
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 2**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2005 **Enquiry:** Candy Davidovits
Committee Room 1 **Acting Committee Administrator**
Time: 9:30 a.m. **416-392-8032**
Location: City Hall **e-mail:cdavidov@toronto.ca**
100 Queen Street West

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 – January 11, 2005

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

Communications/Reports:

1. Over-Expenditure of Blanket Contract No. 47006971 – Outdoor Outfits Ltd.

Report (February 23, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS, requesting approval from Council on the over-expenditure by Toronto Emergency Medical Services of \$67,523.82 for Outdoor Outfits Blanket Contract No. 47006971.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the existing Blanket Contract No. 47006971 with Outdoor Outfits Ltd. be amended to increase the total blanket contract amount by \$67,523.82, from \$493,000.00 to \$560,523.00; and

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

2. Over-Expenditure of Blanket Contract No. 47005723 – Sunnybrook and Women’s College Hospital Health Sciences’ Centre for Emergency Medical Services Pharmaceutical Supplies

Report (February 23, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS, requesting approval from Council on the over-expenditure by Toronto Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) of \$449,912.00 for pharmaceutical supplies from Sunnybrook and Women’s College Hospital Health Sciences' Centre under sole source Blanket Contract No. 47005723.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the total amount for Blanket Contract No. 47005723 for pharmaceutical supplies with Sunnybrook and Women’s College Hospital Health Sciences’ Centre be increased by \$490,000.00 to a total blanket contract value of \$940,000.00, from a previous Council approved blanket contract amount of \$450,000.00, including all taxes and charges; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. Over-Expenditure of Blanket Contract No. 47007725 – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for SARS-Related Expenditures

Report (February 23, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS, requesting approval from Council on the over-expenditure by Toronto Emergency Medical Services of \$43,135.00 for SARS-Related Materials, Supplies and Equipment on Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Contract No. 47007725.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the total contract amount for Contract No. 47007725 with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care be increased by \$43,135.00 to \$543,135.00, from a previous Council-approved contract amount of \$500,000.00, including all taxes and charges; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. Policy of Donating Retired Fire Fighting Vehicles and Equipment to Developing Countries

Report (February 18, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager responding to a request by the Community Services Committee on January 11, 2005, on the policy of donating retired fire fighting vehicles and equipment to cities in developing countries.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Toronto Fire Services' staff, who on their own time, either vacation time or off duty, assisting with projects to developing countries will continue to 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) the activity of off duty Toronto Fire Services employees acting as City volunteers for the purposes of donating retired fire fighting vehicles and equipment to cities in developing countries and travelling to those countries be established as an official City authorized activity for purposes of the City's Comprehensive General Liability insurance coverage;
- (3) the Fire Chief be authorized to donate equipment that does not meet the required standards in North America and would normally be discarded;
- (4) the Fire Chief be authorized to execute indemnity and waiver agreements with the appropriate officials of recipients of the donated items, such agreements to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to these recommendations.

5. Reader's Theatre Presentation of "RESPECT", a Final Report Arising out of Previous Research Study at Castleview Wychwood Towers

(Presentation – 9:45 a.m.)

Report (January 24, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an opportunity for Dr. Maura McIntyre, researcher, to present her Reader's Theatre Presentation entitled "RESPECT", as recommended in Clause No. 4 of Report No. 2 of the Community Services Committee which was adopted by City Council at its meeting of March 1, 2004; and providing an update of actions taken to further

enhance dementia care within Castleview Wychwood Towers and the City's other Homes.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Community Services Committee receive the Reader's Theatre Presentation entitled "RESPECT" by researcher Dr. Maura McIntyre;
- (2) staff continue to further enhance the Homes' approach to dementia care, recognizing that the community-at-large and health care partners already have high regard for the dementia care provided by the City's Homes;
- (3) staff advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to have the principles and strategies of dementia care theory recognized in the MOHLTC manual that sets out standards and policies for long-term care homes;
- (4) staff advocate to the MOHLTC for increased funding to those long-term care homes who provide this type of specialized care, recognizing that the current level of care classification and funding approach (case mix index) does not accurately capture the care needs of individuals who require dementia care; and
- (5) Castleview Wychwood Towers be congratulated for the continued excellent work in dementia care and in meeting community need.

