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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting 7

Thursday, September 9, 2004

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, September 9, 2004, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

9:40 a.m. - 12:26 p.m.

Councillor Olivia Chow		X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	
Councillor Gay Cowbourne		X
Councillor Norm Kelly		X
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti		X
Councillor Joe Mihevc		X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	X	
Councillor David Shiner	X	

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on June 29, 2004, were confirmed.

7.1 Emergency Management Program

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 24, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the request of the Budget Advisory Committee to report on a proposal to transfer the entire Emergency Management Program (EMP) areas within the Works and Emergency Services Department.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the base operating budget of \$510,000.00 for the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) element of the Emergency Management Program budget be approved for transfer to the Toronto Fire Services program;
- (2) the base operating budget of \$660,300.00 gross and (\$99,700.00) net expenditures for the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) element of the EMP budget be approved for transfer to the Office of Emergency Management, WES Technical Services;
- (3) the base operating budget of \$594,200.00 and 6.0 FTEs for the Emergency Operations Planning element of the EMP budget be approved for transfer as permanent positions to the Office of Emergency Management, WES Technical Services; and
- (4) the appropriate staff be given the authority to carry out such recommendations.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 24, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Mr. Warren Leonard, Manager, Office of Emergency Management - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(a)

7.2 Toronto Fire Services - Annual Report 2003

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 19, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager forwarding a copy of the Toronto Fire Services Division Annual Report 2003.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information by the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee received the report from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager.

(Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief and General Manager - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(b)

**7.3 Child Care Capital Reserve Fund Approval for Plains Road
and Child's Space II Child Care Centres
(Ward 31, Beaches-East York and Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the increased construction costs for Plains Road and Child's Space II Child Care Centres; and seeking approval for the funding from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund and authority to enter into a contribution agreement with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the construction of these projects.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to enter into an agreement with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) for the purposes of funding the construction of child care space at Canadian Martyrs and St. Patrick's Catholic Schools;
- (2) authority be granted to increase funding for Plains Road Child Care at Canadian Martyrs Catholic School from \$750,000.00 to \$984,100.00, and to increase funding for Child's Space II Child Care at St. Patrick's Catholic School from \$500,000.00 to \$618,000.00;
- (3) authority be granted to adjust the Children's Services 2004 operating budget by adding \$1,250,000.00 (gross and revenue) approved in 2003 and the additional gross and revenue adjustment of \$352,100.00; and

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(c)

7.4 Extension of Toronto First Duty Contracts

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 6, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the progress of the Toronto First Duty projects and seeking authority to extend the current contracts to June 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to extend agreements with Macaulay Child Development Centre, Not Your Average Daycare (NYAD), and The Creche and East York/East Toronto Family Resources for the purpose of the implementation of the Toronto First Duty pilot project;
- (2) funding of up to \$125,000.00 for Macaulay Child Development Centre and approximately \$92,000.00 for each of the following projects: Not Your Average Daycare (NYAD), The Creche Child and Family Centre and East York/East Toronto Resources for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2005, be approved from the Child Care Expansion/Pilot Project Reserve Fund;
- (3) the Department report back on the final evaluation of Toronto First Duty following the completion of the pilot project; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(d)

7.5 Accreditation Report - Castlevue Wychwood Towers Home for the Aged

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (August 20, 2004) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 20, 2004, adopted a report (June 29, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Castlevue Wychwood Towers by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on May 11-14, 2004, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee received the communication from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, and extended its congratulations to the Management, staff, volunteers and Home Advisory Committee at Castlevue Wychwood Towers Home for the Aged.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Castlevue Wychwood Towers - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(e)

7.6 Accreditation Report - Seven Oaks Home for the Aged

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (August 20, 2004) from the

Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 20, 2004, adopted a report (June 24, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Seven Oaks by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on May 9-11, 2004; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee received the communication from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, and extended its congratulations to the Management, staff, volunteers and Home Advisory Committee at Seven Oaks Home for the Aged.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Seven Oaks Home for the Aged - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(f)

7.7 Accreditation Report - True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (August 20, 2004) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 20, 2004, adopted a report (August 13, 2004) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at True Davidson Acres by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on May 30-June 1, 2004, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee received the communication from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, and extended its congratulations to the Management, staff, volunteers and Home Advisory Committee at True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, True Davidson Acres - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(g)

