

PLEASE NOTE DAY OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2002

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Committee Room 1

City Hall

100 Queen Street West

Enquiry: Rosalind Dyers

Committee Administrator

416-392-8018

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: List to be Distributed at Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

1. RESEARCH INITIATIVES - TORONTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND SUNNYBROOK AND WOMEN'S HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services (April 16, 2002)

Advising of various pre-hospital research initiatives being undertaken between Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) City Council acknowledge the collective efforts of Toronto EMS and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre for their work in improving the quality of pre-hospital health care through outcome-based research within the City of Toronto.

2. TORONTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - REVISED COMPLAINT SUMMARY CATEGORIES.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services (April 3, 2002)

Advising of a revision in the reporting categories used by Toronto EMS to summarize public complaint information which are used to define the result of complaint investigations and will better define and more accurately report the outcome of the Toronto EMS Quality Services Review; and recommending that this report be received for information.

3. TORONTO EMS - MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATORS, SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services (April 16, 2002)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the sole source purchase of 20 monitor/defibrillators from Zoll Medical Corporation in the amount of \$292,707.04 (plus taxes); and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be given authority to give effect thereto.

4. TORONTO FIRE SERVICES - REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. 6115-02-3063 - TRIPLE COMBINATION RESCUE PUMPER TRUCKS.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (April 12, 2002)

Recommending that the quotation submitted by Smeal Fire Apparatus Company (alternate) be accepted for the supply and delivery of six (6) Triple Combination Rescue Pumper Trucks used for fire fighting in the City of Toronto in accordance with specifications, at a total price of \$2,779,860.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received meeting specifications.

5. INTEGRATED FIRE AND POLICE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM - SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT.

City Clerk (April 4, 2002)

Advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on April 4, 2002, received a joint report (January 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police respecting the Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System six-month status report; and directed that such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

6. REDEVELOPMENT OF TRUE DAVIDSON ACRES HOME FOR THE AGED, 200 DAWES ROAD - TENDER CALL NO. 57-2002 (WARD 31, BEACHES-EAST YORK).

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (April 16, 2002)

Recommending that Tender Call No. 57-2002 for Redevelopment of True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged, 200 Dawes Road, be awarded to Button Limited in the total amount of \$21,400,766.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest tender received.

7. RESEARCH PROPOSAL: "CREATING HOME IN THE INSTITUTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF DEMENTIA".

City Clerk
(April 5, 2002)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on April 5, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of a report dated March 20, 2002, from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the research proposal "Creating Home in the Institution: Community Development in the Context of Dementia" be approved for implementation at Castleview Wychwood Towers;
- (2) this report be forwarded to Community Services Committee; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. PRESENTATION ON FINDHELP TORONTO.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (February 19, 2002)

Responding to the Committee's request to report on the implementation of the Findhelp Toronto project; and recommending that the report be received for information.

9. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF LITIGATION WITH THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION.

City Solicitor (April 15, 2002)

Responding to the request of the Committee to provide an update on the status of litigation with the Learning Enrichment Foundation; and recommending that the report be received for information.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAM - 2002 ALLOCATIONS.

City Clerk (April 11, 2002)

Advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee:

- (i) the adoption of a report dated March 27, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Community Services Grants Program 2002 Allocations; and
- (ii) the adoption of a report dated February 6, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the results of the initial eligibility assessment of applicants under the 2002 Community Services Grants Program, subject to the revised recommendations contained in the March 27, 2002 report referred to in the foregoing Recommendation No. (i).

10(a). Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (April 15, 2002)

Respecting the 2002 Community Services Grants Program appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002; and recommending that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$60,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report;
- (2) an additional \$5,000.00 be allocated to the North York Harvest Food Bank; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(NOTE: A copy of the Appendix 2, revised Organization Summary Sheets, was forwarded to Members of Council and Special Officials only.)

11. ALLOCATION OF ONTARIO WORKS TARGETS INCENTIVE FUNDS.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (April 8, 2002)

Recommending that:

- (1) funding of \$5.1 million from the Ontario Works incentive funds included in Toronto Social Services' 2002 Operating Budget be approved to fund 55 projects over the two-year period 2002 to 2003 (as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report), designed to address the needs of at risk youth populations, and related food and hunger and safety issues in disadvantaged communities;
- (2) funding of \$5.1 million for the projects be accessed by the appropriate operating divisions and boards via the City's Inter-departmental Charge (IDC) mechanism, on a half-yearly basis, or other frequency as approved by Toronto Social Services;
- (3) the appropriate operating divisions and boards be responsible for the management and administration of the projects;
- (4) as part of Toronto Social Services' accountability to the Province for the Ontario Works incentive funds, the operating divisions' and boards' project management and administration be consistent with the requirements in this report under the heading "Project Administration," and any other requirements that the Toronto Social Services Division determines to be necessary during the course of the projects;
- the appropriate operating divisions and boards be requested to submit status reports on the projects to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to be incorporated in the Commissioner's report to the Community Services Committee during the first quarter of 2003 on the progress of the projects and during 2004 on their final outcomes; and

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

11(a). City Clerk

(April 15, 2002)

Advising that the Task Force on Community Safety on April 15, 2002, endorsed the recommendations embodied in the report dated April 8, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting "Allocation of Ontario Works Incentive Funds".

