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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, March 27, 2003

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, March 27, 2003, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present: 9:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair	x
Councillor Maria Augimeri	x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x
Councillor Sherene Shaw	x
Councillor Michael Walker	x

Regrets:

Councillor Raymond Cho
Councillor Mario Silva
Councillor Michael Tziretas

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
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 January 9 and 16, 2003, were confirmed.

3.1 Toronto Emergency Medical Services Hospital Off-Loading Policy Changes

The Committee had before it a report (March 6, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services seeking Council approval for changes to Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS) policy regarding the timely off-loading of patients arriving at hospital emergency departments; and recommending that:

- (1) it be the policy of City Council that:
 - (a) effective February 25, 2003, patients brought to emergency departments by Toronto EMS, who are ambulatory or safely able to sit in a wheelchair, shall be turned over to the care of the receiving hospital forthwith, subject only to the medical restrictions and conflict resolution mechanism established from time-to-time by Toronto EMS;
 - (b) effective May 26, 2003, all patients brought to a hospital emergency department shall be turned over to the care of the receiving hospitals within 60 minutes of arrival at the emergency department, and that the paramedic unit shall leave the facility forthwith and return to service, subject only to the medical restrictions and conflict resolution mechanism established from time-to-time by Toronto EMS; and
 - (c) effective July 28, 2003, all patients brought to a hospital emergency department shall be turned over to the care of the receiving hospitals within 20 minutes of arrival at the emergency department, and that the paramedic unit shall leave the facility forthwith and return to service, subject only to the medical restrictions and conflict resolution mechanism established from time-to-time by Toronto EMS;
- (2) City Council endorse the comprehensive initiatives undertaken by Toronto EMS to improve response time performance;
- (3) the Toronto EMS Chief and General Manager routinely report to City Council through the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services on the progress of the implementation of these policies and on impact upon EMS response time performance in Toronto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

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Mr. Ron Kelusky, Chief and General Manager, and Mr. Alan Craig, Deputy Chief and Director of Program Development and Service Quality, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, gave a presentation on the Toronto Emergency Medical Services Hospital Off-Loading Policy Changes.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services be requested to provide the Community Services Committee in September 2003 with an update on the new Hospital Off-Loading Policy Changes, and, in particular, with respect to the Call Service Time and Response Time for life threatening calls; and
- (3) commended staff of Toronto Emergency Medical Services on the actions they have taken in this regard.

The following motion by Councillor Walker **did not carry**:

“That the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee in July 2003 on:

- (i) the success of Phase II of the policy; and
- (ii) a series of additional phases in place of the present Phase III, i.e., at 40 days and then 30 days, under the new Toronto EMS Patient Off-Loading Policies.”

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 3)

3.2 Renewal of Purchase of Services Agreement - St. John Ambulance, Toronto District

The Committee had before it a report (February 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services seeking Council approval for renewing the Purchase of Service Agreement with St. John Ambulance, Toronto District; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the Purchase of Service Agreement with St. John Ambulance, Toronto District for a one-year period, effective January 1, 2003-December 31, 2003;
- (2) the Chief and General Manager of Emergency Medical Services be authorized to renew the Purchase of Service Agreement on an annual basis, subject to a termination clause that can be exercised by either party with 30 days' written notice;
- (3) 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 as per the attached agreement;
- (4) 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;
- (5) authority be granted to allow St. John Ambulance the right of first refusal to purchase vehicles and equipment declared surplus by Toronto EMS based on the history of the last auction price; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 3)

3.3 Research Publications - Toronto Emergency Medical Services

The Committee had before it a report (March 4, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of two major research studies undertaken between Toronto EMS Staff Psychologist, Dr. Gerry Goldberg, and researchers at the University of Toronto headed by Dr. Cheryl Regehr; indicating that two papers were published, entitled "Exposure to Human Tragedy, Empathy and Trauma in Ambulance Paramedics" and "Post Traumatic

Symptoms and Disability in Paramedics”; and recommending that:

- (1) the report be received for information; and
- (2) Dr. Goldberg and Dr. Regehr be acknowledged for their collaborative research in the important area of paramedic exposure to human tragedy and its consequences.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and directed that its appreciation be expressed to Dr. Goldberg and Dr. Regehr for their work on these research studies.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(a), Report No. 3)

3.4 License or Certification Audit of Toronto Emergency Medical Services

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising Council that Toronto Emergency Medical Services successfully received a three-year certification to operate an ambulance service as defined under the Ambulance Act of Ontario through full compliance with the ambulance services certification audit conducted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council recognize the staff of Toronto Emergency Medical Services for achieving certification in its recent Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care audit;
- (2) Toronto Emergency Medical Services continue its work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care certification team to review some outstanding recommendations that require clarification; and
- (3) this report be received for information.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 3)

