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**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****AGENDA  
MEETING 1**

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, January 11, 2005      **Enquiry:**      **Rosalind Dyers**  
Committee Room 1, and      **Committee Administrator**  
Wednesday, January 12, 2005      **416-392-8018**  
Committee Room 2      **e-mail:rdyers@toronto.ca**

**Time:**      **9:30 a.m.**  
**Location:**      **City Hall**  
                         **100 Queen Street West**

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**Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Community Services Committee must adopt a motion to meet in camera (privately) and the reason must be given.**

**Declarations of Interest Under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act***

**Confirmation of Minutes - December 9, 2004**

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

**Communications/Reports:**

**1.      2005-2014 Capital Budgets - Community Services Committee      10:00 a.m.**

**(Speakers)**

Analyst Briefing Notes with respect to the 2005-2014 Capital Programs under the purview of the Community Services Committee:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Emergency Management Plan;
- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Children's Services;
- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support; and
- Social Services.

**2. 2005 Operating Budgets - Community Services Committee****10:00 a.m.****(Speakers)**

Analyst Briefing Notes with respect to the following 2005 Operating Budgets under the purview of the Community Services Committee:

Work and Emergency Services:

- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Children's Services;
- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support;
- Social Development and Administration;
- Social Services;
- Community Partnership and Investment Programs under the purview of the Community Services Committee; and
- Association of Community Centres.

**2(a). Capital Needs of Community and City Kitchen Facilities**

Communication (December 6, 2004) from Councillor Sylvia Watson, Co-Chair, Food and Hunger Action Committee, advising that the Food and Hunger Action Committee on November 23, 2004, discussed the capital needs of community and City-owned kitchen facilities; and recommended that Toronto City Council adopt the following motion:

“That staff review unmet capital needs of all kitchens and rank their appropriateness for investments and upgrades, and report back to the Food and Hunger Action Committee; and further that the report designate two streams: outside agencies and City-owned facilities.”

**2(b). 2005 Operating Budget - Homes for the Aged**

Report (December 16, 2004) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged recommending to the Community Services Committee that an annual City net contribution to the Homes for the Aged operating budget be maintained and increased annually by an amount equal to at least the combination of cost of living, salary, benefits and corporate charge increases to the program.

**3. Impact of the Provincial Best Start Program on Toronto's Child Care System, Strategies to Restore Provincial/Municipal Cost-Sharing, Service Levels and Develop the City's Child Care System into a Universal Publicly Funded Program**

Report (December 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services describing the Provincial Best Start Program; outlining a number of child care service and funding options designed to restore Provincial-Municipal cost-sharing and restore lost child care subsidy spaces, as well as a strategy and funding to introduce a universal publicly funded child care program at \$10.00 per day.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**4. Future Directions for Legislation Governing Long-Term Care Homes**

Report (December 19, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the consultation process being used by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to seek public input regarding the proposed Long-Term Care Homes Act 2005; describing the process used within the Homes for the Aged Division to solicit input from residents, families, community advisers and staff regarding the discussion paper; and seeking approval of the principles and values that should guide legislative reform which were included in the Homes for the Aged Division's feedback to the MOHLTC.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the principles and values included in this report which have been recommended by the Homes for the Aged Division as essential to guide legislative reform be adopted;

- (2) the MOHLTC be requested to provide additional opportunities to the City of Toronto to make its views known related to the proposed legislative reform, including a meeting with the Parliamentary Assistant, Monique Smith; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.



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## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA MEETING 1

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#### Communications/Reports:

##### **1(a). Heavy Fire Apparatus in the 2005 Capital Program**

Report (December 23, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager responding to the request of the Community Services Committee to develop an option to fund the replacement of ageing heavy fire apparatus through the capital program.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

##### **2(c). Community Partnership and Investment Program - 2005 Operating Budget Request: Community Services Grants Service Envelope and Housing Grants Service Envelope**

Report (December 31, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on December 9, 2004, to report on alternatives to the Executive Management Team (EMT) recommendations for the Community Services and Housing Grants Service envelopes within the Community Partnership and Investment Program, with a focus on (a) minimally meeting economic factors in each program area and (b) phasing in enhancements and new services.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**5. Toronto EMS Hospital Offload Delays**

Report (December 16, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising Council on the risks and impacts of continuing offload delays experienced by Toronto EMS paramedics in Toronto hospital emergency departments.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council strongly urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Toronto hospitals to adhere to the principle that hospital emergency departments should assume immediate care of and responsibility for patients brought to their facilities by Toronto EMS ambulance paramedics;
- (2) City Council direct the Chief/General Manager, Toronto EMS, to give priority to serving emergency calls from the public over providing continuing care to patients already delivered to hospital emergency departments;
- (3) the Province of Ontario provide sufficient resources to hospital emergency departments to ensure immediate transfer of patient care from paramedic crews;
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer, the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and the Chief/General Manager, Toronto EMS, seek full recovery of all costs related to offload delays from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, over and above other negotiations about shortfalls in the Province's funding of municipal Emergency Medical Services in Toronto;
- (5) the Chief/General Manager, Toronto EMS, report to the Community Services Committee quarterly on offload delays and issues arising from the practice if it persists; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

