

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee**

**Meeting 9**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2004**

The Community Services Committee met on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:	9:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	2:10 p.m.-5:23 p.m.
Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X
Councillor Gay Cowbourne	X	X
Councillor Norm Kelly	X	X
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	X	X
Councillor David Shiner	X	X

Also Present:

Deputy Mayor Mike Feldman  
Councillor Mike Del Grande  
Councillor Frank Di Giorgio

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 October 7, 2004, were confirmed.

**9.1 Proposed Implementation of the Multilateral Framework on Early Learning and Child Care as a Strategy to Maintain and Stabilize the Child Care System**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the City's 2004 allocation under the Multilateral Framework on Early Learning and Child Care.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto Service Plan for Funding under the Multilateral Framework on Early Learning and Child Care, attached as Appendix 2, be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services;
- (2) authority be granted to receive an additional \$0.243 million from the Province of Ontario to support operating minor capital improvements among licensed non-profit child care programs;
- (3) Council approve an additional expenditure of \$0.243 million fully funded by Provincial grants, over and above the \$5.0 million included in the 2004 Approved Capital Budget;
- (4) retroactive to January 1, 2004, base funding rate adjustments be made to eligible child care operators, family resource programs and special needs resourcing services and home child care provider rates in accordance with City budget guidelines and in a manner that maximizes the available provincial subsidy;
- (5) effective January 1, 2005, rates for programs under service contract, as listed in Recommendation (4), be adjusted to reflect the approved 2004 rates as determined in accordance with City budget guidelines and in a manner that maximizes the available provincial subsidy;
- (6) the City continue to advocate to the Province for future funding allocations to address the ongoing inflationary costs;

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- (7) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department report early in 2005 on the proposed City of Toronto Child Care Service Plan; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Community Services Committee also considered the following:

- (October 28, 2004) copy of an open letter to Federal Minister Ken Dryden and Provincial/Territorial Social Development Ministers from Charles Coffey and Margaret Norrie McCain on the Federal Government's election promise to create a Canada-wide system of early learning and child care;
- (October 21, 2004) Notes for a presentation by Nicole Boily, headed "Childcare and early learning: The Quebec experience"; and
- (November 9, 2004) Briefing Note submitted by staff of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department outlining the results of the discussion on early learning and child care at the meeting of the federal-provincial-territorial ministers responsible for social services on November 2, 2004, in Ottawa.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee:

- Dr. Charles Pascal, Atkinson Foundation, and submitted a copy of "The Atkinson Letter" dated October 2004 on "Early Years Into Action: Toronto First Duty";
- Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care; and
- Jim Tsatsos, Chair, Child Care Advisory Committee, and submitted a copy of his brief.

The Community Services Committee:

- (a) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;

**(Motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong)**

- (b) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to include in the 2005 budget submission for the Children's Services Division an additional 1,000 child care spaces using the same funding commitment as was used in 2004; and that the Commissioner report in June 2005 on the status of these spaces; and

**(Motion by Councillor Shiner)**

- (c) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee during the 2005 budget process on:
  - (i) the funding and strategy needed to restore the fiscal balance between the Province and the City of its 80/20 ratio and all child care spaces eliminated in the past as a result of the provincial government's unwillingness to pay full cost (including inflation) of child care operation; and
  - (ii) the funding and strategy needed to begin phase 1 of a child care system based on the promised "under \$10.00 a day" universal publicly funded program, instead of the current fee subsidy program.

**(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(a)**

**9.2 Result of an Expression of Interest for a Child Care Operator for**

**Wellesley Community Centre and a License Agreement for the  
Child Care Centre Located Within the Wellesley Community Centre**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism on the result of the expression of interest process used to determine the child care operator for the Wellesley Child Care Centre.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a license agreement with The Child Development Institute be approved for a five-year term, with the Tenant having the option to renew the license agreement for an additional term of five years, at a nominal rent and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the body of this report, as described in the proposed terms and conditions attached as Appendix A, and on such other terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism shall administer and manage the license agreement including the provision of any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination provided that the Commissioner may, at any time, refer consideration of such matter (including their content) to City Council for its determination and direction;
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction on behalf of the City, including amending the commencement date of the license agreement to such earlier or later date as she considers reasonable; 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 to the Economic Development and Parks Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development,

Culture and Tourism.