3.5 Sole Source Contract for Proprietary Consumable Supplies, Operating Accessories, Maintenance and Repairs with Zoll Medical Corporation for Monitor/Defibrillator Equipment

The Committee had before it a report (March 13, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services requesting authority to issue a sole source contract to Zoll Medical Corporation for the provision of proprietary operating accessories, maintenance, repairs and supplies for Zoll Medical Corporation Monitor/Defibrillator equipment currently in use by Toronto Emergency Medical Services; and recommending that:

- (1) concurrence be given for past expenditures in 2002 for Zoll Medical Corporation for consumable supplies, operating accessories, maintenance and repairs, in the estimated amount of \$390,000.00, including all charges and applicable taxes;
- (2) a contract be issued to Zoll Medical Corporation for consumable supplies, operating accessories, maintenance and repairs, in the estimated amount of \$1,700,000.00 for operating years 2003 to 2006, including all charges and applicable taxes; 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. 4, Report No. 3)

3.6 Toronto EMS Fuel Purchasing Contract

The Committee had before it a report (March 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services seeking Council concurrence with the actions taken by Toronto EMS for the purchase of vehicle fuel in 2002, using fuel procurement cards; advising Council of the steps currently being initiated for 2003 fuel purchases; and recommending that:

- (1) Council concur with the expenditure from the Toronto EMS 2002 operating budget and from the 2003 operating budget to the three suppliers, as identified in the Financial Implications Statement;

- (2) Council concur with the actions taken by Toronto EMS to establish a temporary sole source with Petro Canada in the amount of \$450,000.00 for fuel card purchases and that the sole source be terminated pending the outcome of a Request for Quotation; and
- (3) 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. 5, Report No. 3)

3.7 Update on Request for Expressions of Interest to Market Toronto Fire Services' Paraphernalia

The Committee had before it a joint report (March 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager providing the status on the Request for Expressions of Interest to market Toronto Fire Services' paraphernalia; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief and General Manager - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(b), Report No. 3)

3.8 Chaplaincy Services for Toronto Fire Services

The Committee had before it a joint report (March 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager responding to the request of the Committee on January 16 and 23, 2002, to report on the feasibility of providing chaplaincy services on a volunteer and/or pooling of religious denominations basis, or as part of the City's Employee Assistance Program; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief and General Manager - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(c), Report No. 3)

3.9 Toronto Fire Services' Hazardous Materials Teams Wins Prestigious Award

The Committee had before it a joint report (March 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager advising that the National Fire Protection Association Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee recently named the Toronto Fire Services' Hazardous Materials Team as the 2003 recipient of the Warren E. Isman Education Grant; indicating that the selection of this Team for this prestigious award is a clear indicator of the remarkable professionalism of the men and women of the team; noting that the Team will receive a cheque for \$2,5000.00 U.S., which will go towards expenses for five Team members to attend the IAFC's Annual Hazmat Conference in Maryland; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Shaw, the Committee received the aforementioned joint report; and extended its congratulations to the members of the Toronto Fire Services' Hazardous Materials Team.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief and General Manager - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(d), Report No. 3)

3.10 Request for Authority to Renew Option Years for Request for Proposal No. 0613-02-0005 for the Supply and Delivery of Prepared Foods to Various Child Care Centres

The Committee had before it a joint report (January 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting Request for Proposal No. 0613-02-0005 for the supply and delivery of prepared foods to various Child Care Centres; and recommending that:

- (1) the City exercise the option to renew the remaining two (2) years of the contract with the current supplier, Choice Children's Catering Limited for the supply and delivery of Prepared Foods to various Child Care Centres, Children's Services Division, for a total amount of \$767,651.47 for the period June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2005, including all charges and applicable taxes; 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 joint report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 3)

3.11 Child Care Needs of Young Adult Learners

The Committee had before it a report (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on June 24, 2002, to meet with the Language Equity and Literacy Working Group respecting the child care challenges faced by young adult learners as a result of the provincial policy concerning eligible hours of care; identifying how the City has responded to the need for flexible child care services; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and further directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Language Equity and Literacy Working Group.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Language Equity and Literacy Working Group - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(e), Report No. 3)

