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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA MEETING No. 4

Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 29, 2004Enquiry:Time:9:30 a.m.Location:Committee Room 2City Hall100 Queen Street West

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Declarations of Interest Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Confirmation of Minutes - February 4, 5 and 11, 2004

Deputations/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Communications/Reports:

1. City of Toronto New Emergency Management By-Law and Emergency Management Program

Report (April 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the City of Toronto's New Emergency Management By-Law and Emergency Management Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the Emergency Management By-law, in the form attached as Appendix "A" to this report, to replace the current Municipal Code Chapter 59;
- (2) Council adopt the Emergency Management Program attached as Appendices "B", "C" and "D" to this report; and
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to introduce a bill to Council in the form approved by Council in Recommendation No. (1).

2. Extension of Agreement for the Manufacture, Supply and Maintenance of Bunker Suits to Toronto Fire Services - Request for Proposal No. 3806-00-1003

Report (April 7, 2004) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager respecting the extension of agreement for the manufacture, supply and maintenance of bunker suits for Toronto Fire Services under Request for Proposal No. 3806-00-1003.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City be authorized to exercise its option to extend the term of the bunker suit manufacture, supply and maintenance agreement with Total Fire Group for one additional year, for the period from December 1, 2004 to November 30, 2005, the cost of which is not to exceed \$348,400.00, including all charges and all applicable taxes;
- (2) the total contract cost of \$5.0 million as reported in Community Services Committee Report No. 8, Clause No. 1 and approved by Council on July 24, 25, and 26, 2001, be amended to \$5.8 million to reflect the total four-year cost of the contract;
- (3) the Fire Chief be directed to give Total Fire Group written notice of the extension; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

3. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Station 26 and Toronto Police Services (TPS) Station 43, Lawrence Avenue East (Ward 44 and Ward 43)

Report (March 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to a request from the Community Services Committee on February 4, 5 and 11, 2004, for a report to the Budget Advisory Committee, the Community Services Committee and the Ward Councillors on the exact timeline of the joint building project with the Toronto Police Service, consisting of 43 Division Police Station and Emergency Medical Services Station 26, such report to clarify that sufficient funding exists in the 2004 Capital Program to start construction in 2004.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

4. Response to Request for Report on the Toronto EMS Contract for Parkas with Removable Bomber Jacket Liners

Report (April 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on January 13, 2004, to provide more detail with respect to Contract No. 47006971, the Toronto EMS contract for parkas and removable bomber jacket liners, and the measures being taken by EMS to prevent ordering in excess of the requirements in future.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

5. Delegation of Authority to the City Solicitor to Commence Legal Proceedings to Recover Child Care Subsidy Overpayment

Report (February 20, 2004) from the City Solicitor seeking authority to continue court action to recover a child care subsidy overpayment of \$39,175.19 by L.C.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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

6. Result of an Expressions of Interest for a Child Care Operator for 610 Jane Street

Report (April 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that, through an Expression of Interest process, The Macauley Child Development Centre has been selected as the child care operator for 610 Jane Street; and indicating that a companion report has been submitted to the Administration Committee with respect to the terms of the lease agreement between The Macauley Child Development Centre and the City of Toronto for this site.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

7. Request for Quotation No. 3707-03-0287 - Grounds Maintenance and Flower Planting at Various Locations for the Homes for the Aged

Communication (April 7, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that the Bid Committee on April 7, 2004, adopted Recommendation No. (1) and referred to the Community Services Committee for consideration Recommendations Nos. (2) to (4) contained in the report (March 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

Recommendations:

- (1) the Contract be awarded to Lima's Gardens & Construction Ltd., being the lowest bidder meeting specification, for the period from April 1, 2004 to April 30, 2004, in the amount of \$28,683.36 including all charges and applicable taxes;
- (2) the balance of the award for an additional six (6) months from May 1, 2004 to October 31, 2004, in the estimated amount of \$172,100.16 including all charges and applicable taxes, be referred to the Community Services Committee for approval for award of the contract to Lima's Gardens & Construction Ltd., for the supply of all labour, materials and equipment necessary to provide Grounds Maintenance and Flower Planting at various locations for the Homes for the Aged;
- (3) balance of the award for the two (2) additional seven (7) month Grounds Maintenance Seasons from April 1, 2005 to October 31, 2005, in the estimated amount of \$205,069.42 including all charges and applicable taxes, and April 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006 in the estimated amount of \$209,464.39 including all charges and applicable taxes, respectively, be referred to Council to delegate the authority to exercise the option to renew to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services under the same terms and conditions, provided the supply of Grounds Maintenance were performed at a satisfactory level, and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary contract for approval for award of the contract to Lima's Gardens & Construction Ltd., for the supply of all labour, materials and equipment necessary to provide Grounds Maintenance and Flower Planting at various locations for the Homes for the Aged, subject to the budget approval for each of 2005 and 2006 seasons; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

Communication (February 13, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 13, 2004, recommended the adoption of a report (January 29, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the appointment of Ms. Patricia Prentice to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Patricia Prentice 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.

9. Momiji Health Care Society and Castleview Wychwood Towers: "Culturally Appropriate Best Practice Models for Healthy Aging" Initiative

Communication (March 26, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on March 26, 2004, recommended the adoption of a report (March 9, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the national recognition awarded to Moniji Health Care Society for the Castleview Wychwood Towers friendly visiting program through the "Culturally Appropriate Best Practice Models for Healthy Aging" initiative.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that City Council:

- (1) congratulate Momiji Health Care Society for the achievement of national recognition through the "Culturally Appropriate Best Practice" award and thank the Society for their ongoing partnership with Castleview Wychwood Towers (CWT) to add value to the lives of Japanese-Canadian residents who live at CWT; and
- (2) congratulate Castleview Wychwood Towers for sustaining this valuable community partnership on behalf of their residents and Toronto community.

10. Achievement of 2003 Divisional Operating Objectives, Homes for the Aged Division

Communication (January 23, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on January 16, 2004, referred to the Community Services Committee for information a report (January 23, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, documenting the achievement of the 2003 Homes for the Aged Divisional objectives.

11. Strategic Plan - Homes for the Aged Division

Communication (March 26, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on March 26, 2004, considered a report (March 3, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the process used and outcomes and outputs from the recent strategic planning initiative within the Homes for the Aged Division; and that the Advisory Committee:

- (1) received the report from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) suggested that representatives from the Homes' Residents Councils be included in the group of stakeholders for future strategic plan discussions; and further that the Mission Statement be amended to include reference to volunteers.

12. Federal/Provincial Financial and Legislative Support for Programs Funded by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department

Report (April 7, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the financial needs of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department (CNS) programs requiring provincial and federal support and possible non-financial legislative changes to support CNS programs; and providing the basis for the City's inter-governmental negotiations for improved funding for and provision of child care, income support and related assistance, shelter and housing, and facility-based and community long-term care.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

(1) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department continue to resolve immediate pressures with the federal and provincial governments within the City's corporate inter-governmental strategy and continue the policy development to support negotiating a new deal for the financing of social programs; and (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

13. Toronto Social Services' Employment Assistance Renewal Strategy

Report (April 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Toronto Social Services' successful delivery of quality employment programs and services to Ontario Works (OW) clients, as well as new approaches to providing Employment Assistance services based on lessons learned and experiences gained over the past several years.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report in the Fall of 2004, after consultation with stakeholders, with recommendations that build upon current employment assistance programs and processes to further enhance the delivery of employment services for OW clients; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

14. Geographic Distribution of Computers Through Kids@Computers Scholarship Project

Report (April 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on February 4, 2004, to report on the geographic distribution of computers across the City through the Kids@Computers Scholarship Project; and attaching a map showing the numbers of computers that have been received by eligible scholarship participants by Ward.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