6. Homes for the Aged Division, Advocacy Program Update

Communication (February 18, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 18, 2005, adopted the following staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 16, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the Homes for the Aged Division, Advocacy Program Update:

- (1) Homes for the Aged evaluate the success of the advocacy program on an annual basis, including a summary of the work of the Resident-Client Advocate in the annual HFA Report Card and providing information and advice on best practices in advocacy to the office of the Parliamentary Assistant as requested, to assist provincial planning;
- (2) staff be complimented for their commitment and innovative approaches to advocacy; and
- (3) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for their information.

7. 2005 Toronto Challenge

Report (February 22, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services informing the Committee about decisions concerning the Homes for the Aged 2005 Toronto Challenge and requesting approval for the selection of a new presenting sponsor.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) be confirmed as the presenting sponsor of the 2005 Toronto Challenge; and
- (2) staff report back to the Community Services Committee at the conclusion of the 2005 event, providing an evaluation of the event and recommendations for future presenting sponsorships.

8. Grounds Maintenance at Various Homes for the Aged

Report (February 4, 2005) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee, at its meeting of April 29, 2004, to report on how future contracts for grounds maintenance at various Homes for the Aged can be made more desirable to potential bidders.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

9. Accreditation Report, Cummer Lodge

Communication (February 18, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 18, 2005, adopted a report (January 25, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, advising of the positive results of the survey conducted at Cummer Lodge by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on October 20-22, 2004; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

10. Achievement of 2004 Operating Objectives, Homes for the Aged Division

Communication (February 18, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on February 18, 2005, adopted the report (February 4, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the Achievement of 2004 Operating Objectives, Homes for the Aged Division; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

11. Police Reference Checks, Homes for the Aged

Communication (February 18, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged at its meeting on February 18, 2005:

- (a) recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the following staff recommendations (1) to (5) contained in the report (February 16, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting Police Reference Checks, Homes for the Aged:
 - (1) Homes for the Aged (HFA) implement a process of pre-employment Police Reference Checks for all applicants for employment with HFA and a process of pre-placement Police Reference Checks for all applicants for volunteering with HFA;
 - (2) these processes of Police Reference Checks be implemented effective June 1, 2005 or the earliest date possible thereafter;
 - (3) written protocols for Police Reference Checks be developed to screen for those offences detailed in the MOHLTC policy, in accordance with the procedures set out in this report;
 - (4) if further requirements for Criminal Reference Checks are mandated in the *Long-Term Care Homes Act 2005* when the new legislation is enacted, staff report back on the steps that will need to be taken to ensure compliance with the *Act*;
 - (5) this report be referred to Community Services Committee for deliberations with respect to any program-related implications; and
- (b) referred the report of the General Manager, Homes for the Aged to the Employee and Labour Relations Committee for deliberation with respect to any employment law related implications, in accordance with Recommendation (6).

12. Implementation Planning Guidelines for Best Start

Report (February 17, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the Draft Implementation Planning Guidelines for Best Start.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

13. Youth Employment and Local Leadership for Multi-Barriered Youth

Report (February 22, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to enter into a funding agreement with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and to enter into agreements with three community-based agencies for the delivery of the Youth Employment and Local Leadership Project.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with HRSDC to receive funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,904,811.00 as the project costs for the Youth Employment and Local Leadership Project;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into agreements with three community-based agencies for the delivery of the Youth Employment and Local Leadership Project to be determined through a RFP process;
- (3) the Social Development and Administration Division's 2005 Operating Budget be increased by \$1,753,811.00 gross, zero net;
- (4) the Social Development and Administration Division be authorized to hire a Co-ordinator to administer the project; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

14. Funding and Workplan for the Toronto Social Development Network

Report (February 23, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting approval to allocate funding for the development of a Toronto social development network and outlining the network's activities during its first year of operation.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council allocate \$68,000.00 from Community Services Grant Program funding envelope within the 2005 approved budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, to the Ontario Council for Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI) to act as trustee in supporting the development of a Toronto social development network;
- (2) the workplan in Attachment I guide the activities of the social development network during its first year of operation;
- (3) appropriate City staff report to the Community Services Committee in April 2006 about the activities of the social development network during its first year of operation; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

