

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, January 16 and 23, 2002

The Community Services Committee met on Wednesday, January 16 and 23, 2002, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	January 16, 2002 9:40 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	January 23, 2002 9:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 2:15 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X	X

Regrets:

Councillor Anne Johnston

Also Present:

Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor David Shiner

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on November 15, 2001, were confirmed.

1.1(i) 2002-2006 Capital Programs - Community Services Committee.

The Committee had before it the following 2002-2006 Capital Programs under its purview:

- Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Fire Services;
- Community and Neighbourhood Services, viz:
 - Children's Services;
 - Homes for the Aged; and
 - Shelter, Housing and Support.

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

- (a) (December 10, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 16 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed "Fiscal Sustainability Principles and Financial Priority Setting", and in so doing Council referred the:
 - (1) fiscal principles to the Budget Advisory Committee, the Standing Committees, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Acting Chief Financial Officer, as guidelines for use in responding to the City's fiscal issues and financial pressures; and
 - (2) Priority Setting Guide to the Standing Committees and Budget Advisory Committee for use in assessing service level changes for City programs and setting financial priorities for the City; and
- (b) (January 7, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the Toronto EMS portable radio participation in the Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Police Services Integrated Radio System and the recommended plans for implementation; advising that Toronto EMS is seeking 100 percent funding for this project from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and recommending that:
 - (1) Council approve the Portable Radio Infrastructure project as part of the 2002-2006 Capital Program for Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
 - (2) Council approve that, should the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care fail to approve the funding in 2002, Toronto EMS may request the City to provide the necessary funding in the 2003-2004 budget submissions;

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- (3) Council approve the implementation of the Portable Radio Infrastructure project in stages, over two years subject to funding availability;
- (4) Toronto EMS optimize the implementation steps in order not to exceed the total estimated cost; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons made presentations to the Community Services Committee on the respective Capital Programs under their purview:

- Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Mr. Alan Speed, Fire Chief;
- Mr. Eric Gam, Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and provided an overview of the programs for review;
- Ms. Marna Ramsden-Urbanski, General Manager, Children's Services Division;
- Mr. Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division; and
- Ms. Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged Division.

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

- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care (Children's Services);
- Ms. Constance Edwards and Ms. Caspian Gholami, Better Beginnings Now CAP-C (Family Resource Centres);
- Mr. Dan McIntyre, Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations (Tenant Defence Fund), and submitted two briefs in regard thereto;
- Ms. Lynne Martens, (Family Resource Centres);
- Ms. Ann Fitzpatrick, Children's Aid Society of Toronto (Shelter, Housing and Support), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;

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- Ms. Judy Vellend, Homelessness Action Group (Shelter, Housing and Support); and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Wilma Morrison, Child Care in Schools Committee (Children's Services);
- Ms. Ann Dembinski, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local No. 79, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Fatima Alves, St. Stephen's Community House;
- Mr. Tim Rourke (Tenant Defence Fund), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Fred Skogland (Shelter, Housing and Support – Seaton House), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Carol Veacock (Shelter, Housing and Support – Seaton House), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Paul Edwards (Shelter, Housing and Support), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Terrence Kwaramba (Shelter, Housing and Support), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Jonathan Fletcher (Shelter, Housing and Support), and submitted a brief on behalf of Mr. Nixon Charlmont, a client;
- Mr. Richard Langlois (Shelter, Housing and Support), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Doug Hum, Housing Action Now, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Howard Watson, Housing Action Now, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Tom Maguire, East Toronto/East York Family Resources (Children's Services);
- Ms. Lauraine Leblanc, Toronto Civic Action Network (various budgets);
- Ms. Wei-Jia Zhou, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Mr. Paul York, Greater Toronto Tenants Association (Shelter, Housing and Support

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- and Tenant Defence Fund);
- Mr. John Cartwright, President, Toronto/York Region Labour Council;
- Mr. John Andras, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Linda Muraca, parent, Junction Day Care;
- Ms. Pat Costello, Child Space Day Care, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Neena Bandali, Child Care Advisory Committee (Children Services), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Aklilu Wendaferew, Good Shepherd Centre, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Billy Curtis, Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre;
- Mr. Michael Robertson, Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre;
- Mr. Sam Yazelle, Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Councillor Maria Augimeri, Ward 9, York Centre, regarding the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), Allocations for Transitional Housing; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, regarding the Children and Youth Action Committee's Action Plan for Children 2002.