3.12 Accreditation Report - Albion Lodge Home for the Aged

The Committee had before it a communication (January 24, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on January 24, 2003, adopted a report (January 21, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged providing a summary of the outcomes of the recent accreditation survey of Albion Lodge conducted by

the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation from November 17-19, 2002, and wherein it recommended that:

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

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, and further directed that its congratulations be expressed to the management, staff and volunteers at Albion Lodge.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Albion Lodge - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(f), Report No. 3)

3.13 Accreditation Report - Fudger House Home for the Aged

The Committee had before it a communication (January 24, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on January 24, 2003, adopted a report (January 14, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged providing a summary of the outcomes of the recent accreditation survey of Fudger House conducted by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation from October 23-25, 2002; and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee; and
- (2) the management, staff and volunteers of Fudger House be congratulated on this achievement.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and further directed that its congratulations be expressed to the management, staff and volunteers at Fudger House.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Fudger House - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(g), Report No. 3)

**3.14 Possible Partnership - “Confronting Our Fears:
Access to Care Services for GLBT Seniors”**

The Committee had before it a communication (March 14, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on March 14, 2003, referred to the Community Services Committee for information a report (March 3, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting a potential partnership with The 519 relating to provision of staff training to improve their understanding of the issues that face gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender seniors when they have a need for long-term care.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(h), Report No. 3)

**3.15 Achievement of 2002 Operating Objectives -
Homes for the Aged**

The Committee had before it a communication (March 14, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on March 14, 2003, received a report (February 17, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged documenting the achievement of the 2002 Homes for the Aged Division objectives, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(i), Report No. 3)

3.16 Ontario Works Benefit Rates: Loss of Purchasing Power Since 1995

The Committee had before it a report (March 6, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the progressive loss of purchasing power for persons participating in the Ontario Works (OW) program in Toronto as a result of steadily rising costs of living and social assistance rates which have remained unchanged since 1995; examining the sufficiency of benefits, compared with standard of living indicators for Toronto residents as a whole, and the adequacy of both the shelter and basic needs components of the monthly OW benefits; describing a proposal put forward by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) intended to help address these and other key issues concerning OW; and recommending that:

- (1) in light of the substantial reduction in purchasing power experienced by social assistance recipients since 1995, and the hardship that OW recipients living in Toronto face due to the City's high cost of living, City Council advocate that the Province significantly increase social assistance allowance rates to compensate for increases in the costs of shelter, food, transportation and other basic needs;
- (2) City Council endorse the "Ontario Child Supplement" proposal put forward by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services; 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 a communication (March 27, 2003) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, providing comments with respect to the reports from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Ontario Works Benefit Rates: Loss of Purchasing Power Since 1995", "Update on the Recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the Death of Kimberly Rogers and the Provincial Zero Tolerance Policy for Social Assistance Fraud", and on homelessness.

Mr. Tim Maguire, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 3)

3.17 Update on the Recommendation of the Coroner's Inquest into the Death of Kimberly Rogers and the Provincial Zero Tolerance Policy for Social Assistance Fraud

The Committee had before it a report (February 26, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the implications of the recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Kimberly Rogers for the delivery of social assistance in Toronto; addressing issues raised by Council in response to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report of August 6, 2002, which provided an update on the implementation of the Province of Ontario's zero tolerance policy for social assistance fraud; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council request the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services to implement the December 19, 2002, recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Kimberly Rogers, notably the elimination of the lifetime ban for individuals convicted of social assistance fraud;
- (2) pending elimination of the Province's zero tolerance lifetime ban policy, commencing in 2003, City Council authorize the provision of 100 percent of the cost of providing social assistance to persons (in a crisis situation) who are subjected to the zero tolerance lifetime ban policy from the 2003 Hardship Fund, and subject to the City's annual budget approval process for subsequent years;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; 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 a communication (March 27, 2003) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, providing comments with respect to the reports from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Ontario Works Benefit Rates: Loss of Purchasing Power Since 1995", "Update on the Recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest into the Death of Kimberly Rogers and the Provincial Zero Tolerance Policy for Social Assistance Fraud", and on homelessness.