(Economic Development and Parks Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(b)**

**9.3 Increasing the Effectiveness of Community-Based Social Planning**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing a process for developing greater co-ordination of community-based social planning activities in Toronto; and responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on September 9, 2004, to report on issues raised during discussion of the report (August 25, 2004), headed "Review of Community-Based Social Planning".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) funding be made available through the 2005 Community Services Grants Program to support the development of a Toronto social development network;
- (2) initial membership of the social development network should include the Aboriginal Peoples Council of Toronto, African Canadian Social Development Council, the Chinese Canadian National Council-Toronto Chapter, the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, the Hispanic Development Council, the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, the Portuguese Interagency Network, and Toronto Neighbourhood Centres;
- (3) the initial membership 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;

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- (4) 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;
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the social development network and the social planning funders' working group, be requested to report on the appropriate level of City funding required to support the activities of social planning organizations working with marginalized communities; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

John Campey, Executive Director, and Vera Ndaba, Treasurer, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, appeared before the Community Services Committee, and filed a submission.

Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be received, which was not voted upon.

The Community Services Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and

**(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to:
  - (a) submit directly to Council for its meeting on November 30, 2004, a Briefing Note showing the difference between those agencies receiving funding to provide services and those receiving funding for social planning; and

**(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

- (b) report in plain language to the Community Services Committee on the social development network's proposed 2005 workplan and

deliverables; and further, in four months' time, on the measurement of success.

**(Motion by Councillor Chow, as amended by Councillor Cowbourne)**

**Report 8, Clause 1**

**9.4 Recognition of Community and Neighbourhood Services at the 2004 Public Sector Quality Fair**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department received the following four awards at the 2004 Public Sector Quality Fair held on October 20, 2004, in Toronto:

- (a) Social Services Division - Data Mart: From Data to Knowledge to Service - Gold Award;
- (b) Social Services Division - [Kids@Computers](#) Scholarship Project - Silver Award;
- (c) Shelter, Housing and Support Division - Investing in the Future: The Robertson House Pregnant Young Mothers Program - Silver Award; and
- (d) Children's Services Division - Toronto Report Card on Children - Bronze Award.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee received the report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and extended its congratulations to the staff in the Children's Services Division, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, and Social Services Division.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services -



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### **Report 8, Clause 12(c)**

#### **9.5 Community Services Grants Program - 2004/2005 Program Update**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on actions taken with regard to the continuous service improvement of the Community Services Grants Program, its alignment with other City policies and response to Committee direction.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) requests for support for core administration costs be considered as an equal priority with service funding requests (in the 2005 allocation process);
- (2) the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) eligibility criteria be revised to reflect that Adult Day programs and Respite Care programs not be eligible for CSGP funds; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that Recommendation (1) in the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be deleted, **which was lost**.

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 8, Clause 2**

#### **9.6 “Stability and Equity”: Community-City Working Group on Stable Care Funding - Final Report**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submitting the report “Stability and Equity - A plan of action to support the community development and capacity building functions of Toronto’s not-for-profit community services sector”, from the Community-City Working Group on Stable Core Funding, Community Representatives’ Final Report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the final report of the Community-City Working Group on Stable Core Funding, “Stability and Equity” be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee with review and comment by the Corporate Grants Team;
- (2) the “Stability and Equity” report be forwarded to the Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force for its consideration; 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 referred the report (October 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(d)**

**9.7 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Program -  
Responding to Unmet Needs**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on October 7, 2004, to report on a recommended level of funding for the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Program to address the estimated unmet needs.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Community Partnership and Investment Program 2005 Budget Request be amended to reflect an increase of \$140,000.00 for the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Program;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration in the 2005 Budget Process; 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 to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(e)**

**9.8 Building Condition Study of Shelter Facilities and Allocations from the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative for Capital Repairs and Replacements**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the building condition study conducted on 55 shelter facilities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) up to \$1,430,000.00 in SCPI funding be allocated to 15 organizations for 20 projects

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identified 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 \$250,000.00 be set aside from SCPI as a contingency fund for projects noted in Appendices A and B;
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to sign agreements and approve expenditures from the \$250,000.00 contingency fund; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Michael Shapcott, Co-ordinator, Community/University Research Partnerships Program, Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto, appeared before the Community Services Committee, and gave a Power Point presentation on “A Comprehensive Housing and Homelessness Strategy for Toronto.”