The Committee reviewed the aforementioned 2002-2006 Capital Programs under its purview, and took the following action in regard thereto:

Works and Emergency Services:

(I) Toronto Emergency Medical Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Capital Budget for Emergency Medical Services be adopted, as presented, subject to the adoption of the report (January 7, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, wherein it is recommended that:

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- (1) Council approve the Portable Radio Infrastructure project as part of the 2002-2006 Capital Program for Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS);
- (2) Council approve that, should the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care fail to approve the funding in 2002, Toronto EMS may request the City to provide the necessary funding in the 2003-2004 budget submissions;
- (3) Council approve the implementation of the Portable Radio Infrastructure project in stages, over two years subject to funding availability;
- (4) Toronto EMS optimize the implementation steps in order not to exceed the total estimated cost; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

(II) Fire Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Capital Budget for Fire Services be adopted, as presented. **(Motion by Councillor Walker)**

Requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Fire Chief, to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the status of the Birchmount Road and Eglinton Avenue East facility.

(Motion by Councillor Kelly)

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

(III) Children's Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Capital Budget for Children's Services be adopted, as presented. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

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(IV) Homes for the Aged:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Capital Budget for Homes for the Aged be adopted, as presented. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(V) Shelter, Housing and Support:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Capital Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be adopted, as presented, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the 2002 Shelter, Housing and Support Capital Debt estimates be reduced by \$1,816,854.00 from \$4,780,000.00 to \$2,963,146.00 mainly due to an increase in funding, and that this reduction be allocated as follows:
 - (a) \$846,000.00 be added to Toronto Public Health 2002 EMT recommended Capital Budget cash flow of \$1,690,400.00; and
 - (b) the remaining \$970,854.00 be allocated to City Capital Budget Debt requirements for 2002;
- (2) the 2002-2006 Shelter, Housing and Support Capital Program City debt component be increased by \$3.248 million for 2003 to total \$9.469 million debt, as the Supports to Community Partnership Initiatives (SCPI) envelope has been fully committed; and

(Motion (1) and (2) by Councillor Duguid)

- (3) a request for the 'Let's Build' Program funds for 2003 and beyond be submitted as part of the 2003 Capital Budget request for consideration.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

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(Budget Advisory Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Acting Chief Financial Officer; All Interested Parties; c. Policy and Finance Committee; Mr. Alan Cohen, Budget Division, Finance Department; Mr. Al Horsman, Budget Division, Finance Department - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(j), Report No. 1)

1.1(ii) 2002 Operating Budgets - Community Services Committee.

The Community Services Committee had before it the following 2002 Operating Budgets under its purview:

- Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Fire Services;
- Community and Neighbourhood Services, viz;
 - Children's Services;
 - Homes for the Aged;
 - Shelter, Housing and Support;
 - Social Development and Administration; and
 - Social Services.

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (December 10, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 16 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed "Fiscal Sustainability Principles and Financial Priority Setting", and in so doing Council referred the:
 - (1) fiscal principles to the Budget Advisory Committee, the Standing Committees, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Acting Chief Financial Officer, as guidelines for use in responding to the City's fiscal issues and financial pressures; and
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- (b) (December 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on November 29, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Library Board and the Board of Health:
- (1) the adoption of the recommendations contained in the Children and Youth Action Committee's Draft Action Plan 2002, as amended; and
 - (2) the adoption of the recommendations contained in the Youth Action Plan Budget Recommendations for 2002 from the Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- (c) (January 11, 2002) from the City Clerk advising, that the Children and Youth Action Committee on January 9, 2002, recommended that City Council:
- (a) reverse the cut to health and safety costs (including playground retrofit) of \$1 million;
 - (b) reverse the recommendation to defer the contribution to capital of \$320,000.00;
 - (c) reverse the recommendation to defer expansion of special needs resource programs and family resource programs for a total of \$200,000.00; and
 - (d) reverse the proposed cuts to the Shelter, Housing and Support budget, specifically:
 - \$2.6 million to shelter support services, counselling etc.;
 - \$150,000.00 cut to the Tenant Defence Fund; and
 - \$754,000.00 hostel redirect initiative as required,since all these cuts will adversely affect the growing number of families, children and youth who are the largest growing group of shelter users; and
- (d) (January 15, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief, entitled "Fire Services Fleet Maintenance Disentanglement", recommending that:
- (1) Toronto Fire Services assume total responsibility for the maintenance, asset management including warranty tracking, and preventative maintenance scheduling for all the fire vehicles including those currently maintained by Fleet Services effective April 1, 2002; and

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

The following persons made presentations to the Community Services Committee with respect to the 2002 Operating Budgets under their purview:

- Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- Mr. Alan Speed, Fire Chief;
- Mr. Eric Gam, Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and provided an overview of the programs for review;
- Ms. Marna Ramsden-Urbanski, General Manager, Children's Services Division;
- Ms. Sandra Pitters, Homes for the Aged Division;
- Mr. Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division;
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The Community Services Committee on January 16 and 23, 2002, reviewed the 2002 Operating Budgets under its purview, and took the following action in regard thereto:

Works and Emergency Services:

(I) Toronto Emergency Medical Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Operating Budget for Emergency Services be adopted, as presented, subject to the following amendments:

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- (1) the Emergency Medical Services (Response Time Reduction Strategy) Program in the amount of \$672,500.00 be added, subject to funding being identified as 100 percent from the Province or from the Corporate Budget; **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (2) the Emergency Supports Services – EMS Planner and Clerk Grade 3 – be approved at \$0 net impact in 2002; and **(Motion by Councillor Walker)**
- (3) a Paramedic Education and Ethno-cultural Access Program in the amount of \$87,600.00 be added, to be funded within the existing budget. **(Motion by Councillor Walker)**

Proposed Emergency Management Projects:

The Committee:

- (1) received a presentation from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;
- (2) directed that the Proposed Emergency Management Projects be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee without recommendation; and
- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to provide the following information at that time:
 - (a) the net cost to the City on each of the projects;
 - (b) a priority listing of the projects;
 - (c) the number of additional staff requested in each of the projects; and
 - (d) identify funding for this project in other departments, boards and agencies.

(Motions (1), (2) and (3) by Councillor Chow)

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(II) Fire Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:

- (1) the 2002 Operating Budget for Fire Services be adopted, as presented, subject to adding an additional 55 firefighters, of whom thirty will commence training effective April 29, 2002 and the remaining twenty-five effective August 19, 2002, with funding in the amount of \$1.6 million to be found within the existing Fire Services 2002 recommended Operating Budget; and
- (2) the joint report (January 15, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief, entitled "Fire Services Fleet Maintenance Disentanglement", be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee without recommendation.

(Motions (1) and (2) by Councillor Walker)

The Committee requested:

- (a) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Fire Chief and the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board, to report jointly to the Community Services Committee on the feasibility of providing chaplaincy services:
 - (i) on a volunteer and/or pooling of religious denominations basis; and
 - (ii) as part of the City's Employee Assistance Program; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (b) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to review the 2002 recommended base budget and report to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to final budget deliberations on any appropriate reductions to the 2002 levels based on 2001 actual expenditures.

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

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Community and Neighbourhood Services:

(III) Children's Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Operating Budget for Children's Services be adopted, as presented, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) that child care health and safety repairs and playground retrofit be included in the budget at \$0 net with funding to be provided and contingent upon any available funds from unspent childcare subsidy to operators; and further that the provincial government be again requested to cost-share with the City of Toronto for these costs;

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

- (2) adding \$960,000.00 to reinstate the Occupancy Cost Agreement with the School Boards and that this addition be funded by the 5,000 caseload reduction to the 2002 social assistance caseload baseline to be funded through the Operating Budget;

(Motion by Councillor Hall carried on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillors Chow, Hall, Mihevc, Tziretas and Walker - 5

AGAINST: Councillors Duguid and Kelly - 2)

- (3) adding \$100,000.00 for the Expansion of the Family Resource Program and that this addition be funded by the 5,000 caseload reduction to the 2002 social assistance caseload baseline to be funded through the Operating Budget, contingent upon Provincial funding;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (4) adding \$100,000.00 for the Special Needs Program and that this addition be funded by the 5,000 caseload reduction to the 2002 social assistance caseload baseline to be funded through the Operating Budget, contingent upon Provincial funding;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

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- (5) Toronto City Council be requested to continue to emphatically seek the approval of the provincial government for the expansion of an extra 2,000 spaces of subsidized child care in the City of Toronto and that such program be funded 80 percent (actual cost) by the provincial government and 20 percent by the municipality; and further that, if the provincial government agrees to such a program, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit a joint report to the Community Services Committee on various funding sources, including the possibility of allocating funds from the Social Services Stabilization Reserve Fund;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (6) \$2.2 million for the Council-approved Ontario Works Child Care Expansion Program, to be fully funded from the National Child Benefit Supplement Reserve Fund, be approved; and

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (7) the Province be requested to implement its Audit Report findings with respect to Children's Services.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

The Committee requested the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report:

- (1) immediately to the Community Services Committee on any circumstances concerning health and safety repairs and/or playground upgrades that cannot be addressed and which may place daycare centre licences in jeopardy; and
- (2) to the Budget Advisory Committee on the outcome of the Children's Services external review of its Systems Unit with proposed changes to its staffing request, as part of the 2002 budget process.

(Motions (1) and (2) by Councillor Duguid)

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(IV) Homes for the Aged:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged be adopted, subject to provincial funding of \$1.012 million for the Homemakers and Nurses Services Expansion of \$1.297 million gross and \$0.285 million net, which is a result of the transfer from the Consolidated Grants budget of \$0.285 million. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(V) Shelter, Housing and Support:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be adopted, as presented, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the Off the Street Into the Shelter (OSIS) Program being revised to reflect new estimates, from \$2,600,000.00 gross expenditures, \$0 net expenditure, to \$2,288,173.00 gross expenditures, \$0 net expenditure, including one additional position, to be contingent upon provincial funding; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (2) the funds available in the operating budget from a 5,000 caseload downward adjustment to the base Social Assistance Caseload to 60,000 being used to offset the following:
 - (a) reinstating \$754,000.00 net, for the Hostel Redirect Initiatives that are assisting homeless people to find housing; and
 - (b) reinstating \$150,000.00 for the Tenant Defence Fund.

