
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**AGENDA**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2002 **Enquiry:** Rosalind Dyers
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **416-392-8018**
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

DEPUTATIONS: **List to be Distributed at Meeting**

PRESENTATIONS:

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

1. 2003 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW.

Staff presentations respecting the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets pertaining to:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Emergency Management Plan;
- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Children's Services;
- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support;
- Social Development and Administration; and
- Social Services.

(NOTE: Budget Material will be distributed as soon as it is available.)

2. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF EMERGENCY FIRE VEHICLES AND MULTI-YEAR PURCHASING CONTRACT.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
and the Fire Chief
(November 26, 2002)

Respecting the feasibility of standardizing emergency fire vehicles and developing a multi-year purchasing contract for Fire Services vehicles; and recommending that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and the Chief, Toronto Fire Services, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, be authorized to issue tenders involving a three-year purchasing contract for Fire Services vehicles.

3. UPDATE ON TRANSFER OF CARE DELAYS EXPERIENCED BY TORONTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(November 25, 2002)

Respecting the waiting times for the transfer of patient care at Toronto area hospital emergency departments and on the steps being taken to address the problem; noting that in-hospital time over sixty minutes decreased significantly in October to 20.4 percent compared to 27.1 percent in September and 23.5 percent in August, and that new initiatives by Toronto EMS, in conjunction with Toronto area hospitals were largely responsible for this in-hospital time reduction; and recommending that the report be received for information.

4. TORONTO-SCOUTS CANADA MEDICAL VENTURER AND ROVER PROGRAM.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(November 25, 2002)

Providing an update on the Toronto EMS-Scouts Canada Medical Venturer and Rover Program youth initiative undertaken by Toronto EMS; indicating that this program has been a very successful community initiative, has created opportunities for youth and has enabled Toronto EMS to contribute to the community beyond its traditional mandate; and recommending that the report be received for information.

5. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CITY SOLICITOR TO COMMENCE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER CHILDCARE SUBSIDY OVERPAYMENT.

City Solicitor
(November 26, 2002)

Respecting the need to commence legal proceedings against AD and ED to recover a childcare subsidy overpayment in the amount of \$23,580.73; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to commence legal proceedings, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle such claim or action where it is concluded that it is reasonable to do so and to execute any documents in furtherance thereof; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6. FUNDING FOR GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(November 27, 2002)

Responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on November 7, 2002, to report on potential sources of short- and long-term funding for gang prevention and intervention programs and on whether other jurisdictions have received Federal or Provincial grants for such programs; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Task Force on Community Safety, its sub-committee and work groups to consider funding opportunities from senior levels of government; and

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

7. ALLOCATION OF ONTARIO WORKS INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR THE “ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUTH SEEKING EMPLOYMENT” REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(November 27, 2002)

Respecting the allocation of Ontario Works Incentive Funds for the “Essential Items for Youth Seeking Employment” Request for Grant Proposals; and recommending that:

- (1) West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre receive a one-time grant allocation of \$250,000.00 to develop and implement the Essential Items for Youth Seeking Employment pilot project;
- (2) West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre develop a Community Advisory Committee with City-wide and youth representation on the Committee to assist in the development and long-term planning of the pilot project; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. REDESIGNATION OF ALBION LODGE AS A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SITE FOR SENIORS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(November 27, 2002)

Respecting the redesignation of the existing Albion Lodge for use as a supportive housing site for seniors by January 2004; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council give support, in principle, to the redesignation of Albion Lodge as a supportive housing site for seniors in the North Etobicoke area of the City;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration of the 2003 budget;
- (3) the existing operating subsidy from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care be redirected to the Albion Lodge Supportive Housing Program to serve a maximum of 80 frail elderly clients; and

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

9. COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR SENIORS.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(November 26, 2002)

Respecting the need to direct funds available as a result of the review and reconciliation of the provincial subsidy settlement for the Homes for the Aged for prior years; indicating that these funds can be used to restore the grants funding to community agencies for homemaking services through a transition period, and to partially fund the capital cost of retrofitting Albion Lodge into a Supportive Housing site; and recommending that:

- (1) the over-estimated repayment of \$1,828,792.82 be directed as follows:
 - (a) \$1,700,000.00 be transferred to the Homes for the Aged Capital Reserve Fund and be used to partially fund the retrofitting of Albion Lodge into a supportive housing site in 2004 (subject to the approval of the Homes for the Aged 2003-2012 Capital Program); and
 - (b) the balance of \$128,792.82 be used to provide transition funding to community agencies for homemaking services within the Community Services envelope in the Consolidated Grants budget in 2003; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.