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 8, Clause 3**

#### **9.9 Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative Capital Projects Fund**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 28, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on October 13, 2004, heard eight appeals under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative Capital Projects Fund.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) up to \$ 75,000.00 from the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative Capital Projects Fund (\$50,000.00 from the Appeals Fund and \$25,000.00 from the Contingency Fund) be allocated to four organizations for four projects as recommended in Appendix A and B 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 Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

#### **Report 8, Clause 4**

#### **9.10 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - 2004 Appeal Recommendations**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the staff review of one community agency's written appeal under the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) no funds be allocated for appeals for the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund program year;
- (2) funding from the 2004 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund previously approved for appeals in the amount of \$27,000.00 be reallocated to the Health and Safety Fund; 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 8, Clause 5**

**9.11 Off the Street, Into Shelter Program -  
2004 Appeal Recommendation**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that no appeals to the 2004 Off the Street, Into Shelter Program were made to the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) funding from the 2004 Off the Street, Into Shelter (OSIS) program previously approved for appeals in the amount of \$10,000.00 be reallocated on a one-time basis to transportation for shelters and drop ins, 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 Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

**Report 8, Clause 6**

**9.12 Funding Approvals for the 2005 Redirection of  
Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the allocation of funds from the 2005 Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative.

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 41 community agencies and City-operated facilities at 57 locations for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix A for the 2005 Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative for a total of up to \$6,514,963.20;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to enter into discussions with the Ministry of Community and Social Services to identify opportunities to expand provincial funding available for the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative in 2005 with no increase in net costs to the City; 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 to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(f)**

**9.13 Funding Approvals for the 2005 Community Partners Program**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the 2005 funding allocations for the Community Partners Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements for 2005 for the Community Partners Program with ten community agencies and allocate funds to these agencies, as set out in Appendix B, up to a total of \$880,268.52;
- (2) funds in the amount of \$38,175.00 from the Community Partners Program remaining from a previous budget year, where the intended use of the funds is no longer applicable, be allocated to assist in the implementation of the results of the Housing Help Review; 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 to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(g)**

**9.14 Funding Approvals for the 2005 Supports to Daily Living Program**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the 2005 funding allocations for the Supports to Daily Living Program.

Recommendations:



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It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements with and allocate funds to thirteen community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix B for the 2005 Supports to Daily Living program for a total of up to \$3,598,684.18; 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 to the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- (a) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 25, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (b) the Province of Ontario be requested to provide a cost-of-living increase in 2006 for the Supports to Daily Living Program, recognizing that the Program has not kept pace with inflation.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**(Report 8, Clause 12(h))**

**9.15 Allocation of Capital Grant to Woodgreen Red Door Shelter to Meet the Space Standards for Shelters (Ward 31)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (October 28, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the allocation of a capital grant to Woodgreen Red Door Shelter to meet the space requirements of the Toronto Shelter Standards.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the allocation of a grant by way of forgivable loan of up to \$400,000.00 to Woodgreen Red Door Shelter to finance the building of an addition on their shelter at 302 Woverleigh Boulevard in order to meet the space standards and maintain the existing capacity of 50 beds;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into a grant agreement with Woodgreen Red Door Shelter for the development of the addition to the existing shelter and to secure the use of the property as a shelter and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Commissioner, on terms and conditions deemed satisfactory to the Commissioner, and in a form deemed satisfactory 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 Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

**Report 8, Clause 7**

**9.16 By-laws for an Affordable Rental Housing Project at 1555 Jane Street  
Under the Community Rental Housing Program, Pilot Component  
(Ward 12, York South-Weston)**

The Community Services Committee considered the following report and communications:

- (i) (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the affordable rental housing project at 1555 Jane Street.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to enter into a municipal housing project facility agreement on terms as more particularly set out in the body of this report, and as approved by