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

The Committee requested the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to:

- (a) review all homelessness grants administered or funded by the City of Toronto, including SCPI, HIF and Off the Streets into the Shelter and report thereon to the Community Services Committee with an analysis on the following:

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- (i) the identifiable results achieved from each allocation;
 - (ii) the value added, such as freeing up shelter beds, getting people onto social assistance, getting people off the street, etc.;
 - (iii) a determination of which programs are successful in preventing people from becoming homeless, in getting people off the street and into a shelter or housing; in getting people from a shelter into housing; in keeping people in housing from going back onto the street, as well as identifying those programs that do not accomplish the foregoing but simply provide a service to people who are homeless;
 - (iv) identifying any further amendments to homelessness grant programs that will provide even greater focus on results-oriented programs; and
- (b) report to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the end of the 2002 budget process on the state of the negotiations with the Province respecting additional Shelter funding, specifically related to the per diem cap.

(Motions (a) and (b) by Councillor Chow)

(VI) Social Development and Administration:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration be adopted, as presented, subject to adding \$1 million in response to a submission by the Toronto Youth Cabinet to support an expansion of programs that support youth violence prevention, targeting high-risk youth and that the specifics of this allocation be reported to Council for approval through the Task Force on Community Safety, in consultation with the Children and Youth Advocate, the Diversity Advocate and the Task Force on Community Safety; and that this addition be funded by the 5,000 caseload reduction to the 2002 social assistance caseload baseline to be funded through the Operating Budget.
(Motion by Councillor Hall with amendment by Councillor Chow)

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(VII) Social Services:

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Operating Budget for Social Services be adopted, as presented (**Motion by Councillor Walker**), subject to the following amendments:

- (1) that the Social Assistance caseload baseline, to be funded through the Operating Budget, be reduced by 5,000, from 65,000 to 60,000, with the difference between this and the actual 2002 caseload budget being funded through the Social Services Stabilization Reserve Fund, freeing up approximately \$4,785.9 thousand;
- (2) that any remaining funds from the 2001 Social Assistance surplus that have not been mandatorily designated be transferred to the Social Assistance Caseload Reserve Fund to ensure the stability of the Fund;

(Motions (1) and (2) by Councillor Hall)

- (3) if additional funding is needed due to increased caseload, the funding be withdrawn from the Stabilization Reserve Fund and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee in that regard;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

The Committee requested the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee during the budget process with an Average Monthly Caseload estimate for 2002 based on most up-to-date caseload information.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

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(VIII) General:

The Committee:

- (1) requested that the Budget Advisory Committee endorse the following amendments to the Public Health Operating Budget:

“that \$879,400.00 be reinstated in the Public Health Operating Budget for the following Programs:

- (a) TB Program expansion (\$526,800.00);
- (b) Vulnerable Adults and Senior Program (\$320,100.00); and
- (c) Environment Plan (\$32,500.00);

and that this addition be funded by the 5,000 caseload reduction to the 2002 social assistance caseload baseline to be funded through the Operating Budget;”;

- (2) directed that the following reports be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee, together with the Children and Youth Action Plan for 2002 and the Toronto Youth Cabinet recommendations, for consideration:

- (a) (December 5, 2001) from the City Clerk, entitled “Children and Youth Action Committee’s Action Plan for 2002 and Youth Action Plan Budget Recommendations”; and
- (b) (January 11, 2002) from the City Clerk, entitled “Recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee regarding the City’s 2002 Operating Budget”;

- (3) received the report (December 10, 2001) from the City Clerk, entitled “Fiscal Sustainability Principles and Financial Priority Setting”; and

- (4) referred to the Budget Advisory Committee the remaining \$842.5 thousand from the 5,000 caseload reduction to the 2002 Caseload for corporate purposes.

(Motions (1) to (4) by Councillor Chow)

Lost Motions:

Fire Services:

The following motion by Councillor Walker was put to a vote and was **lost**:

“That \$39,900.00 be reinserted into the Fire Services Operating Budget to cover Chaplaincy Services.”