## **6. Endorsement Agreements for Accrediting Toronto Fire Services Specialty Module Firefighting Courses**

Report (December 23, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager seeking Council's approval to enter into endorsement agreements between the City and Endorsement Review Board for the endorsement of Toronto Fire Services' training courses and for the City providing a release and indemnity.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Fire Chief and General Manager be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, an Endorsement Agreement between the City and the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Endorsement Board (the 'OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board') on terms satisfactory to the Fire Chief and General Manager, for a two-year term with the possibility of extending the term for an additional two years at the discretion of the Fire Chief and General Manager, for the purpose of having the Toronto Fire Service Water and Ice Rescue - Operations Level course endorsed by the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board as a Certification Specialty Module and for the purpose of the City providing a release and indemnity in favour of the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board, provided that such Endorsement Agreement is in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (2) the Fire Chief and General Manager be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, an Endorsement Agreement between the City and the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board, on terms satisfactory to the Fire Chief and General Manager, for a two-year term with the possibility of extending the term for an additional two years at the discretion of the Fire Chief and General Manager, for the purpose of having the Toronto Confined Space Rescue - Operations Level course endorsed by the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board as a Certification Specialty Module and for the purpose of the City providing a release and indemnity in favour of the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board, provided that such Endorsement Agreement is in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (3) the Fire Chief and General Manager be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, future Endorsement Agreements between the City and the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board, on terms similar to the Endorsement Agreements in recommendations (1) and (2) above, for the purpose of having the OFM/OAFC Endorsement Board endorse as Certification Specialty Modules courses currently developed by Toronto Fire Services, including Vehicle Extrication, Hazmat Training and Fire Fighter Emergency Patient Care II, and for the purpose of the City providing a release and indemnity in favour of the OFM/OAFC Endorsement

Board, provided that such Endorsement Agreements are 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.

## **7. Establishment of HFA Stabilization Cost Centre**

Report (December 14, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on a multi-year stabilization financial plan for the establishment of a Homes for the Aged Stabilization Cost Centre within the Community Initiatives Reserve Fund.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council establish a Cost Centre called “HFA Stabilization Cost Centre”, within the Community Initiatives Reserve Fund, to be used to provide a hedge against future fluctuations in provincial subsidies and revenues within the homes program;
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) be amended by adding the “Homes for the Aged Stabilization” cost centre to Schedule “6” - Community Initiatives Reserve Fund;
- (3) any operating budget surpluses generated by the Homes for the Aged homes program each year arising from preferred accommodation revenues and operating efficiencies be allocated evenly on a 50:50 basis between the HFA Capital Reserve Fund and the new HFA Stabilization Cost Centre within the Community Initiatives Reserve Fund, subject to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer’s review of Capital and Operating final results; 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.



**8. HRSDC Call-for-Proposal Process**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on December 9, 2004, to report on the impact of the Call-for-Proposal process implemented by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) on community-based agencies in Toronto, and providing an overview of the new Call-for-Proposal policy.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**9. Community and Neighbourhood Services Income Redistributive Programs**

Report (December 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the total value of Community and Neighbourhood Services income redistributive programs and providing interim consideration of a request to the Province of Ontario for a phase-out of municipal funding for such programs.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that this report be received for information, pending the forthcoming report to the Policy and Finance Committee on long-term options for ensuring sustainable funding for Toronto's cost-shared social programs.

**10. Changes to Ontario Works Announced by the Minister of Community and Social Services**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the December 15, 2004, announcement by the Minister of Community and Social Services regarding changes to Ontario's social assistance system.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

## **11. Tenant Outreach and Organizing Services under the Tenant Defence Fund**

Report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services on the feasibility of permanently amending the purchase of service agreement with the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations to increase funding for its tenant outreach and organizing services within the current funding level of the Tenant Defence Fund.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the funding level for the 2005 Tenant Defence Fund remain at \$325,000.00, with funding for the Outreach and Organizing Program component of the Fund set at \$200,000.00, and funding for the Tenant Support Grants Program component of the Fund set at \$125,000.00;
- (2) in future years, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support report to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on any proposed change to the 2005 allocation level for the Outreach and Organizing Program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## **12. New Provincial Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot**

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising Council of an innovative partnership between the Toronto Community Foundation, the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto and rental housing owners to assist approximately 400 households with a housing allowance over a five-year period; and requesting authority for the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support to enter into an agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to access provincial funding for the new program and also authority to enter into an agreement with Toronto Community Housing Corporation to administer the program.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and

Housing for the administration of the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009;

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to administer the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009, and to allocate all available provincial funding in two instalments;
- (3) the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be adjusted by \$3.6 million gross (\$0 net) conditional upon receipt of provincial grants and subsidies for the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot;
- (4) an assessment of the results of the first year of the pilot program be prepared and reported to Council in 2006;
- (5) Council urge the provincial government to commit to long-term funding for this program and that an administrative component be included in any future housing allowance initiatives to reflect the actual cost of delivering the program;
- (6) this report be referred to Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **13. Update on Motions Relating to Affordable Housing Development**

Report (January 5, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an interim response to motions made at the Community Services Committee and Council regarding affordable housing development and the Capital Revolving Fund.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.