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Council at its meeting held on September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003 (Clause 51 contained in Report 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee), and to grant an exemption from taxation for municipal and school purposes, pursuant to the City's Municipal Housing Facility By-law 282-2002, with Medallion Properties Inc., or another entity associated and controlled by Medallion Properties Inc., and acceptable to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with respect to an affordable housing project at 1555 Jane Street, Toronto (Ward 12);

- (2) the site specific Municipal Housing Project Facility By-law and the site specific by-law exempting the property from taxation for municipal and school purposes and development charges, prepared by the City Solicitor in accordance with Recommendation (5)(f) of the above-mentioned report, be approved with respect to this project;
  - (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to execute the municipal housing project facility agreement, on behalf of the City, on the terms and conditions set out in the body of this report and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
  - (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
  - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills necessary to give effect thereto;
- (ii) (October 29, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, referred Motion J(14) by Deputy Mayor Feldman, seconded by Councillor Chow, headed 1555 Jane Street (Ward 12 - York South-Weston) to the Community Services Committee, and in which it recommended:

**“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authority be granted to implement the property tax exemption and development charge waiver, and to execute a municipal housing project facility agreement, through the enactment of Bills in Council pursuant to the City's Municipal Housing Facility By-law No. 282-2002 and Section 110 of the Municipal Act, with Medallion Properties Inc., or another entity associated and controlled by Medallion Properties Inc., and acceptable to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, with respect to an affordable housing project at 1555 Jane Street, Toronto (Ward 12);

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**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bill necessary to give effect thereto.”

- (iii) (October 15, 2004) from Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston, requesting that staff report on the following to the Community Services Committee at the time that the 1555 Jane Street project is considered at Committee:
  - (1) the date the applicant applied for the Let’s Build Program;
  - (2) the public benefit approved in principle by both City Council and the Ontario Municipal Board in April 2001; and
  - (3) whether the applicant was advised that the public benefit he had agreed to provide in the form of purpose built rental housing in return for increases in height and density under Section 37 of the Planning Act did not qualify for funding under the Let’s Build Program;
- (iv) (November 9, 2004) from Alan Tonks, M.P., York South-Weston;
- (v) (November 8, 2004) from Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston; and
- (vi) (November 10, 2004) from Mark Noskiewicz, Goodmans LLP, Solicitors for Medallion Properties Inc.

The following persons and Members of Council appeared before the Community Services Committee:

- Mark Noskiewicz, Goodmans LLP;
- Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston;
- Councillor Mike Del Grande, Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt, and requested that:
  - (1) since the developer has already received an incentive from the City in the form of height and density bonuses, the Federal funding portion of the program only be approved;

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- (2) if the developer wishes to qualify for the remaining funding, he enter into a Section 37 agreement under the Planning Act, acceptable to the local Councillor, to provide community benefits; and
- (3) City Council refer the Let's Build program and the eight pilot projects to the Auditor General to determine, on an urgent basis, if the City received good value for its money, and if the program followed good planning practices in general; and

- Deputy Mayor Mike Feldman, Ward 10, York Centre.

Councillor Cowbourne, on behalf of Councillor Del Grande, moved that:

- (1) since the developer has already received an incentive from the City in the form of height and density bonuses, the Federal funding portion of the program only be approved;
- (2) if the developer wishes to qualify for the remaining funding, he enter into a Section 37 agreement under the Planning Act, acceptable to the local Councillor, to provide community benefits; and
- (3) City Council refer the Let's Build program and the eight pilot projects to the Auditor General to determine, on an urgent basis, if the City received good value for its money, and if the program followed good planning practices in general; and

Councillor Mammoliti moved that the Community Services Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt:

- (i) the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (ii) the recommendation in Motion J(14) by Deputy Mayor Feldman, seconded by Councillor Chow.

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Councillor Mihevc moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the approval processes to build affordable housing, and recommend ways to expedite the various approvals required, including the delegation of appropriate authorities to staff.