15. Federal Funding for Five-Year Study of Single Parents on Social Assistance

Report (February 21, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services informing the Community Services Committee that a research alliance headed by Wilfrid Laurier University and Toronto Social Services (TSS) has received a research grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council to conduct a five-year study of the experiences of single parents with social assistance and the labour market.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**16. Maurice Coulter Housing Co-operative – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan
(Ward 1 – Etobicoke North)**

Report (February 25, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Maurice Coulter Housing Co-operative – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support (the “General Manager”) to:
 - (a) withdraw \$1,636,200.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$1,090,800.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund required for capital repairs at 174 John Garland Boulevard (the “Property”) and lend \$2,727,000.00 to the receiver and manager of the housing project owned by the Maurice Coulter Housing Co-operative (“Maurice Coulter”);
 - (b) apply for court approval of the terms and conditions, including those for repayment, of a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents on the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the loan will be non-interest bearing and not repayable until the earlier of the date (the “Commencement Date”) (1) that the first mortgage on the Property is due to mature in 2024, or (2) such mortgage is redeemed;
 - (ii) starting on the Commencement Date the loan will bear interest at a rate equal to the prime lending rate charged by the City’s leading banker plus one percent and be subject to a repayment schedule that would amortize the loan over a period of 15 years, subject to the right of Maurice Coulter to pre-pay the loan at any time without interest or penalty;
 - (iii) the interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable, by Maurice Coulter, subject to further Council approval; and
 - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;

- (c) apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”) required under Section 95(3) of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*;
- (2) the loan of \$2,727,000.00 be deemed to be in the interests of the City of Toronto in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25;
- (3) the 2005 budget for Shelter Housing and Support be increased by \$2,727,000.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund of \$1,636,200.00 and \$1,090,800.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund to provide a loan to the receiver and manager of the Property owned by Maurice Coulter Housing Co-operative for required capital expenditures at 174 John Garland Boulevard;
- (4) the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for the \$2,727,000.00 needed for capital repairs at 174 John Garland Boulevard;
- (5) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**17. Vila Gaspar Corte Real Inc. – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan
(Ward 12 – York South-Weston)**

Report (February 25, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Vila Gaspar Corte Real Inc. – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support (the “General Manager”) to:
 - (a) withdraw \$2,473,000.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund required for capital repairs at 33 Gabian Way (the “Property”) and lend these funds to the receiver and manager of the housing project owned by Vila Gaspar Corte Real Inc. (“Vila Gaspar”);

- (b) apply for court approval of the terms and conditions, including those for repayment, of a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents on the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the loan will be non-interest bearing and not repayable until the earlier of the date (the “Commencement Date”) (1) that the first mortgage on the Property is due to mature in 2027, or (2) such mortgage is redeemed;
 - (ii) starting the Commencement Date the loan will bear interest at a rate equal to the prime lending rate charged by the City’s leading banker plus one percent and be subject to a repayment schedule that would amortize the loan over a period of 15 years, subject to the right of Vila Gaspar to pre-pay the loan at any time without interest or penalty;
 - (iii) the interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable by Vila Gaspar, subject to further Council approval; and
 - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (c) apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”) required under Section 95(3) of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*;
- (2) the loan of \$2,473,000.00 be deemed to be in the interests of the City of Toronto in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25;
- (3) the 2005 budget for Shelter Housing and Support be increased by \$2,473,000.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund to provide a loan to the receiver and manager of the Property owned by Vila Gaspar Corte Real Inc. for required capital expenditures at 33 Gabian Way;
- (4) the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for the \$2,473,000.00 needed for capital repairs at 33 Gabian Way;
- (5) this report be referred to Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

18. 55 Howard Park Co-operative Homes Inc. – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan (Ward 14 – Parkdale-High Park)