Mr. Tim Maguire, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 3)

3.18 Purchase Contract for Supply of TTC Tickets.

The Committee had before it a report (March 6, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services obtaining approval to enter a one-year contract with the Toronto Transit Commission for the provision of tickets and/or tokens to be used for normal departmental business operations for the period April 1, 2003, through to and including March 31, 2004, noting that the tickets are supplied to departmental divisions as part of support to the programs such as those offered by Hostel Services, Social Services and Children's Services; and recommending that:

- (1) the contract with the Toronto Transit Commission, for the provision of TTC tickets and/or tokens, not to exceed \$1 million be approved for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 3)

3.19 Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto (CIT) - Service Agreement

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to extend the 2002 service agreement with the Community Information Centre of

Metropolitan Toronto (CIT) for a period of six months ending on June 30th, 2003;

- (2) a three-year service agreement be developed and submitted to the June meeting of the Community Services Committee; and
- (3) 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. 10, Report No. 3)

3.20 2003 Food and Hunger Action Fund Allocations and Appeals

The Community Services Committee on March 27, 2003, had before it the following reports and communication:

- (March 3, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services forwarding recommendations for the allocation of one-time Food and Hunger Action Fund grants for 2003; and recommending that:
 - (1) the attached 2003 Food and Hunger Action Fund grant allocations totalling \$700,000.00 for 49 projects as described in Appendix A be approved;
 - (2) \$15,000.00 of the \$750,000.00 available under the Food and Hunger Action Fund be held for contingency funding for approved small capital projects to address additional costs identified in the approved final work plan that meet the Food and Hunger Action Fund funding criteria, and that the authority to issue small capital contingency funds be delegated to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
 - (3) staff report to the Community Services Committee with an analysis of the continued relevance of the Food and Hunger Action Committee's proposed approach to funding for community-based food security initiatives, including the need for and design of a permanent food security grants program prior to the 2004 budget cycle; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

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- (March 24, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on March 24, 2003:
 - (1) recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of the reports dated March 3, 2003, and March 20, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and wherein the March 20 report recommended that the recommended grant of \$20,000.00 to Second Harvest contained in the March 3, 2003, report to the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee, titled "2003 Food and Hunger Action Fund Allocations" be used to address appeals; and
 - (2) referred the appeals from the following organizations to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further consideration and report thereon to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on March 27, 2003:
 - Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre (Organization No. 1);
 - Agincourt Community Services Association Inc. (Organization No. 2);
 - The Anglican Church of the Nativity (Organization No. 3);
 - Apostles Revelation Society – Society for the Living (Organization No. 5);
 - Auberge d'Accueil Francophone et Services Aux Refugée (Organization No. 7);
 - The Black Secretariat (Organization No. 10);
 - CultureLink Settlement Services of Metro Toronto (Organization No. 23);
 - Dixon Community Services (Organization No. 26);
 - Emmanuel Howard Park United (Organization No. 29);
 - FCJ Hamilton House Refugee Project (Organization No. 32);
 - 519 Church Street Community Centre (Organization No. 33);
 - Fred Victor Centre (Organization No. 40);
 - Harmony Hall Centre for Seniors (Organization No. 44);
 - Hincks-Dellcrest Centre (Organization No. 45);
 - Homes First Society (Organization No. 46);
 - Learning Enrichment Foundation (Organization No. 49);
 - Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (Organization No. 53);
 - Neighbourhood Link (Organization No. 56);
 - The Ontario Association of Food Banks (Organization No. 59);

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- Second Harvest (Organization No. 68);
 - Sistering (Organization No. 69);
 - St. Stephen's Community House (Organization No. 74);
 - Thorncliffe Park Garden Club (Organization No. 80);
 - Toronto Christian Resource Centre (Organization No. 81);
 - Toronto Community & Culture Centre (Organization No. 82);
 - Touchstone Youth Centre (Organization No. 86);
 - Voices of Positive Women (Organization No. 88);
 - Weston King Neighbourhood Centre (Organization No. 90); and
 - York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors (Organization No. 96); and
- (March 26, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, recommending that:
- (1) the appeal fund of \$55,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and recommended that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee:

- (a) identifying those agencies in need of a refrigerator, or any other equipment; and
- (b) on the feasibility of initiating a fundraising campaign to seek donations from the manufacturing and corporate sector to help provide appliances to needy organizations;

and further expressed thanks to the Chair and Members of the Food and Hunger Action Committee and appropriate staff for their work with respect to the Food and Hunger Action program.

Councillor Augimeri moved that the Committee meet privately to discuss that portion of the foregoing report dated March 26, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services pertaining to the recommendation to provide a grant to the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) (Organization No. 16), having regard the City is involved in a civil action commenced by LEF, and that the matter relates to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, in accordance with the

Municipal Act.

The Committee recessed at 12:05 p.m. to meet in camera to consider the aforementioned matter.

Members Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Michael Walker

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 12:10 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing members in attendance.

The Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated March 3, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
 - (b) the adoption of the report dated March 20, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
 - (c) the adoption of the report dated March 26, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to the grant recommended for the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF) (Organization No. 16) being held pending the settlement of the LEF civil action and the City's counterclaim;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, be requested to report to the Community Services Committee identifying those agencies in need of a refrigerator, or any other equipment, and on the feasibility of:
 - (a) identifying viable refrigerators which are proposed to be, or have been, discarded, and which could be recycled to hostels throughout the City; **(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)**
 - (b) obtaining a grant from the Toronto Atmospheric Fund in order to provide new energy-efficient refrigerators to those organizations who applied for grants under the Food and Hunger Action Fund Grants Program and who indicated their need of a refrigerator; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
 - (c) initiating a fundraising campaign to seek donations from the manufacturing and corporate sector to help provide appliances to needy organizations; and **(Motion by Councillor Augimeri, on behalf of Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski)**
- (iii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to review the staffing support to the Food and Hunger Action Committee. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Community Resources, Social Development and Administration - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 3)

3.21 Youth Employment Job Development Project

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 2003) from the 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 \$123,740.00 to continue to support the development of effective partnerships with business and community-based youth employment service providers in order to create skill development and employment opportunities for “at risk” youth;
- (2) the recommended funding be utilized for the purposes described in this report, to be completed by April 30, 2004; 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. 12, Report No. 3)

3.22 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - Toronto Homeless Community Economic Development Program

The Committee had before it a report (March 10, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to renew the Partnership Agreement with the United Way of Greater Toronto, Human Resources Development Canada, and the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services for a three-year period, subject to annual funding approval through the City budget process, for the purposes of delivering the Toronto Homeless Community Economic Development Program;
- (2) Council approve a \$250,000.00 allocation from the 2003 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) to the United Way of Greater Toronto who will serve as the program administrator on behalf of the funders and provide funding and supports to Community Economic Development projects; 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. 13, Report No. 3)

3.23 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - 2002 Appeal Recommendations

The Committee had before it a report (March 3, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on February 19, 2003, heard appeals with respect to the 2002 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve funding from the appeals fund for 2002 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) in the amount of \$13,952.00 for three agencies as described in Appendix A of this report; 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. 14, Report No. 3)

3.24 Off the Street, Into Shelter Program - 2002 Appeal Recommendations

The Committee had before it a report (March 3, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on February 19, 2003, heard an appeal from St. Stephen's Community House with respect to the 2002 Off the Street, Into Shelter Program; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve funding from the appeals fund for 2002 Off the Street, Into Shelter

(OSIS) in the amount of \$14,086.00 for one agency as described in Appendix A; 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. 15, Report No. 3)

3.25 Update on Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative

The Committee had before it a report (March 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the status of the extension of the federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) and to seek approvals on a number of funding recommendations; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer be given authority to sign on behalf of the City of Toronto, an amendment to the SCPI contribution agreement with Human Resources Development Canada which extends the end date of the agreement from March 31, 2003 to March 31, 2004;
- (2) as a result of delays in the development of Eva's Youth Shelter (Canterbury), \$1.4 million be reallocated from the Shelter Housing and Support 2003 capital budget to the Shelter Housing and Support 2003 operating budget in order to fund Homeless Programs and Services projects as per Recommendation No. (3) below;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to approve contract extensions from September 30, 2003 to March 31, 2004, up to \$1.4 million, for existing SCPI projects funded under the Homeless Programs and Services envelope, which are recommended by staff based on the project performance;
- (4) funding of up to \$400,000.00 for White Light Hospice be approved to facilitate the renovations of the Hospice's current site. Funding is contingent upon a due diligence review including confirmation of building ownership, assessment of the long-term viability of the agency, and a review of detailed estimates of required building renovations;

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- (5) funding of up to \$100,000.00 be allocated to the design and development of public education materials and resource kits regarding housing and shelter development, to be awarded through competitive RFP processes; and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be given authority to enter into contracts with successful proponents from the RFP processes; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Mr. Geoff Norris, Secretary, and Ms. Karen Dinsdale, Executive Director, White Light Hospice Foundation;
- Mr. Donald Young, resident of the White Light Hospice.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee, unanimously:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) complimented the White Light Hospice Foundation on the service it provides.