Councillor Shiner moved that part (i) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mammoliti be amended by adding thereto the following:

“subject to the following conditions being included as part of the project approval for 1555 Jane Street:

- (a) that the existing child care space remain on site within the existing apartment building;
- (b) that the applicant stand by its commitment to contribute the sum of \$50,000.00 to provide for parks and recreational improvements in the surrounding area, the funds to be used in consultation with the local Councillor; and
- (c) that the applicant not seek increases to the approved height and density permitted for this project.”

The Chair ruled that the motion by Councillor Cowbourne (on behalf of Councillor Del Grande) was not in order.

Upon the question of the adoption of the motion by Councillor Shiner, amending part (i) of the motion by Councillor Mammoliti, **it was carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Councillors Chow, Cho, Cowbourne, Kelly, Mammoliti, Mihevc, Minnan-Wong and Shiner - 8**

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**AGAINST: 0**

Upon the question of the adoption of the motion by Councillor Mammoliti, as amended by Councillor Shiner, **it was carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Councillors Chow, Cho, Cowbourne, Kelly, Mammoliti, Mihevc, Minnan-Wong and Shiner - 8**

**AGAINST: 0**

Upon the question of the adoption of the motion by Councillor Mihevc, **it was carried**

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Community Services Committee:

“The Community Services Committee:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt:
  - (i) the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to the following conditions being included as part of the project approval for 1555 Jane Street:
    - (a) that the existing child care space remain on site within the existing apartment building;
    - (b) that the applicant stand by its commitment to contribute the sum of \$50,000.00 to provide for parks and recreational improvements in the surrounding area, the funds to be used in consultation with the local Councillor; and
    - (c) that the applicant not seek increases to the approved height and density permitted for this project; and
  - (ii) the following recommendation in Motion J(14) by Deputy Mayor Feldman, seconded by Councillor Chow:

**“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authority be

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granted to implement the property tax exemption and development charge waiver, and to execute a municipal housing project facility agreement, through the enactment of Bills in Council pursuant to the City's Municipal Housing Facility By-law No. 282-2002 and Section 110 of the Municipal Act, with Medallion Properties Inc., or another entity associated and controlled by Medallion Properties Inc., and acceptable to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, with respect to an affordable housing project at 1555 Jane Street, Toronto (Ward 12);

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bill necessary to give effect thereto.”; and

- (B) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee on the approval processes to build affordable housing, and recommend ways to expedite the various approvals required, including the delegation of appropriate authorities to staff.”

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston; Councillor Mike Del Grande, Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt; Deputy Mayor Mike Feldman, Ward 10, York Centre; Mr. Alan Tonks, M.P., York South-Weston; Mr. Mark Noskiewicz, Goodmans LLP - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(i)**

**9.17 Update on Funding for Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising Council on provincial changes to the funding levels for the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program.



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Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2005 budget request for Shelter, Housing and Support be adjusted to reflect \$20.5 million under provincial grants and subsidies, \$20.2 million for the Strong Communities Rent Supplement program and \$0.3 million for four positions to administer the program;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and to ensure all resources are in place to deliver the program;
- (3) Council request the provincial government to reinstate the 155 rent supplement unit shortfall under the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program;
- (4) Council urge the provincial government to provide an inflationary index for the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program;
- (5) Council urge the provincial government to provide additional long-term rent supplement funding for future new supply initiatives;
- (6) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action and execute the necessary agreements to give effect thereto.

Michael Shapcott, Co-ordinator, Community/University Research Partnerships Program Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto, appeared before the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff

recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(j)**

**9.18 By-laws Necessary to Facilitate the Development  
of Six Affordable Housing Projects  
(Wards 12, 20, 27 and 31)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on By-laws required to execute municipal housing facility agreements, and for the property tax exemptions and development charge waivers for six affordable housing projects, as approved by City Council.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to enter into municipal housing project facility agreements on the terms approved by Council at its meeting held July 20, 21, and 22, 2004, and summarized in Appendix A hereto and to grant the exemption from taxation for municipal and school purposes and development charge waivers, pursuant to the City's Municipal Housing Facility By-law 282-2002, with the following proponents and for the projects listed:
  - (a) 873715 Ontario Ltd., a corporation operating as Mahogany Management, for a transitional housing project at 2600 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto (Ward 12);
  - (b) Neighbourhood Link Homes for a transitional housing project at 2802 Danforth Avenue, Toronto (Ward 31);
  - (c) The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada for a transitional housing project at 418 Sherbourne Avenue, Toronto (Ward 27);
  - (d) St. Clare's Multifaith Housing Society for a transitional housing project and an affordable housing project at 138 Pears Avenue, Toronto (Ward 20);