Children’s Services

The following motion by Councillor Mihevc was put to a vote:

“That \$160,000.00 be added to the Children’s Services Operating Budget for the York Before and After School Program for the months of September to December 2002; and further that \$240,000.00 be approved, in principle, to continue this program for 2003 as part of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department’s base budget.”,

and was **lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Chow, Mihevc and Walker - 3

AGAINST: Councillors Duguid, Hall, Kelly and Tziretas - 4

The following motions by Councillor Chow were put to a vote:

“That \$1 million of child care health and safety costs, including playground retrofit, be funded through the Capital Budget, and that the amount be found through advancing the cash flow of the Federal SCPI funds.”; and

“That \$200,000.00 of child care health and safety costs, including playground retrofit, be funded through the Capital Budget, and that the amount be found through advancing the cash flow of the Federal SCPI funds.”,

and were **lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Chow, Mihevc and Walker - 3

AGAINST: Councillors Duguid, Hall, Kelly and Tziretas - 4

The following motion by Councillor Chow was put to a vote:

“That \$3 million be allocated for Child Care subsidy spaces from the Social Services Stabilization Reserve Fund, conditional upon Provincial funding.”,

and was **lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillor Chow, Mihevc and Walker - 3

AGAINST: Councillors Duguid, Hall, Kelly and Tziretas - 4

(Budget Advisory Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Acting Chief Financial Officer; All Interested Persons; c. Policy and Finance Committee; Mr. Alan Cohen, Budget Division, Finance Department; Mr. Al Horsman, Budget Division, Finance Department - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(k), Report No. 1)

1.2 Appointment of Councillor Michael Tziretas to the Community Services Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 14, 2001) from the City Clerk advising, for information, that City Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, appointed Councillor Michael Tziretas to the Community Services Committee, for a term of office to expire on May 31, 2002, and until his successor is appointed.

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

(Clause No. 14(a), Report No. 1)

1.3 Incident Response Plan.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 27, 2001) from Councillor Ron Moeser, Ward 44, Scarborough East, submitting a copy of a letter from Mr. Brian Howieson, District Manager, Ministry of the Environment, concerning the City's need for an "Incident Response Plan" in light of the U.S.E. Hickson chemical plant fire; and requesting that staff be asked to report on the process for such a review and on how such an incident response plan can be put into place for the future protection of the City.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services with a request that he consult with Councillor Ron Moeser, Ward 44, Scarborough East, the Fire Chief, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, the Medical Officer of Health, and Chief of Police, prior to reporting thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Medical Officer of Health, Chief of Police; Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Councillor Ron Moeser, Ward 44, Scarborough East - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(b), Report No. 1)

1.4 Toronto Fire Services - Fireground Incident Technicians.

The Committee had before it a report (December 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising that the Fire Services Task Force on December 10, 2001, considered a joint report (November 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief on Fireground Incident Technicians and recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the use of dedicated Fire Services Fireground Incident Technicians (FITS) be endorsed, subject to the stipulation that the Fire Chief develop statistics for monitoring the performance of FITS and report thereon to the Community Services Committee and to the Budget Advisory Committee as part of the 2003 Operating Budget process; and

- (2) Council acknowledge that the Fire Services Task Force has completed its mandate and authorize that it be disbanded;

and further reports having requested that Councillors Altobello, Chow, Kelly, Lindsay-Luby, Ootes and Pitfield be notified in advance when the staff report on monitoring the performance of FITS is scheduled to be considered by the Committee.

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

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 1)

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

The Committee had before it a report (December 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the waiting times for the transfer of patient care at Toronto-area hospital emergency departments and the costs associated with such delays; and recommending that:

- (1) Toronto Council continue to endorse the efforts of Toronto EMS 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 also had before it a communication (January 16, 2002) from Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24, Willowdale, requesting that the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services submit a further report on the offloading delays that are more than the North American Standard hospital clearing time of 35 minutes.

The Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report;
- (2) the adoption of the following motion:

“Whereas it costs the Toronto Emergency Medical Services \$506,000.00 per month to deal with the over 35 minutes offload delays in the hospitals’ emergency departments;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto request the Province of Ontario to provide 100 percent funding to expand the current fleet of emergency response vehicles to 18 at peak staffing; and to state that this request for \$1.345 million is to meet the requirements of the Ambulance Act of Ontario”; and

(Motions (1) and (2) by Councillor Chow)

- (3) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare an accurate assessment of the real costs of delays at hospitals, and that the Province of Ontario be requested to cover that cost at 100 percent dollars for the 2002 budget.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 1)

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

The Committee had before it a communication (December 10, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on December 7, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (December 4, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged wherein it recommends that:

- (1) Mr. Gus Kotsiomititis, Senior Sales and Market Manager with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
- (2) 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 recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 1)

1.7 Request for Proposal No. 0602-00-1173 for the Supply of Coffee, Tea, Juice Concentrates and Dispensing Equipment for the Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 18, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer recommending that:

- (1) the City exercise the option to renew for four (4) years with the current supplier, Serca Foodservice Inc. (Ontario Division), in the estimated amount of \$400,000.00 per year including all charges and applicable taxes, for the supply of Coffee, Tea, Juice Concentrates and Dispensing Equipment for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2005; 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, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding the words “for the Homes for the Aged and Hostels” after the word “Equipment”.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 1)