12. APPEALS OF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE - SMALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PROPOSALS.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (April 15, 2002)

Respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, with regard to the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) - Small Capital Improvements project proposals; and recommending that:

- (1) up to \$75,000.00 from the SCPI Small Capital Improvements envelope be allocated to one organization for one project, as recommended in Appendix A of the report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

13. APPEAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUNDING PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS UNDER THE 2001 CITY OF TORONTO HOMELESS INITIATIVES FUND.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (April 16, 2002)

Respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002; noting that funding is required to address technical adjustments to the 2001 funding periods for three agencies under the 2001 City of Toronto Homeless Initiative Fund; and recommending that:

(1) \$15,402.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendix "A" of this report;

- (2) \$40,423.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendix "C" of this report; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

14. APPEALS REPORT - OFF THE STREET, INTO SHELTER, HOMELESS INITIATIVE, HIGH-SUPPORT STREET OUTREACH.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (April 16, 2002)

Respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, with regard to the Off the Street, Into Shelter Homeless Initiative for High-Support Street Outreach; and recommending that:

- (1) no provision from the appeals fund for the Off the Street, Into Shelter Homeless Initiative is being recommended, for reasons outlined in Appendix B of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

15. FINAL REPORT ON THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO JORDAN HEIKAMP INQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (April 18, 2002)

Responding to the recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Jordan Heikamp; noting that costs associated with the City activities identified in the report are included in the 2002 budget; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Coroner;
- (2) the City of Toronto recommend that the Province allocate funding to all Children's Aid Societies to enable them to provide prenatal support to high-risk pregnant women thereby strengthening the network of services available to this population;
- (3) the City of Toronto recommend that the Province provide funding for ongoing training for shelter workers and other service providers to enable them to work more effectively with vulnerable populations such as high-risk pregnant or parenting women;

- (4) the City of Toronto include high-risk pregnant and parenting young women as one priority group for new affordable housing initiatives; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

16. EMERGENCY SHELTER CAPACITY ISSUES.

Councillor Jack Layton,

<u>Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons</u>
(April 17, 2002)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons at its April meeting again discussed the implications of the current shortage of emergency shelter beds in Toronto despite the ongoing efforts of City staff to open new facilities; and that the Advisory Committee recommended that the City continue to fund Council Fire to enable the overnight shelter services to be provided on a year round basis.

17. INCOME SECURITY ISSUES.

Councillor Jack Layton,

<u>Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons</u>
(April 17, 2002)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons at its February meeting heard from representatives of the Ontario Legal Aid, Income Security Clinic regarding an initiative that is gaining Province-wide support; noting that the campaign is called "Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids", and focuses on the need to adjust the shelter component of social assistance to better reflect the actual cost of housing in local communities across Ontario; and recommending that the Community Services Committee approve the following recommendations for action:

- (1) that the City of Toronto again recommend that the provincial government increase the shelter allowance component of social assistance to reflect local market rents;
- (2) that Council establish an Income Security Work Group to strategize on how the municipality can advocate on and respond to income security issues as they impact on low-income people in Toronto; and that this Work Group include Members of the Community Services Committee and representatives of the community-based sector with expertise in the area of income security; and

(3) that the City of Toronto write to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario asking this group to take leadership on a Province-wide advocacy initiative to lobby the provincial government to increase the shelter component of social assistance to reflect local market rents.

18. "OUR HEALTH, OUR SAY" REPORT.

Councillor Jack Layton,

<u>Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons</u>
(April 17, 2002)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons at its April meeting heard a presentation from representatives of the Ontario Health Coalition, a group of homeless and health service providers in Toronto, who surveyed 240 homeless people regarding their experience of health care services; and the results are compiled in the report, "Our Health, Our Say"; and recommending that:

- (1) the attached report, "Our Health, Our Say", be received for information;
- (2) that the attached report, "Our Health, Our Say", be forwarded to the Board of Health for information; and
- (3) that the City of Toronto recommend that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care issue another communication to physicians across the Province directing them to provide health care to anyone who is homeless regardless of whether they are in possession of a health card; and, further, that all physicians be directed to use the 24-hour provincial information line to obtain current health card numbers for billing purposes.

IN CAMERA

- In accordance with the Municipal Act, a motion is required for the Community Services Committee to meet privately and the reason must be stated.

A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINT - DENTURE SERVICES PROGRAM.

Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor

(April 11, 2002)

Confidential report respecting a human rights complaint regarding the Denture Services Program, having regard that the subject matter pertains to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.