Report (February 25, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 55 Howard Park Co-operative Homes Inc. – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support (the “General Manager”) to:
 - (a) withdraw \$990,000.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund required for capital repairs at 55 Howard Park Avenue (the “Property”) and lend these funds to 55 Howard Park Co-operative Homes Inc. (“Howard Park”);
 - (b) negotiate, execute and deliver a loan agreement, collateral security and ancillary agreements and documentation, including a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents on the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the loan will be non-interest bearing and not repayable until the earlier of the date (the “Commencement Date”) (1) that the first mortgage on the Property is due to mature in 2026, or (2) such mortgage is redeemed;
 - (ii) starting the Commencement Date the loan will bear interest at a rate equal to the prime lending rate charged by the City’s leading banker plus one percent and be subject to a repayment schedule that would amortize the loan over a period of 15 years, subject to the right of Howard Park to pre-pay the loan at any time without interest or penalty;
 - (iii) the interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable, subject to further Council approval; and
 - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
 - (c) apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”) required under Section 95(3) of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*;

- (2) the loan of \$990,000.00 be deemed to be in the interests of the City of Toronto in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25;
- (3) the 2005 budget for Shelter Housing and Support be increased by \$990,000.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund to provide a loan to 55 Howard Park Co-operative Homes Inc. for required capital expenditures at 55 Howard Park Avenue;
- (4) the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for the \$990,000.00 needed for capital repairs at 55 Howard Park Avenue;
- (5) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration;
and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**19. Bruckland Foundation – Withdrawal of Funds from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and Approval of a Second Mortgage
(Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest)**

Report (February 25, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting authority to allow the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support to (a) withdraw up to \$1,100,000.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and lend these funds to Bruckland Foundation for required capital repairs at 110 Mason Road, (b) negotiate the terms of a loan agreement and collateral security, including a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents, (c) provide consent to Bruckland Foundation for the second mortgage to secure such loan as required under the Operating Agreement with the City of Toronto pursuant to the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (“SHRA”), and (d) apply for the prior written consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to providing the foregoing consent under the Operating Agreement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support (the “General Manager”) to:
 - (a) withdraw from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund amounts required for capital repairs at 110 Mason Road (the “Property”), an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00, and lend these funds to Bruckland Foundation (“Bruckland”);

- (b) negotiate, execute and deliver a loan agreement, collateral security and ancillary agreements and documentation, including a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents on the Property, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the loan will be non-interest bearing and not repayable until the earlier of the date (the “Commencement Date”) (1) that the first mortgage on the Property held by CMHC is due to mature in 2020, or (2) such mortgage is redeemed;
 - (ii) starting on the Commencement Date the loan will bear interest at a rate equal to the prime lending rate charged by the City’s leading banker plus one percent and be subject to a repayment schedule that would amortize the loan over a period of 15 years, subject to the right of Bruckland to pre-pay the loan at any time without interest or penalty;
 - (iii) the interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable, subject to further Council approval; and
 - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
 - (c) consent, on behalf of the City of Toronto to Bruckland mortgaging, charging or encumbering the Property in connection with the second mortgage, as required under the Operating Agreement being administered by the City of Toronto as Service Manager pursuant to the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* (the “SHRA”); and
 - (d) apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the “Minister”) required under a Transfer Order made pursuant to the provisions of the SHRA;
- (2) the loan of up to \$1,100,000.00 be deemed to be in the interests of the City of Toronto in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25;
 - (3) the 2005 budget for Shelter Housing and Support be increased by \$1,100,000.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund to provide a loan to the Bruckland Foundation for required capital expenditures at 110 Mason Road;
 - (4) the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for the \$1,100,000.00 needed for capital repairs at 110 Mason Road;

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

20. Coroner's Inquest into the Death of Joseph Teigesser

Report (February 23, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health providing information on the inquest into the death of Joseph Teigesser and commenting on the jury recommendations arising out of that inquest.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Officer of the Chief Coroner for information;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Board of Health via the TB Sub-Committee of the Board of Health; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

21. Proposed Restriction of Access to Newer and Better Medications under the Ontario Drugs Benefit Program

(Speaker – 10:00 a.m.)

Communication (February 15, 2005) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's, advising that the Disability Issues Committee on December 7, 2004:

- (1) forwarded a communication to the Community Services Committee from Lembi Buchanan expressing concern at the possibility of the Provincial Government restricting access to newer and more effective anti-psychotic medications for persons with schizophrenia under the Ontario Drug Benefit Program; and
- (2) requested that Ms. Lembi Buchanan be invited to speak to the Community Services Committee when this issue is considered.