7.8 Renewed Terms of Reference and Membership

for the Food and Hunger Action Committee

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the renewed Terms of Reference and Membership for the Food and Hunger Action Committee.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the revised Terms of Reference for the Food and Hunger Action Committee, as attached in Appendix A, be approved; 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 Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 2

7.9 Renewed Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the renewed Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the revised terms of reference for the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons as attached 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 Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 3

7.10 Toronto Social Services' 2003 Survey of Single Parents on Ontario Works

The Community Services Committee again considered a report (June 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Toronto Social Services' (TSS') survey of single parents on Ontario Works (OW) in Toronto undertaken in August 2003.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City advocate to the Province for Ontario Works program design and delivery changes to address issues identified in this report, including the need for a holistic approach to assisting clients facing multiple barriers to employment, the lack of program flexibility, the need for transitional and job retention supports, the lack of access to affordable, quality child care, and the inadequacy of benefit rates;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Social Services along with the research report, titled "Social Assistance and Social Exclusion: Findings from Toronto Social Services' 2003 Survey of Single Parents on Ontario Works"; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services gave an overhead presentation on the report "Social Assistance & Social Exclusion: Findings from Toronto Social Services 2003 Survey of Single Parents on Ontario Works."

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- (1) again deferred consideration of the report (June 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services until the October or November 2004 meeting of the Community Services Committee, with a request that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (i) report further on:

- (a) a list of actions that the provincial and federal governments can take to address the growing permanent poor single-parent population that are not able to become self-supporting, through the lack of direction at the provincial and federal level, including what changes can be made to immigration policies that may help;

(Motion by Councillor Shiner)

- (b) comprehensive recommendations that can be forwarded to both the provincial and federal governments;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- (c) possible incentive programs supported by the local, provincial and federal levels of government that could assist single parents on Ontario Works;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- (d) a pilot project that could be implemented, including a budget and expected financial support from both the provincial and federal governments; and

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- (e) any research statistics on the budgeting choice difficulties of Toronto's Ontario Works families;

(Motion by Councillor Mammoliti)

- (ii) immediately circulate the report (June 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the report "Social Assistance & Social Exclusion: Findings from Toronto Social Services' 2003 Survey of Single Parents on Ontario Works" to appropriate stakeholders for review, and that the comments and recommendations of these stakeholders be considered by staff prior to submission of the report requested in Recommendation (1)(i); and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (iii) explore and report on reforms that have been initiated by other jurisdictions, including the United States, on programs that have had time limits imposed, and whether or not these programs have been successful; and

(Motion by Councillor Kelly)

- (2) tabled the following motion by Councillor Mammoliti until such time as the report requested is submitted:

"That the Chair of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Mammoliti, and appropriate staff be requested to meet with the Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to present the findings of the report "Social Assistance & Social

Exclusion: Findings from Toronto Social Services' 2003 Survey of Single Parents on Ontario Works" regarding the challenges faced by immigrants living in poverty, especially single parents, and explore ways in which the federal government can assist."

(Motion by Councillor Mammoliti)

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Community Services Committee; c. General Manager, Social Services - September 9, 2004)

(Report 6, Clause 11(h))

7.11 Review of Community-Based Social Planning

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the findings of a review of community-based social planning activities in Toronto and proposing a process for developing greater co-ordination of those activities within an equity framework.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) funding be made available through the 2005 Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) to support the development of a Toronto social development network;
- (2) the community-based social planning organizations which are founding members of the Toronto social development network be invited to designate one of their number to apply for the development funding and to act as a trustee for the network;
- (3) the City of Toronto co-ordinate the establishment of a funders' working group as a forum within which to work with other funders to increase funding for community-based social planning activities in Toronto;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the social development network and the social planning funders' working group, be requested

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to report on the appropriate level of funding required to support the activities of social planning organizations working with marginalized communities; and

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

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee referred back the report (August 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, with a request that he report further on:

- (a) how to include more diversity beyond the groups included in the Toronto social development network;
- (b) the provision of a social planning structure that avoids fragmentation and supports strong co-ordination; and
- (c) what funding is required for the next three years to stabilize and develop the social planning sector.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; All Interested Parties; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Social Development and Administration - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(i)

