requested the City Solicitor to report to the Committee providing an update on the progress of litigation.

The Committee also had before it a confidential report (November 13, 2001) from the City Solicitor responding to the request of Council to report on the progress of litigation.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Committee recess to meet privately to give consideration to the aforementioned matter, having regard that the subject matter may involve litigation or potential litigation, in accordance with the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. to meet in camera on both the foregoing matter pertaining to the "Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Pilot Project: Review of Contract and Financial Reconciliation" and on the matter pertaining to "Ontario Pay Equity - City's Legal Interest in the Charter Challenge" (Minute No. 11.38)

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Members Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair,
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Michael Walker

The following Members of Council appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor David Miller, Ward 13, Parkdale-High Park; and
- Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston.

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 6:10 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the following members in attendance:

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair,
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Michael Walker

The Committee recommended to Council:

- (a) the adoption of the recommendations contained in the confidential report of the City Solicitor, viz:

- “(1) Council ratify the actions taken by the City Solicitor to defend the claim made against the City by the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) and to bring a counterclaim against LEF to recover funds owing under the contract between the City and LEF; and

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

and further that the appropriate staff pursue a negotiation/mediation process concurrently with the recommendation of the City Solicitor;

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (b) that the mediation/litigation process not impact on the Learning Enrichment Foundation continuing to receive placements from the City as this dispute is being resolved; and **(Motion by Councillor Walker, on behalf of Councillor Mihevc)**

- (c) that the City Solicitor be directed to request the Learning Enrichment Foundation to agree that both parties take no further steps in the litigation process while negotiations are being undertaken. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

The foregoing motions (a) to (c) were carried on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillors Chow, Duguid, Hall and Kelly

AGAINST: Councillor Walker

(City Solicitor; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor David Miller, Councillor Frank Di Giorgio; c. General Manager, Social Services Division – November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 20, Report No. 13)

11.36 Update on Kids @ Computers and Allocation of Ontario Works Targets Incentive Funds.

The Committee had before it a report (November 7, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on Kids @ Computers and allocation of Ontario Works Targets Incentive Funds; and recommending that:

- (1) an allocation of \$5.1 million from the \$10.2 Ontario Works (OW) Provincial incentive funds be made to TSS to continue the Kids @ Computers Scholarship Project over the next two years;

- (2) Toronto Social Services explore with the Toronto Community Fund the establishment of an endowment fund as a potential vehicle for leveraging additional supports from external organizations to expand and sustain the Kids @ Computers Scholarship Project beyond the two-year window for which Provincial incentive funding is available;

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- (3) with respect to the remaining \$5.1 million in Provincial OW incentive funds, Community and Neighbourhood Services staff:
 - (i) based on a clear set of allocation principles and criteria consistent with existing Provincial guidelines for use of incentive funds, identify Council approved projects and initiatives that address the growing needs of at risk youth populations, and related food and hunger and safety issues in disadvantaged communities;
 - (ii) prepare a detailed report specifying proposed projects and initiatives and respective funding allocations; and
 - (iii) report back to the Community Services Committee in the Spring of 2002;
- (4) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide Members of Council with details of the Shelter, Housing and Support Division's program to refurbish old computers for distribution to families.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 15, 2001)

(Clause No. 24(o), Report No. 13)

**11.37 Removal of Fire Alarm Pull Stations -
275 Shuter Street and 15 Tobermory Drive.**

The Committee had before it a report (November 9, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief recommending that:

- (1) the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for the removal of the fire alarm pull stations in TCHC's building at 275 Shuter Street, Toronto, which will be retroactive to September 22, 2000, and which is to be in substantially the same form as set out in Attachment "A";
- (2) the City enter into an Amending Agreement to amend the 1997 Memorandum of Understanding between the then City of North York and the Metro Toronto Housing Corporation, now the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, for the removal of the fire alarm pull stations in TCHC's building at 15 Tobermory Drive, which Amending Agreement is to be in substantially the same form as set out in Attachment "B"; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto and to take any action required to be taken thereunder.

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

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 13)

**11.38 Ontario Pay Equity – City's Legal
Interest in the Charter Challenge.**

The Committee had before it a confidential report (November 13, 2001) from the City Solicitor responding to the request of City Council on November 6, 7 and 8, 2001, during consideration of Clause No. 16 of Report No. 12 of The Community Services Committee, headed "Cost of Implementing the Ontario Pay Equity Act", to report on the City's legal interest in the Charter Challenge launched by the Pay Equity Coalition against the Provincial Government.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Committee recess to meet privately to give consideration to the aforementioned matter, having regard that the subject

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matter may involve litigation or potential litigation, in accordance with the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. to meet in camera on both the foregoing matter pertaining to the “Ontario Pay Equity – City’s Legal Interest in the Charter Challenge” and on the matter pertaining to “Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Pilot Project: Review of Contract and Financial Reconciliation” (Minute No. 11.35)

Members Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair,
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Michael Walker

Also Present:

Councillor David Miller

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 6:10 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the following members in attendance:

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair,
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Michael Walker

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council that the City seek intervenor status in the Charter Challenge launched by the Pay Equity Coalition against the Provincial Government, which was **carried on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Chow, Hall and Walker

AGAINST: Councillors Duguid and Kelly.

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(Clause No. 21, Report No. 13)

11.39 Introduction of Visitors From Seoul.

The Chair introduced Mrs. Yang, Kyung-sook, Chairwoman of the Finance and Economy Committee, Seoul Metropolitan Council, and Kim, Chan-Gon, Director-General, Office of Digital Media City, Seoul Metropolitan Government, who were in attendance at the meeting with Councillor Raymond Cho.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Chair.