15. Christmas Bureau 2003

Report (April 7, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services describing the activities and accomplishments of the City's 2003 Christmas Bureau Program administered by Toronto Social Services.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

16. Funding Approvals for the Remainder of 2004 Supports to Daily Living Program (July-December 2004)

Report (April 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for final funding allocations for projects approved by Council under the 2004 Supports for Daily Living Funding Program (July-December 2004).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements for the second half of 2004 and allocate funds to the community agencies listed in Appendix A of this report for the second half of 2004 up to a total of \$1,786,647.00 gross, \$16,000.00 net to 13 organizations for the 2004 Supports to Daily Living program; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

17. Funding Approvals for the Remainder of 2004 Community Partners Program (July-December 2004)

Report (April 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for final funding allocations for projects approved by Council under the 2004 Community Partners Program funding program (July-December 2004).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements for the second half of 2004 and allocate funds to the community agencies listed in Appendix A of this report for the second half of 2004 up to a total of \$438,914.26 gross and no new net for the 2004 Community Partners Program; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

18. Allocations for the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (2003-2006) Programs Fund

Report (April 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative funding (2003-2006) for a number of service related projects; and providing an update on projects approved by the Commissioner under the authority delegated by Council.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) up to \$2,134,311.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to 19 organizations for 22 new projects as outlined in Appendix B of this report;
- (2) up to \$50,000.00 be set aside for all appeals of the SCPI Programs Fund recommendations;
- (3) up to \$50,400.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to Flemingdon Park Ministry as bridge funding for the Flemingdon Park Food Bank; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(NOTE: Copies of the Organization Summary Sheets referred to in Appendix B were forwarded to Members of Council and selected officials only.)

19. LOFT Community Services - Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and Approval of a Second Mortgage

Report (April 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the property operated by LOFT Community Services at 661 Dufferin Street.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

(1) authority be given to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (the "Commissioner") to:

- (a) withdraw from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund amounts required for capital repairs at 661 Dufferin Street (the "Property") up to an amount not to exceed \$1,126,700.00 and lend these funds to LOFT Community Services ("LOFT");
- (b) negotiate, execute and deliver a loan agreement, collateral security and ancillary agreements and documentation, including a second mortgage on the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the loan will be non-interest bearing and not repayable until the earlier of the date (the "Commencement Date"), (1) that the mortgage on the Property held by CMHC is due to mature in 2019, or (2) such mortgage is redeemed;
 - (ii) starting the Commencement Date the loan will bear interest at a rate equal to the prime lending rate charged by the City's leading banker plus one percent and be subject to a repayment schedule that would amortize the loan over a period of fifteen (15) years, subject to the right of LOFT to pre-pay the loan at any time without interest or penalty;
 - (iii) the interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable, subject to further Council approval; and
 - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the Commissioner, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (c) consent, on behalf of the City of Toronto, to LOFT mortgaging, charging or encumbering the Property in connection with the second mortgage, as required under the Operating Agreement being administered by the City of Toronto as Service Manager pursuant to the *Social Housing Reform Act*, 2000 (the "SHRA"); and
- (d) apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the "Minister") required under a Transfer Order made pursuant to the provisions of the SHRA;
- (2) the loan of up to \$1,126,700.00 be deemed to be in the interests of the City of Toronto in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25;
- (3) the 2004 budget for Shelter Housing and Support be increased by up to \$1,126,700.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund;

- (4) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

20. Update on New Shelter Development

Report (April 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on new shelter development and the geographical distribution of shelters in the City of Toronto.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

21. Grant to Tenants' Association of 220 Eglinton Avenue East (Ward 22, St. Paul's)

Communication (March 10, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004, referred to the Community Services Committee Motion J(11) by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Shiner, recommending that Council grant \$5,000.00 from the 2003 Tenant Support Grant Program to the Tenants' Association of 220 Eglinton Avenue East to assist them with payment of their legal costs, and deem such grant to be in the municipal interest.