7.12 “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto”

The Community Services Committee considered a report (July 8, 2004) from the Policy and Finance Committee advising that the Committee on July 8, 2004, considered the report “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto” by Ms. Punam Khosla, and in part:

“Initiative (1) - Towards a Community-Based Network of Women’s Houses:

- (2) referred the proposed initiative, as elaborated in the report “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto” and the idea of supporting a pilot “women’s house” in the former City of York as a first step towards this long-term plan, to the Community Services Committee for consideration in the 2004 workplan and budget cycle of the department. Further, that staff be asked to report back to the Policy and Finance Committee by

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October 2004 as to progress made in this regard;

Initiative (3) – TTC Access Initiative:

- (4) referred the recommendations related to the public transit system elaborated in the report “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto” to the Toronto Transit Commission and the Community Services Committee for consideration;

Initiative (4) – Women of Colour Anti-Violence Training Initiative:

- (5) referred the recommendation for women’s anti-violence training elaborated in the report “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto” to the Community Services Committee for consideration in the 2005 workplan and budget as a regular and ongoing support service offered by the City in low-income neighbourhoods; and further that any such program be run by experts in the women’s anti-violence sector who have a proven track record of anti-racist, anti-oppression work. That staff report back to the Policy and Finance Committee on progress taken towards this initiative by October 2004; and

Initiative (8) – A Cross-Cultural Women’s Social Planning Group:

- (10) recognized that the lack of women’s social planning is a gap in the City’s existing social infrastructure and a priority for development within the sector of social planning supported by the City. Further that the recommendation on supporting the establishment of a cross-cultural women’s social planning group, elaborated in the report “If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto” be referred to the Community Services Committee for inclusion in the City’s current review of social planning and that staff be requested to report back by October 2004 on progress made towards these goals.”

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee referred the communication from the Policy and Finance Committee to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(j)

7.13 Strategy to Ensure Affordable Housing

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The Community Services Committee considered the following communications:

- (June 30, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on June 22, 23 and 24, 2004, referred the following Motion J(26) by Councillor Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Mihevc, headed "Strategy to Ensure Affordable Housing", to the Community Services Committee:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with appropriate staff, prepare a report to Council, through the Community Services Committee, on a strategy which ensures that affordable housing units are scheduled to be built in each ward of the City in the future."; and

- (July 26, 2004) from Mr. Nick Volk, Acting Chair, Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), submitting a statement of support from the Board of Directors of TCHC for Motion J(26) by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Mihevc, headed "Strategy to Ensure Affordable Housing."

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Community Services Committee referred the communications from the City Clerk and Acting Chair, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, to the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration and report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on October 7, 2004.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti; Mr. Nick Volk, Acting Chair, Toronto Community Housing Corporation; c. Mr. Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(k)

7.14 Status of Housing and Shelter Projects - Quarterly Update

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services introducing a new quarterly update, entitled "Status of Housing and Shelter Projects".

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information by the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Community Services Committee received the report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and requested that future updates include a map showing the locations of shelters by ward.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(l)

7.15 New Provincial Rent Bank Program

The Community Services Committee considered the following communication and report:

- (September 2, 2004) from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee advising that the Sub-Committee on September 2, 2004:
 - (1) recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
 - (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to review and report to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee and the Community Services Committee on the Provincial Rent Bank Program after the first 12 months, such report to address:
 - (a) a comprehensive analysis of costs to administer both the Provincial Rent Bank Program and the Toronto Rent Bank;

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- (b) the components of these costs, what services are specifically provided and at what cost; and
 - (c) recommendations for reducing the administrative component of the program; and
- (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing a new Provincial Rent Bank program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to execute the Provincial Rent Bank Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for administration of the Provincial Rent Bank Program for the period October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2006;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to execute an agreement with Neighbourhood Information Post and six other access centres listed in Appendix A to administer the Provincial Rent Bank Program for the period from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2006, and to allocate all available provincial funding, including interest, over the two-year period in quarterly instalments;
- (3) Council approve the program design and implementation strategy substantially as detailed in Appendix B;
- (4) Council approve families with children, couples without children, and singles as eligible for participating in the Provincial Rent Bank Program, subject to the same eligibility criteria and loan repayment policy that apply to the existing Toronto Rent Bank Program;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to