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- (e) Toronto Community Housing Corporation for a transitional housing project and an affordable housing project at 2 Murray Street, Toronto (Ward 20); and
  - (f) Wellesley Central Residences Inc. for a transitional housing project at the north/east corner of Wellesley and Sherbourne (Ward 27);
- (2) the site specific municipal housing project facility by-law and the site specific by-law exempting the property from taxation for municipal and school purposes, prepared by the City Solicitor in accordance with Recommendation (10) in Clause 15, Report 6 of the Policy and Finance Committee adopted by Council at its meeting of July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, be approved for the projects referred to in Recommendation (1) above;
  - (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to execute the municipal housing project facility agreements, on behalf of the City on the terms and conditions set out in Appendix A hereto and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
  - (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
  - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills necessary to give effect thereto.

Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston, appeared before the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, 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 (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(k)**

**9.19 Exemption from Property Taxes for  
Two Affordable Housing Projects**

**(Wards 27 and 28)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the exemption of two affordable housing projects from taxation for municipal and school purposes.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to exempt the following transitional housing projects from taxation for municipal and school purposes for a period of 25 years, pursuant to the City's Municipal Housing Facility By-law No. 282-2002:
  - (a) The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada for that portion of 164-168 Jarvis Street which is used for transitional housing; and
  - (b) MUC Shelter Corporation, operating as "Sojourn House", for that portion of 101 Ontario Street which is used for transitional housing;
- (2) authority be granted to enter into a municipal housing project facility agreement on terms as more particularly set out in the Appendix A to this report, and as approved by Council, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner and in a form approved by the City Solicitor;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to execute the municipal housing project facility agreements, on behalf of the City, as set out in Recommendation (2);
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills necessary to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, 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 (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(l)**

**9.20 Evaluation of Social Services Delivered  
to the Mandarin Speaking Community**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (November 2, 2004) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina, on the need for an evaluation of social services delivered to the Mandarin speaking community.

Recommendation:

That the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the December meeting of the Community Services Committee on services that are delivered by City of Toronto grant receiving agencies to the Mandarin speaking community in Toronto; and that this report also evaluate if the current needs of the community are being met and what community capacity is needed to deliver such services.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services -  
November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(m)**

**9.21 False Fire Alarms - Toronto District School Board**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (October 27, 2004) from Councillor David Soknacki, Ward 43, Scarborough East, advising of discussions held with a Trustee from the Toronto District School Board on the level of false fire alarms from schools and the expenditure the Board pays in fees; and requesting that the Community Services Committee support the following resolution:

“That the Fire Chief and General Manager consult with the School Boards in Toronto to see if it is possible to develop a protocol between the School Boards and the City of Toronto with respect to false fire alarms, the objective of which is to reduce the level of alarms and overall costs without compromising safety; and that, if such a protocol can be developed, the Fire Chief and General Manager report to the Community Services Committee with a proposed new protocol.”

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee adopted the recommendation in the communication from Councillor David Soknacki.

(Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(n)**

**9.22 Humanitarian Effort in Grenada for the Rebuilding of a Fire Station Destroyed by Hurricane Ivan**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 3, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager seeking approval for benefits and liability coverage in support of a humanitarian effort by Toronto Fire Services' staff who decided to volunteer their vacation time to restore a Fire Station in Grenada.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) Toronto Fire Services' staff, who have decided to volunteer their vacation time or off duty to rebuild a fire station in Grenada will be covered as employees with the benefits of health, dental, life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment coverage and out of country emergency medical coverage;
- (2) coverage under the City's Comprehensive General Liability policy for third party bodily injury or property damage be afforded for this project;
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to sign, on behalf of the City, a Waiver and an Indemnity in favour of the City, signed by the appropriate Grenadian official(s) in order to protect the City for the purposes of this endeavour, provided the indemnification and waiver is in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to these recommendations.