1.8 Agreements for Development of Long-Term Care Facility Beds - Albion Lodge and True Davidson Acres.

The Committee had before it a report (December 28, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting authority to enter into agreements with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the development of long-term care facility beds at Albion Lodge and True Davidson Acres; and recommending that:

- (1) the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, be given authority to execute “Agreements for Development of Long-Term Care Facility Beds” for the Albion Lodge and True Davidson Acres Homes for the Aged; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 1)

**1.9 Update on the Provincial Ontario Works
Mandatory Drug Treatment Initiative.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 10, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the current status of the Province's mandatory drug treatment initiative; describing the current state of drug awareness and prevention programs in Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) this report, and the issues identified therein, be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for its consideration;
- (2) on the completion of the evaluation of the initial mandatory drug treatment implementation sites, the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

Mr. Matthew Perry, Code Yellow (Coalition to Oppose Mandatory Drug Testing and Treatment) appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the aforementioned report, with a request that the City Solicitor report to the Community Services Committee on whether the legislation, the regulations attached thereto, and the Draft Mandatory Addiction Treatment Implementation Guidelines violate an individual citizen's rights to access services, and, if they do, to recommend appropriate action that Council can take on behalf of the citizens of the City of Toronto; and **(Motion by Councillor Walker)**

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- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee prior to any consideration of implementation of a drug testing program that is a change from the current program; and further that such report include examples from other jurisdictions with mandatory drug testing programs, the status of the scientific research, and the lessons learned. **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor; Mr. Matthew Perry; c. General Manager, Social Services - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(c), Report No. 1)

(DEFERRED)

1.10 Toronto Social Services Facilities Requirements: Status Update.

The Committee had before it a report (December 10, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request to report on the consolidation of 14 Toronto Social Services offices into 5 to 10 local offices; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee in 2002, if necessary, on the implications for the existing physical plant to service a higher caseload resulting from an economic downturn, including recommendations to increase the physical plant capacity, where appropriate; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
and

- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee in six months' time, and prior to the date of expiry of each office lease, with an analysis of anticipated space needs for the caseload and any options to consolidate office space.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 1)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

1.11 Feasibility of the City Undertaking a Legal Challenge under the Constitution Against the Federal or Provincial Governments due to Cutbacks to Social Programs.

The Committee had before it a report (December 31, 2001) from the City Solicitor responding to the request of the Community Services Committee to report regarding the feasibility of the City undertaking a legal challenge under the Constitution against the federal or provincial governments due to the cutbacks the City is experiencing with respect to its social programs; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(City Solicitor; c. Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(d), Report No. 1)

1.12 Response to Tuberculosis Outbreak at Seaton House.

The Committee had before it a communication (November 27, 2001) from the Secretary, Board of Health advising that the Board of Health on November 26, 2001, directed that a report (November 15, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health providing information with respect to a recent outbreak of tuberculosis at Seaton House be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Medical Officer of Health; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(e), Report No. 1)

1.13 Federal Affordable Housing Program.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 20, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons on December 14, 2001, discussed the affordable housing program recently announced by the federal government; and recommended that, if the Province of Ontario does not commit to the contribution of adequate funds as required under The Framework for Bilateral Agreements Aimed at Affordable Housing signed by the federal, provincial and territorial housing ministers on November 30, 2001, Toronto City Council will ask the federal government to negotiate administration and funding agreements related to this program directly with the municipality.

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

- (1) the adoption of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons contained in the aforementioned communication from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair; and
- (2) that a copy of the Clause be forwarded to the new Federal Minister of Public Works to advise him that the City of Toronto is seeking funding for the administration and funding agreements related to the affordable housing program directly from the Federal Government if the Province of Ontario refuses to participate financially.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 1)

1.14 Update on the Emergency Shelter System.

The Committee had before it a report (January 14, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that the Chair of the Community Services Committee immediately request a meeting with the Minister of Community and Social Services concerning the shortfall of funding for hostel services in Toronto.

The Committee also had before it communication (December 20, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons on December 14, 2001, discussed the serious shortage of emergency shelter beds in Toronto despite the ongoing efforts of City staff to open new facilities; and recommended that Toronto City Council authorize City staff to immediately open a temporary emergency shelter at either City Hall or Metro Hall to ensure that people out on the street have a safe and warm place to sleep during the winter months.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report and communication until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee.