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transfer \$36,187.00 from the Provincial Rent Bank grant account to the Health and Safety Fund portion of the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to replace the emergency funds advanced to the Toronto Rent Bank for its July 1-September 30, 2004, quarterly payment;

- (6) Council request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing commit long-term funding of the Provincial Rent Bank beyond 2006, that any future funding allocation take into consideration the greater need for such assistance in communities where there is a larger tenant population, and that the cap on administrative funding be increased to reflect the actual cost of delivering the program;
- (7) Shelter, Housing and Support Division staff be directed to work with landlord organizations, including the Greater Toronto Apartment Association and the Landlord Self-Help Centre, to develop options for increased landlord participation and support of the rent bank and for assisting tenants with arrears and at risk of eviction; 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 Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of Recommendation (1) of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee contained in the communication dated September 2, 2004, that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(m)

**7.16 Funding Approvals for the 2004 City of Toronto
Homeless Initiatives Fund**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of funding from the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements with and allocate funds to 79 community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix C for a total of up to \$6,567,670.00 from the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund;
- (2) funds in the amount of up to \$27,000.00 be designated for 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund appeals;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to allocate up to \$100,000.00 from the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund for a Health and Safety Fund, subject to the criteria for allocating funds set out in Appendix B;
- (4) Council allocate the Provincial Homeless Initiative funds remaining from previous budget year(s) to the Health and Safety Fund, where the intended use of the funds is no longer applicable, up to a maximum of \$100,000.00;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into a service agreement with York Community Services for the Weston King Neighbourhood Centre Drop-in project for up to \$27,500.00 for the period April 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005;
- (6) funds of up to \$200,000.00 be designated from the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to assist in the implementation of the recommendations from the Housing Help Review; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give

effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 4

7.17 Final Update on the First Round of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a final update on the first round of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information by the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Community Services Committee received the report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - September 9, 2004)

Report 6, Clause 11(n)

7.18 Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative Allocations (2003-2006): SCPI Capital Projects, Transitional Housing and Programs Fund Recommendations

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) funding to 35 capital improvement projects, 3 program initiatives, and 2 transitional housing projects, and the need for two technical amendments to prior approvals.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) up to \$1,821,500.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to 33 organizations for 35 new projects under the SCPI Capital Project Fund as outlined in Appendix A of this 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) up to \$130,000.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to support the Independent Living Account Demonstration Project, contingent on matching funds being identified;
- (4) up to \$15,000.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to sponsor the Canadian Research Conference on Homelessness: From Stories to Solutions, contingent on conference funding being secured from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada;
- (5) Council approve a change of trusteeship for the Somali Canadian Community Club project from Somali Immigrant Aid organization to Midaynta Association of Somali Social Service Agencies, contingent on approval from both Boards of Directors;
- (6) up to \$88,500.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, to extend the Mental Health Outreach Worker Team project from October 1, 2004 to March 31, 2006;
- (7) up to \$194,938.00 under the SCPI Transitional Housing Fund be allocated to Wigwamen Incorporated for the payment of construction holdback monies on the transitional housing project at 20 Sewells Road (Ward 42);
- (8) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into a SCPI funding agreement with Wigwamen Incorporated for the funds in Recommendation (7), and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Commissioner and the City Solicitor, on terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Commissioner in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (9) Council approve up to \$18,000.00 under the SCPI Transitional Housing Fund to the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association for the development and implementation of a First

Year Operational Management course for new transitional housing providers;

- (10) all references in the report and appendices contained in Clause 15 of Report 6 of the Policy and Finance Committee, as adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, be amended such that the name Wellesley Central Health Corporation be deleted and replaced with the name Wellesley Central Residences Inc. (Ward 27);
- (11) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to negotiate a SCPI Funding Agreement together with any other agreements deemed appropriate to the Commissioner to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report cited in Recommendation (10) of this report, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor with Wellesley Central Residences Inc. for the development and provision of transitional housing at the north-east corner of Wellesley and Sherbourne; and
- (12) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 5