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 8, Clause 10**

**9.23 Appointments to the Toronto Public Library Board**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 4, 2004) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, Library Board Nominating Panel on the citizen appointments to the Toronto Public Library Board.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the persons listed as Board members in Confidential Schedule 1 to this report be appointed at the pleasure of Council to the Toronto Public Library Board, for a term of office commencing on December 1, 2004, and expiring on November 30, 2006, or until their successors are appointed;
- (2) the policy restricting the appointment of members to a maximum of two consecutive terms

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be waived in consideration of the candidate specified in Confidential Schedule 1;

- (3) Toronto City Council express appreciation and thanks to the outgoing Board members for their service to the Toronto Public Library Board and to the City of Toronto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that the Community Services Committee meet privately to discuss the report (November 4, 2004) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, Library Board Nominating Panel, headed "Appointments to the Toronto Public Library Board", in that under the Municipal Act, 2001, the matter relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

The Community Services recessed at 5:05 p.m. to meet in camera.

Members Present:

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

The Community Services Committee adjourned its private meeting 5:20 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing members in attendance.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Services Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the recommendations in the report (November 4, 2004) from Councillor Rae, Chair, Library Board Nominating Panel; and



- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to submit directly to Council for its meeting on November 30, 2004, a confidential report providing a précis of the resume of each of the citizens nominated for appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board.

### **Report 8, Clause 11**

#### **9.24 Toronto Youth Cabinet - Youth Engagement Strategy**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 3, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to receive funding for the Toronto Youth Cabinet from the Ministry of Children and Youth, administered by Operation Springboard, to deliver a youth engagement strategy.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into agreement with Operation Springboard to receive funds in the amount of \$13,100.00 for the Youth Engagement Strategy;
- (2) the Social Development and Administration Division 2004 approved operating budget be increased by an amount of \$1,500.00 gross (zero net);
- (3) the Social Development and Administration Division 2005 operating budget request be increased by an amount of \$11,600.00 gross (zero net); and
- (4) 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 to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 3, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood

Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(o)**

**9.25 New Long-Term Care Home Program  
Standards and Funding Increase**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the introduction of new and higher long-term care program standards, on the increase in provincial long-term care home funding effective October 1, 2004, and seeking authority to transfer operating surpluses to the HFA Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) operating surpluses generated by the Homes for the Aged Division each year be directed to the HFA Capital Reserve Fund, subject to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer's review of Capital and Operating final results, and a further report on a portion of the surplus to be allocated to a new HFA Stabilization Reserve Fund;
- (2) staff report back to the Budget Advisory Committee and Community Services Committee by year-end with details and terms of reference for the proposed 'HFA Stabilization Reserve Fund';
- (3) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 10, 2004)

**Report 8, Clause 12(p)**

**9.26 The Provincial Plan to Create Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (November 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the provincial announcement about the creation of Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) staff be directed to monitor the planning, consultation and implementation processes for LHINs and report back to Community Services Committee once the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has initiated its consultation process in local communities across the Province, to provide an update and status report on expected impact.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
- (2) City Council recognize that St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital is included in the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) area, and that its

services are unique in Toronto in offering specialized hospital services to the City of Toronto and other GTA Hospitals; and

- (3) although St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital is in the Central LHIN area and due to the wide area of referrals from across the GTA, the Province of Ontario be requested to give special consideration to the funding needs of this Hospital.

### **Report 8, Clause 9**

#### **9.27 Affordable Housing Framework Agreement**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (October 28, 2004) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on October 25, 2004, requested that Toronto City Council adopt the following action:

“That Toronto City Council write a letter to Federal Minister Joe Fontana and Toronto area MPs asking for their support in expediting issues toward the release of funds under the Affordable Housing Framework Agreement signed by the federal, provincial, and territorial housing ministers on November 30, 2001; and further that, if the Province of Ontario will not commit to the contribution of adequate funds, Toronto City Council request the Federal Government to negotiate administration and funding agreements related to this program directly with the municipality.”

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons in the communication from Councillor Pitfield Co-Chair.

### **Report 8, Clause 8**

The Community Services Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:23 p.m.

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Chair.