22. 2004 List of Outstanding Items – Community Services Committee

Communication (February 23, 2005) from the City Clerk submitting, for information, a copy of the 2004 list of outstanding items for the Community Services Committee, together with departmental responses.



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
MEETING 2**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2005 **Enquiry:** Candy Davidovits
Committee Room 1 Acting Committee Administrator
Time: 9:30 a.m. 416-392-8032
Location: City Hall e-mail:cdavidov@toronto.ca
100 Queen Street West

Additional Communications/Reports:

12(a). Federal Support for an Early Learning and Child Care Initiative

Report (March 1, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the recent federal budget announced commitment of funding for Early Learning and Child Care.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

21(a). Proposed Restriction of Access to Newer and Better Medications under the Ontario Drugs Benefit Program

Communication (March 2, 2005) from Lembi Buchanan providing a review of atypical anti-psychotic drugs under the Ontario Drug Benefit Program.

23. Ineligible Applicants to the 2005 Community Services Grants Program

Communication (March 2, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeal Sub-Committee on March 2, 2005, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of the report (January 20, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services presenting the results of the initial eligibility assessment of applicants under the 2005 Community Services Grants Program, with the exception of the appeals from the following organizations which were

referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further consideration and report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee on March 9, 2005, with particular emphasis being placed on Agency Nos. 17, 19, 40, 43, and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto:

- Etobicoke Humane Society (Agency 10);
- First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre (Agency 11);
- Horn of Africa Community Development (Agency 15);
- Humewood House (Agency 17);
- Mission of Success Learning Centre (Agency 19);
- My Canada Integration and Settlement Services (Agency 20);
- Afghan Association of Ontario (Agency 37);
- Chinese Senior Health and Recreation Association (Agency 38);
- Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre (Agency 40);
- Flemington Health Centre (Agency 42);
- Le Centre des Jeunes Francophones du Toronto (Agency 43); and
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto.

(Note: A copy of the 2005 Community Services Grants Program Guidelines was distributed with the agenda for the Community Services Committee Grants Appeal Sub-Committee meeting of March 2, 2005.)

- 23(a).** Report (March 2, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services presenting the recommendations for organizations that appealed to the Appeals Sub-Committee for reconsideration of their initial eligibility assessment under the 2005 Community Services Grants Program (CSGP).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 5 new applicants, 2 returning applicants and the deputant as identified in Appendix 1 of this report be confirmed as ineligible for support under the 2005 CSGP;

- (2) Humewood House Association (17) and Le Centre des Jeunes Francophones de Toronto (43) proceed to the assessment review;
- (3) Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre (40) and Flemingdon Health Centre (42) be recommended for transfer to another Community Partnerships and Investments Program (CPIP) program; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

24. Development of Transitional Housing Request for Proposal No. 9155-04-7386 and Pre-Development Training for Aboriginal Groups (Wards 1, 14, 19 and 30)

Report (February 25, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer reporting on the results of the Request for Proposal (RFP) 9155-04-7386 and to obtain authority to enter into an agreement with each recommended organization; and recommending pre-development funding for Aboriginal groups.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve up to \$3,027,328.00 in SCPI 2003-2006 transitional housing funding to be allocated to:
 - Alternative Living Solutions Inc.,
 - Houselink Community Homes
 - Parkdale United Church Foundation Inc.

for transitional housing projects as substantially outlined in Appendix 2 of this report;
- (2) Council approve up to \$1,491,072.00 in Mayor's Homeless Initiative Reserve Fund monies to be allocated to the three (3) transitional housing projects referred to in recommendation 1 and as substantially outlined in Appendix 2.
- (3) Council approve up to \$312,400.00 in SCPI 2003-2006 shelter funding to be allocated to Ernestine's Women's Shelter as substantially outlined in Appendix 2 of this report;
- (4) Council approve the establishment of a Contingency Fund of 15% of the total amount funded in recommendations 1 and 2, or \$677,760.00, to be drawn from SCPI 2003-2006 transitional housing funds;