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 3)

**3.26 Eva's Initiatives - Shelter for Homeless Youth,
Canterbury Place (Ward 23, Willowdale)**

The Committee had before it a report (March 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the development of Eva's Shelter, a City-owned shelter providing services for homeless youth at 0 Canterbury Place, a City-owned site in Ward 23, and to provide an update on the planned spending under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI); and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the development of a City-owned shelter for up to 40 homeless youth at 0 Canterbury Place;

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- (2) the construction phase of the shelter only proceed once the second phase of SCPI funding is confirmed; 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 during consideration of the foregoing matter communications from the following:

- (March 26, 2003) from Mr. Karen Mistelbacher and Mr. Tim Thomson; and
- (March 26, 2003) from the Reverend John Wilton, Parish Priest, St. George's Anglican Church.

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

- Mr. Don Matheson, Eva's Initiatives;
- Mr. Dave Kappel, General Manager, Eva's Place; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24, Willowdale, and recommended the deletion of Recommendation No. (2) of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and that it be replaced with the following:

“(2) in the event that the development and construction timetable for Eva's Shelter at Canterbury Place proceeds faster than the timetable outlined in the report, funding be advanced to support timely development of this project by reallocating underspending from other areas of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department's capital budget, such funds to be replaced upon Council's first allocation of SCPI Phase II funding;”.

Councillor Mihevc, on behalf of Councillor Shiner, recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to deleting Recommendation No. (2) and replacing it with the following:

“(2) in the event that the development and construction timetable for Eva's Shelter at Canterbury Place proceeds faster than the timetable outlined in the report, funding be advanced to support timely development of this project by reallocating underspending from other areas of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department's capital budget, such funds to be replaced upon Council's first allocation of SCPI Phase II funding;”.

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 3)

3.27 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Sale of Social Housing Project at 430 Broadview Avenue - Approval under the City's Shareholder Direction and the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (Ward 30, Broadview-Greenwood)

The Committee had before it a report (March 10, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer providing, in accordance with the City's Shareholder Direction, approval to Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for the sale of a social housing project at 430 Broadview Avenue (the "Property"); and recommending that:

- (1) the sale by TCHC of the Property at 430 Broadview Avenue be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section 6.3.1(b) of the Shareholder Direction, on condition that the net sale proceeds be applied to the replacement of all 15 housing units, and any remaining proceeds be applied towards the development of other social and affordable housing projects;
- (2) the temporary reduction of the number of rent-geared-to-income units, be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section 6.3.1(c) of the Shareholder Direction;
- (3) TCHC report back to the Shareholder on the status of the replacement of the 15 housing units within six months after the sale of the Property; 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 a report (March 10, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting authority to approve the sale by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation ("TCHC") of a social housing project at 430 Broadview Avenue (the "Property") in accordance with the requirements under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (SHRA); and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to approve, on behalf of the City of Toronto, as Service Manager, the sale by TCHC of the Property at 430 Broadview Avenue required under the federal operating agreement (the "Operating Agreement") being administered by the City pursuant to the SHRA, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister");

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to submit a business case to the Minister to seek the Ministerial consent to the sale of the Property at 430 Broadview Avenue pursuant to restrictions contained in Transfer Order No. 22-4/2001 as amended (the "Transfer Order") made pursuant to the SHRA; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned reports from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 3)

**3.28 Toronto Community Housing Corporation Redevelopment
of Don Mount Court - Approval under the City's Shareholder
Direction and the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000
(Ward 30, Broadview-Greenwood)**

The Committee had before it a report (March 12, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer providing, in accordance with the City's Shareholder Direction, approval to Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for the redevelopment of Don Mount Court, including the sale or lease of all or a portion of the housing project and the temporary reduction in the number of rent-geared-to-income (RGI) units, and to provide information about the TCHC subsidiary Don Mount Court Development Corporation; and recommending that:

- (1) the redevelopment of Don Mount Court and the sale or lease of a portion or all of the housing project be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to sections (6.3.1)(b) and (6.3.1)(c) of the Shareholder Direction on condition that any net sale proceeds and any net proceeds from the lease of all or a portion of the housing project be applied to the redevelopment of Don Mount Court or the construction of new affordable housing or a combination of these uses;
- (2) the temporary reduction in the number of rent-geared-to-income units at Don Mount Court be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section (6.3.1)(c) of the Shareholder Direction;

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- (3) the information concerning TCHC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Don Mount Court Development Corporation ("DMCDC"), contained in the attached TCHC report dated March 4, 2003, be received by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, as required by sections (4.2.3) and (5.13)(a) and (b) of the Shareholder Direction in respect of DMCDC;
- (4) any future reports that have financial implications to the City related to Don Mount Court be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee through the Community Services Committee; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a report (March 10, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the redevelopment by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation ("TCHC") of Don Mount Court, including the sale or lease of a portion or all of the housing project in accordance with the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) the redevelopment of Don Mount Court and the sale or lease of all or a portion of the housing project be approved by the City of Toronto, as Service Manager, under the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* ("SHRA");
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to submit a business case to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister"), on behalf of TCHC, to seek Ministerial approval for the redevelopment of and the sale or lease of a portion or all of the housing project according to Ministerial guidelines under the SHRA; and
- (3) 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 reports from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 19, Report No. 3)