(Clause No. 14(i), Report No. 1)

(DEFERRED)

**1.15 Implementation of City Auditor's Recommendations -
Community Services Grants Program.**

The Committee had before it a communication (December 10, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 4 of Report No. 10 of The Audit Committee, headed "Implementation of City Auditor's Recommendations - Community Services Grants Program", and in so doing directed that a copy be referred to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Auditor - January 16 and 23, 2002)

(Clause No. 14(f), Report No. 1)

**1.16 City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Allocation Report:
Termite Research Grant, and Update on the
Termite Research Program.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 24, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to Council's request on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, during consideration of Clause No. 16 of Report No. 13 of The Community Services Committee, headed "City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Allocations Report: Termite Research Grant," to review termite research projects in the former municipalities; and recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize payment of the Termite Research Grant of \$99,000.00 from the 2001 budget for the second of three reports comprising the Termite Research Program (a liability was set up in 2001 to offset the receipt of the report and invoice);
- (2) staff report back with a full evaluation of the three-year research project in 2002 following receipt of the final report from the Termite Research Program regarding "Towards a Neighbourhood-Based Termite Program"; and
- (3) 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 (December 13, 2001) from City Clerk advising that City Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, struck out and referred back to the Community Services Committee for further consideration Clause No. 16 of Report No. 13 of the Community Services Committee, headed "City of Toronto Consolidated Grants Allocation Report: Termite Research Grant", with a request that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services review termite research projects in the former municipalities, especially with respect to original terms of reference for research projects, contract milestones and results, royalties and any duplication, and report thereon to the Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated December 24, 2001, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 1)

1.17 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - Allocations Report.

The Committee had before it a report (December 19, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the 2001 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) grants in the amount of \$1,257,483.00 for the 33 agencies described in Appendix "A" of this report;
- (2) Council approve a \$250,000.00 grant from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to the United Way of Greater Toronto for the Toronto Homeless Community Economic Development Program for the Year 2002, as the third and final instalment of the program approved by Council in December 1999, prior to the final approval of the 2002 budget as consistent with the Interim Operating Budget Estimates report;
- (3) funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 be accrued for CT-HIF funding appeals to be held in the spring of 2002; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 1)

**1.18 Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI):
Allocations for Homeless Programs and Services, Community Planning
and Research, and Small Capital Improvements.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 21, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) funds for Small Capital Improvements, Homeless Programs and Services, and Community Planning and Research projects; and recommending that:

- (1) up to \$3,382,811.00 from the SCPI Small Capital Improvements envelope be allocated to 39 organizations for 45 new projects as recommended in Appendix A of the report;

- (2) all recommended proposals involving installation of appliances and equipment, building improvements and modifications are conditional on their meeting all applicable codes and standards and appropriate ownership and/or lease arrangements being in place;
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to amend Small Capital Improvement contracts where necessary to cover unforeseen cost increases to small capital projects for a total amount not exceeding \$200,000.00 for all amendments;
- (4) up to \$100,000.00 be set aside for all appeals of Small Capital Improvement recommendations in Appendix A;
- (5) up to \$500,000.00 from the SCPI Contingency envelope be allocated to the SCPI Small Capital Improvements envelope to cover the funding recommendations;
- (6) up to \$1,690,046.00 from the SCPI Homeless Programs and Services and Community Planning and Research envelopes be allocated to 30 organizations for 33 new projects as recommended in Appendix B of the report;
- (7) up to \$100,000.00 be set aside for all appeals of Homeless Programs and Services/Community Planning and Research recommendations in Appendix B; and
- (8) 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. 7, Report No. 1)

**1.19 Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI):
Allocations for Transitional Housing.**

The Committee had before it a report (January 2, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the SCPI funding for transitional housing projects in the amount of \$5,194,005.00 to seven organizations, identified in Appendix 1;

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- (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into SCPI funding agreements with the organizations listed in Appendix 1, for the development and provision of transitional housing and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Acting Commissioner and the City Solicitor on terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Acting Commissioner in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (3) a SCPI Contingency Fund be established that is 15 percent of the total amount recommended for funding or \$779,000.00;
- (4) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to approve the use of the Contingency Fund under the criteria set out in Appendix 3 and that any such funds so disbursed shall not exceed \$500,000.00 for any one project identified in Appendix 1;
- (5) if Contingency Funds are approved by the Acting Commissioner as described in Recommendation No. (4), the SCPI funding agreement in respect of that project be amended to reflect the additional amount of funding being provided to the project;
- (6) the disbursement of the funding to the organizations identified in Appendix 1 be subject to the project receiving all required planning approvals and having entered into all necessary agreements and fulfilling all conditions contained therein, as described in Recommendation No. (2);
- (7) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to terminate a funding agreement at any time prior to the commencement of construction if, in the Acting Commissioner's opinion, increases in costs would prevent the organization being funded from achieving cost-effective transitional housing targets;
- (8) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services provide an information report to Council with respect to the cancellation of funding due to circumstances described in Recommendation No. (7); and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto including the introduction of any necessary bills in Council.

The Committee also had before it a communication (January 14, 2002) from Mr. James Weber, President, East York Chapter of the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario.