7.19 Funding Approvals for the 2004 Off the Street, Into Shelter Program

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of funding from the 2004 Off the Street, Into Shelter (OSIS) Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements with and allocate funds to eight community agencies for funding up to

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the amounts set out in Appendix B for the 2004 Off the Street, Into Shelter program for a total of up to \$1,082,226.00;

- (2) funds in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 be designated for OSIS appeals;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to expend up to \$145,489.00 on projects consistent with the purpose of the Off the Street, Into Shelter program during the 2004 program, and report on project results as part of the 2005 funding approvals report; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 6

7.20 Purchase of Medical Services for Seaton House

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 23, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting purchase of medical services for Seaton House.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council authorize the continuation of the purchase of services from St. Michael's Family Medicine Associates or under a sole-source contract for the period September 1 through December 31, 2004, up to an estimated value of \$50,000.00;
- (2) authority to continue to purchase medical services under a sole-source contract purchasing arrangement be authorized for 2005 and 2006, subject to approval by Council in the annual budget process up to an estimated value of \$150,000.00 per annum; 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 Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 8

7.21 Council's Priorities for the 2003-2006 Term

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (July 26, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding a copy of Clause 4 of Report 6 of The Policy and Finance Committee headed "Council's Priorities for the 2003-2006 Term", which was adopted by City Council on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, and which included a recommendation that the Budget Advisory Committee, Standing Committees, Departments, and Agencies, Boards and Commissions be guided by the priorities set out in this Clause during the 2004 and 2006 budget process.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee received the communication from the City Clerk.

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Report 6, Clause 11(o)

7.22 Update Regarding the Status of Litigation with The Learning Enrichment Foundation

The Community Services Committee considered a confidential report (August 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor providing an update regarding the status of litigation with The Learning Enrichment Foundation.

Councillor Cowbourne moved that the Community Services Committee meet privately to discuss the report (August 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor, headed "Update Regarding the Status of Litigation with The Learning Enrichment Foundation", in

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that, under the Municipal Act, 2001, the matter relates to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

The Community Services Committee recessed at 12:15 p.m. to meet in camera.

Members Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Raymond Cho
Councillor Gay Cowbourne
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor David Shiner

The Community Services Committee adjourned its private meeting at 12:25 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing members in attendance.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the confidential report.

Report 6, Clause 10

7.23 Fountainhead Tenants' Association

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (September 2, 2004) from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee advising that the Sub-Committee on September 2, 2004, considered a communication (April 29, 2004) from the City Clerk and reports (April 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and (August 24, 2004) from the City Solicitor with respect to a request for a Tenant Support Grant for Fountainhead Tenants' Association to assist with completion of an Ontario Municipal Board appeal; and that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendation in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, as follows:

“It is recommended that the request for a grant of \$3,000.00 for the Fountainhead Tenants' Association from the Tenant Support Grants Program of the Tenant Defence Fund not be

approved.”

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended the adoption of the recommendation of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee contained in the communication (September 2, 2004) from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee.

Report 6, Clause 7

7.24 Amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code to Recover Fees Unpaid by Condominium Corporations to Toronto Fire Services

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 2, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager respecting amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code to recover fees unpaid by condominium corporations to Toronto Fire Services.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Section 441-1 of the Municipal Code be amended to enable the City of Toronto to add all fees or charges unpaid by a condominium corporation for more than 90 days to the tax roll of the condominium corporation or the condominium unit owner and to have all such amounts collected the same as taxes;
- (2) Council adopt the amendments to Section 441-1 of the Municipal Code substantially as set out in the draft by-law attached as Appendix “A”;
- (3) the effective date of the amendments in Appendix “A” is the date of enactment of the by-law;
- (4) the amendments recommended in Appendix “A” apply to all fees and charges that are outstanding as of the date of the enactment of the by-law; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

Report 6, Clause 1

**7.25 Sole-Sourced Essential Medical Services
Required by Toronto Fire Services**

The Community Services Committee considered a confidential report (September 1, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager requesting approval for a continued sole source contract for specialized medical services required by Toronto Fire Services.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the confidential report.

Report 6, Clause 9

The Community Services Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Chair.