3.29 Counselling Supports Provided in the Shelter System

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to a request from City Council to submit an update on counselling supports provided in the shelter system; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(j), Report No. 3)

3.30 Possible City Actions to Prevent People from Sleeping on the Street

The Committee had before it a joint report (March 12, 2003) from the City Solicitor and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to a Council request for information on actions that could be taken by the City of Toronto to prevent people from sleeping on the street; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (March 27, 2003) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, in support of the City staff's approach to the issue of homelessness, and encouraging the expansion of existing shelters and outreach programs to accommodate the special needs of individuals not adequately served by the system, including those suffering from addictions and other mental health concerns.

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

- Mr. Tim Maguire, 2nd Vice-President, CUPE Local 79; and
- Councillor Doug Holyday, Ward 3, Etobicoke Centre, and recommended that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the City Solicitor and Chief of Police be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on how

people can be prohibited from sleeping on public property.

Councillor Walker, on behalf of Councillor Holyday, moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the City Solicitor and Chief of Police be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on how people can be prohibited from sleeping on public property, which was **lost**.

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

(City Solicitor; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Ann Dembinski, CUPE Local 79; Councillor Doug Holyday; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(k), Report No. 3)

**3.31 Response to Communication from Councillor Holyday
Regarding Aggressive Panhandling Computerized Hostel
Intake System and Homeless Encampments**

The Committee had before it a report (March 11, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee to report on recommendations contained within a June 18, 2002, communication from Councillor Holyday pertaining to a zero-tolerance policy on panhandling, computerized hostel intake system using finger imaging, and the removal of homeless encampments; and recommending that the report be received for information.

Councillor Doug Holyday, Ward 3, Etobicoke Centre, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and recommended that:

- (1) the Chief of Police be requested to enforce the Safe Streets Act particularly with respect to that section pertaining to "Solicitation of captive audience prohibited"; referred to in (1)(b) of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services under the heading "Aggressive Panhandling"; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the City Solicitor and Chief of Police be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on how people can be prohibited from sleeping on public property.

Councillor Walker, on behalf of Councillor Holyday, moved that:

- (1) the Chief of Police be requested to enforce the Safe Streets Act particularly with respect to that section pertaining to “Solicitation of captive audience prohibited”; referred to in (1)(b) of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services under the heading “Aggressive Panhandling”; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the City Solicitor and Chief of Police be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on how people can be prohibited from sleeping on public property,

which was **lost**.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Doug Holyday; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(l), Report No. 3)

3.32 Open Door Drop-In Centre

The Committee had before it a communication (March 10, 2003) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Don Valley West, Ward 26, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons at its meeting held in March 2003 discussed a number of issues arising from the pending eviction of the Open Door Drop-in from its location at the All Saints Anglican Church (221 Sherbourne Street); and requesting that the Community Services Committee endorse the following actions:

- (1) all parties (Open Door, All Saints Church and City officials) work together to ensure a successful resolution to the current tenancy difficulties and to find a long-term solution that ensures a continuity of drop-in services in the Sherbourne and Dundas area; and

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the April 14, 2003, meeting of City Council with an update on the status of both short and long-term plans to address this situation given the urgency of the matter.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration and report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jane Pitfield; Advisory Committee on Homelessness and Socially Isolated Persons; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(m), Report No. 3)

3.33 Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project - Process for Focus Group and Eligibility Criteria

The Committee again had before it a communication (February 19, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on February 4, 5 and 6, 2003, again struck out and referred back to the Community Services Committee for further consideration a Motion by Councillor Sutherland, seconded by Councillor Feldman, contained in Clause No. 10(h) of Report No. 9 of The Community Services Committee, entitled "Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project - Process for Focus Group and Eligibility Criteria", wherein it recommended as follows:

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a report back to Council on the process used to determine the focus group for the Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council direct the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit a report back to Council outlining the eligibility criteria for the Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project."