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

- Mrs Ruth Malloy, East York Chapter of the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario; and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Councillor Maria Augimeri, Ward 9, York Centre, recommending the following with respect to Agency No. 22, Youth Clinical Services:

“Whereas SCPI (Federal Government) funding for the project by Youth Clinical Services at 1900 Sheppard Avenue West is conditional on zoning; and

Whereas local area concerns ought to be taken into account when dealing with matters of such importance;

Therefore Be It Resolved that any local community concerns be considered in the development of the 1900 Sheppard Avenue West site; and

Be It Further Resolved that no decisions be made with respect to this site, until a public meeting is held to explain the proposed project to area residents.”

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, on behalf of Councillor Augimeri, the Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) the adoption of the following motion pertaining to Agency No. 22, Youth Clinical Services at 1900 Sheppard Avenue West:

“Whereas SCPI (Federal Government) funding for the project by Youth Clinical Services at 1900 Sheppard Avenue West is conditional on zoning; and

Whereas local area concerns ought to be taken into account when dealing with matters of such importance;

Therefore Be It Resolved that any local community concerns be considered in the development of the 1900 Sheppard Avenue West site; and

Be It Further Resolved that no decisions be made with respect to this site, until a public meeting is held to explain the proposed project to area residents.”

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 1)

1.20 Emergency Plan.

The Committee had before it a communication (January 7, 2002) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission advising that the Toronto Transit Commission on December 19, 2001, had before it a memorandum from Mr. Brian Leck, TTC, General Counsel, respecting the City’s Emergency Plan, and adopted the following recommendation contained therein:

"It is recommended that, given the extensive resources of the Commission in terms of evacuation vehicles, industrial type construction vehicles/equipment and workforce, and the expertise of the Commission in the management and operation of these, that the Commission's Chief General Manager or his or her designate be authorized to be a member of the Municipal Control Group of the Toronto Emergency Planning Committee, with the following authority:

As Chief General Manager, he or she, or a designate, shall have sole authority to provide and direct, as he or she deems fit, any Commission service and resource that may be requested by the Municipal Control Group noting, in particular, that unlike emergency service and health care workers, Commission employees are not exempt from Part V (Right to refuse or to stop work) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

More specifically, it is further recommended that TTC staff request the City of Toronto to amend clause 10 of the City of Toronto By-law 47-1998 to allow for the Commission's Chief General Manager to be a member of the Municipal Control Group, and to amend clause 6, Table A to add the Commission's Chief General Manager in column 1, and to note in column 2 that the Commission's Chief General Manager has sole authority and responsibility for direction and co-ordination of emergency services and resources of the Commission.

And it is further recommended that any express or implied approval or authority provided by the Commission to the Municipal Control Group, or to any municipality pursuant to any Emergency Plan and/or the Ontario Emergency Plans Act, (the "Act"), be revoked."

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services with a request that he report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission - January 16 and 23, 2001)

(Clause No. 14(g), Report No. 1)

1.21 Briefing on Influenza Vaccinations for Paramedics.

The Committee had before it a report (January 9, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing, for information, an update on the status of Mandatory Influenza Vaccinations for Paramedics within the City of Toronto.

The Committee also had before it a copy of a communication (January 14, 2002) addressed to The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, from Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair of the Community Services Committee, respecting the issue of mandatory influenza vaccinations for staff of Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Committee directed that:

- (1) the aforementioned report (January 9, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be forwarded to Council, without recommendation; and
- (2) the following motion from Councillor Walker be forwarded to Council, for consideration:

“That the City join with CUPE Local 416’s representation of the Paramedics’ legal challenge to the Province’s legislation enforcing mandatory influenza vaccinations for paramedics.”

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 1)

1.22 Change to Membership - Children and Youth Action Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (January 11, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on January 9, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) Trustee Angela Kennedy of the Toronto Catholic District Board serve as the representative for the Children and Youth Action Committee;
- (2) Trustee Juli Codd, Toronto District School Board, serve as the representative on the Children's Section of the Committee, with Trustees Shelly Carroll and Sheila Cary-Meagher as alternates; and
- (3) the resignation of David Rew, Executive Director, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club from the membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee be accepted.

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

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 1)

1.23 Accreditation Report, Cummer Lodge.

The Committee had before it a communication (January 11, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on January 11, 2002, adopted a report (December 17, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, advising of the positive results of the accreditation survey conducted at Cummer Lodge by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on October 16 to 19, 2001, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) management, staff and volunteers of Cummer Lodge be congratulated on this significant achievement.

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On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, and extended congratulations to the management, staff, volunteers and Home Advisory Committee at Cummer Lodge.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Cummer Lodge - January 16 and 23, 2001)

(Clause No. 14(h), Report No. 1)

The Committee adjourned its meeting on January 23, 2002, at 5:10 p.m.

Chair.