- (5) the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support (the “General Manager”) be delegated authority to approve the use of the Contingency Fund under the criteria set out in Appendix 3 and if the use of the contingency funds is approved, the General Manager be granted authority to execute on behalf of the City an agreement to amend to the SCPI Funding Agreement for the project receiving funds to reflect the increase in funding;
- (6) authority be granted to the General Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, SCPI Funding Agreements with the proponents referred to in recommendation 1 and 3, together with any other agreements deemed appropriate by the General Manager, substantially on the terms and conditions as set out in Appendix 2 and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (7) authority be granted to the General Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, a social housing agreement with Alternative Living Solutions Inc. at 793-795 Gerrard Street East, Houselink Community Homes at 46 Delaware Avenue and Parkdale United Church Foundation Inc. at 1339 and 1355 King Street West to ensure the lands shall be used for the purpose of a social housing project designed to provide housing for persons with low to moderate incomes pursuant to the City of Toronto Act, 1988 (No. 2), thereby qualifying these projects as alternative housing for the purposes of the City of Toronto Zoning By-law No.438-86 and allowing these projects relief from normal parking standards;
- (8) authority be granted to the General Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, a Municipal Housing Facility Agreement with Alternative Living Solutions Inc. at 793-795 Gerrard Street East, Houselink Community Homes at 46 Delaware Avenue and Parkdale United Church Foundation Inc. at 1339 and 1355 King Street West for their housing projects as detailed in Appendix 2, consistent with the designation of each of the projects as a municipal housing project facility pursuant to Section 110 of the Municipal Act;
- (9) an exemption from development charges, applicable planning fees and taxation for municipal and school purposes pursuant to the City’s Municipal Facility By-law 282-2002 be granted to Alternative Living Solutions Inc. at 793-795 Gerrard Street East, Houselink Community Homes at 46 Delaware Avenue and Parkdale United Church Foundation Inc. at 1339 and 1355 King Street West for the term of the City’s Municipal Housing Facility Agreement entered into pursuant to recommendation 8;
- (10) as a condition of funding, Alternative Living Solutions Inc., Houselink Community Homes and Parkdale United Church Foundation Inc. be directed to undertake an assessment as to how the placement procedures for their transitional housing projects approved in this report can assist in the implementation of Council’s “From Street to Homes” strategy;

- (11) Council approve up to \$40,000.00 under the SCPI Capacity Building Funding to the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association for the development and implementation of a Pre-development Training Program for Aboriginal housing providers;
 - (12) Council approve up to \$40,000.00 for pre-development funding for Aboriginal housing providers to prepare submissions in response to Request for Proposals for housing development;
 - (13) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
 - (14) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills necessary to give effect thereto.
- 24(a).** Communication (February 23, 2005) from Councillor Suzan Hall, Ward 1 – Etobicoke North, writing to support the funding recommendation for Ernestine’s Women’s Shelter contained in the staff report “Development of Transitional Housing Request for Proposal No. 9155-04-7386” to be considered by the Community Services Committee on March 9, 2005.

25. Increase to Ministry of Community and Social Services Funding for Housing and Homelessness Programs

Report (March 3, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to increase the operating budgets for Shelter Housing and Support grant programs and the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund of the Community Partnership and Investment Program to accommodate increased funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, and to allocate this funding to community agencies delivering Council approved housing and homelessness projects and seasonal initiatives.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council amend the 2005 operating budgets for Supports to Daily Living, Community Partners Program, City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and Off the Streets Into Shelter by the amounts shown in the Financial Implications section of this report for a total increase of \$475,942.30 gross and \$0 net to accommodate increased funding for housing and homelessness programs from the Ministry of Community and Social Services;

- (2) the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to allocate the increase to existing Council approved housing and homelessness projects and seasonal initiatives up to the amounts set out in Appendices A, B, C, D and E for a total of \$715,941.77 in 2005;
- (3) the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to allocate 2005 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and Off the Streets Into Shelter funding from October 1 to December 31, 2005, to the same community agencies funded in 2004 by up to the amounts set out in Appendices C and D, in order to align the funding year for all City administered housing and homelessness programs; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.