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Paul Sutherland; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(n), Report No. 3)

3.34 The Toronto Charter for a Healthy Canada

The Committee had before it a communication (March 4, 2003) from the Secretary, Board of Health advising that the Board of Health on March 3, 2003, had before it a communication (February 12, 2003) from Mr. Brian Hyndman, Member, Board of Health, respecting the Toronto Charter for a Healthy Canada; and indicating that the Board endorsed the Toronto Charter for a Healthy Canada and directed that the matter be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and Council.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council that the Toronto Charter for a Healthy Canada, referred to in the aforementioned communication from the Secretary, Board of Health, be endorsed; and further that the Toronto Charter for a Healthy Canada be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Governments with a request that they implement the recommendations contained therein.

(Clause No. 23, Report No. 3)

3.35 2002 List of Outstanding Items - Community Services Committee

The Committee had before it a communication (February 18, 2003) from the City Clerk submitting, for information, the 2002 List of Outstanding Items for the Community Services Committee, together with departmental responses.

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

(Clause No. 26(p), Report No. 3)

**3.36 Amendment to Council Authority Regarding the
Transitional Housing Project at 243 Cosburn Avenue
(Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth)**

The Committee had before it a report (March 24, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Appendix 1 to Clause No. 12 of Report No. 8 of the Community Services Committee, headed "Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative - Allocations for Transitional Housing" as adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, be amended such that reference to the organization named therein, being WoodGreen Community Centre, be deleted and replaced with the organization named WoodGreen Community Housing Inc.;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into a SCPI funding agreement with WoodGreen Community Housing Inc. for the development and provision of transitional housing at 243 Cosburn Avenue and such other agreements or related documentation deemed necessary or desirable by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to give effect to the foregoing including, without limitation, prior mortgage commitments and postponement and priority agreements, all on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in his discretion, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; 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. 20, Report No. 3)

**3.37 Outstanding Hydro Charges -
Various Non-Profit Agencies**

The Committee had before it a communication (March 24, 2003) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22, St. Paul's, respecting the inability of Friends of Poverty Relief, Chill Out and the Furniture Bank to pay the extremely high hydro bill at 200 Madison Avenue; advising that these organizations are non-profit and have the use of the space at below-market rents; and indicating that Toronto Hydro has agreed to keep the power on until City Council can consider this issue.

The Committee also had before it a communication (March 21, 2003) addressed to Councillor Olivia Chow, from Mr. Edward de Gale, Executive Director, Share the Warmth, requesting a one-time emergency energy assistance grant of \$200,000.00.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee submitted the communication dated March 24, 2003, from Councillor Michael Walker and the communication dated March 21, 2003, from the Executive Director, Share the Warmth, to Council without recommendation; and requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report directly to Council for its meeting on April 14, 2003, with respect to the issues raised in these communications, and on any actions that can be taken to alleviate the financial problems being experienced by low-income people due to escalating hydro costs.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Michael Walker; Councillor Olivia Chow; Mr. Edward de Gale, Share the Warmth; Mr. Angelo Coulos, Chair of Friends of Poverty Relief; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Community Resources, Social Development and Administration; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 22, Report No. 3)

3.38 Let's Build - Technical Amendment to the Authority for Requests for Proposals

The Committee had before it a report (March 26, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the need for a technical amendment to the authority to conduct Requests for Proposals for affordable housing projects under the Let's Build program; and recommending that:

- (1) Recommendation No. 7 of Clause No. 5 of Report No. 4 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, adopted by Council at its meeting of April 16, 17 and 18, 2002 (the "Report"), be amended by deleting specific limiting references to the year 2002; 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. 21, Report No. 3)

3.39 Update on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

The Committee received a verbal update on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) from the Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

On motion by Councillor Shaw, the Committee directed that the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Medical Officer of Health, and any other appropriate staff, be requested to work with Toronto Emergency Medical Services and the Emergency Response Team to address the following issues:

- the social services and health needs of the local community affected in Scarborough;
- the feasibility of establishing a Community Response Mobile Unit on site in the area; and

- the distribution of information, in appropriate languages, on SARS to residences and businesses in the affected area.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health; Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - March 27, 2003)

(Clause No. 26(o), Report No. 3)

**3.40 Update Regarding the Status of Litigation with
The Learning Enrichment Foundation**

The Committee had before it a confidential joint report (March 11, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor providing information regarding the status of a civil action commenced by The Learning Enrichment Foundation, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

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

(Clause No. 24, Report No. 3)

**3.41 Shelter, Housing and Support Division's Let's Build Program -
Extension of Contract of the Special Advisor, Housing Development**

The Committee had before it a confidential report (March 24, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to extend the contract of the Special Advisor, Housing Development, Let's Build Program, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual.

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

(Clause No. 25, Report No. 3)

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The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Chair.