

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 3**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2005 **Enquiry:** Candy Davidovits
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Acting Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 2 **416-392-8032**
City Hall **e-mail:cdavidov@toronto.ca**
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Toronto, Ontario

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 – March 9, 2005

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

Communications/Reports:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Emergency Response – Jurisdictional Protocol for Dispute Resolution

Report (March 14, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the City Solicitor responding to a request by the Community Services Committee to report on a jurisdictional protocol in the event of any staff/board dispute during an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

2. 2005-2009 Child Care Service Plan

Report (April 11, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting approval for the City of Toronto 2005-2009 Child Care Service Plan and providing a preliminary description of the impact of the Best Start Program on the Plan.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the recommendations contained in the attached 2005-2009 Child Care Service Plan be approved, forwarded to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and be incorporated into subsequent budget submissions for the Children's Services Division;
- (2) the 2005-2009 Child Care Service Plan principles and recommendations be used to guide the implementation of the Ontario Best Start program in Toronto;
- (3) the City continue to advocate for funding flexibility in the implementation of Best Start to support equitable access to early learning and child care, increased program funding to assure improved quality and ongoing viability of the existing child care system;
- (4) new child care funding be used to ensure equitable access to services for children with special needs by allocating increased funding for special needs resourcing over the term of this Service Plan from \$7.3 million to \$15 million by 2009;
- (5) any future year financial implications to the City beyond 2005 be reported to Community Services Committee, Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee and subject to future budget approval processes;
- (6) the City continue to advocate for inclusion of Ontario Early Years Centres within the overall child care system managed by the City of Toronto; and
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Note: Draft "2005-2009 Toronto Child Care Service Plan" sent to Members of Council and selected Officials only.)

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

3. Snowshovelling and Grass Cutting Supports to Seniors and People with Disabilities

Report (April 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services updating the Committee on the transfer of the delivery of community-based snowshovelling and grass cutting services for seniors and people with disabilities from the Works and Emergency Services Department to the Community Services Department.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the review of snowshovelling/grass cutting programs be undertaken as described in this report and reported to the appropriate standing committee prior to the 2006 budget process;
- (2) funds in the amount of \$304,000.00 be transferred from the Transportation Services Program – Winter Maintenance 2005 Operating Budget to:
 - (a) the Community Services grants service envelope of the Community Partnership and Investment Program 2005 Operating Budget for the provision of community based snow shovelling and grass cutting services for seniors and people with disabilities to the amount of \$264,000.00; and
 - (b) the Social Development and Administration Division Budget to the amount of \$40,000.00;
- (3) the staffing complement of the Social Development and Administration Division be increased by a temporary half-time Program Support Analyst position to undertake the service review and develop options for administration of a harmonized program to provide snow shovelling and grass cutting grant services for seniors and people with disabilities; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. 2005 Community Services Grant Program (CSGP) – Changes in Allocation Patterns Due to Allocation Pressures as a Result of 2004 Budget Increases to CSGP

Report (April 11, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services identifying changes in the allocation patterns for the 2005 Community Services Grant Program as a result of annualization pressures within the approved CSGP funding envelope.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be sent to all 2005 CSGP applicants that made a request for new or increased funding; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. Proposed Restrictions on Access to Newer Medications under the Ontario Drug Benefit Program

Report (April 13, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services identifying concerns related to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) review of atypical drug products in the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

SHELTER, SUPPORT AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

6. Status of the Property and Related Tenant Issues at 1765 and 1775 Weston Road (Ward 11 – York South-Weston)

Report (April 12, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards, responding to a request from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee for a report to the Community Services Committee meeting of April 27, 2005, about the status of the property and related tenant issues at 1765 and 1775 Weston Road.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a grant of up to \$5,000.00 be approved and allocated from the Tenant Support Grants Program for assisting tenants in their dispute with the owner of the property at 1765 and 1775 Weston Road; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- 6(a).** Communication (March 11, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee at its meeting on March 11, 2005, recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council approve a grant up to \$5,000.00 to the tenants of 1765 and 1775 Weston Road, to cover all reasonable costs not covered by the York Community Legal Clinic, in their dispute with the Owner.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

7. Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) Recognition of City of Toronto Program and People

Communication (April 1, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged at its meeting on April 1, 2005, considered a report (March 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, and:

- (1) referred the report to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) congratulated staff on the outstanding achievement.

GENERAL

8. 2004 List of Outstanding Items – Community Services Committee

(Deferred from March 9, 2005)

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.



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SHELTER, SUPPORT AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

6(b). Status Report – Condition of Property at 1765-1775 Weston Road and Other Multi-Residential Buildings Owned by Same Owner (Ward 11 – York South-Weston; Ward 1 – Etobicoke; Ward 18 - Davenport)

Communication (April 20, 2005) from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee advising that at its meeting on April 19, 2005, the Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 12, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Urban Development Services, subject to deleting Recommendation 1 and inserting instead the following:

- “(1) a grant of up to \$5,000.00 be approved and allocated from the Tenant Support Grants Program for assisting tenants in their dispute with the owner of the property at 1765 and 1775 Weston Road under the following terms and conditions:
- (a) the funds be paid to York Community Legal Services to be held in trust for the tenants of 1765 and 1775 Weston Road;
 - (b) York Community Legal Services pay the money into a trust account that will be managed in accordance with the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Law Society of Upper Canada;

- (c) the funds be used to cover expenses properly incurred on behalf of the tenants, including expert witness costs, application fees and other disbursements that are not covered by York Community Legal Services;
- (d) any unused funds will be returned to the City; and
- (e) any other terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, and the City Solicitor”.

9. 110 Edward Street: Extension of Emergency Shelter and Referral Centre Program (Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

Report (April 21, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing the outcome of the results of the lease negotiations between the owners of 110 Edward Street and the City of Toronto in order to extend the use of the emergency shelter and referral program and recommending the extension of the lease on a month to month basis up to December 31, 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be directed to continue to operate 110 Edward Street on a month to month basis until December 31, 2005, as an emergency shelter and referral program subject to the terms of the month to month agreement between the owners of 110 Edward and the City of Toronto;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be directed to report back in the fall of 2005 on the status of the facility and a determination on whether to extend the services for the remainder of the 2005/2006 winter, subject to agreement of the landlord; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

10. Update on the Development of 1,000 Affordable and Transitional Housing Units (All Wards)

Report (April 21, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing an update on the status of the development of 1,000 transitional and affordable housing units targeted for 2005; on the status of the Next Steps Rent Supplement Demonstration Project, the Housing Allowance Pilot Project, the

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care rent supplement program; and on the initiative to canvass all Councillors in relation to potential opportunities in their Ward to develop affordable and transitional housing.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

11. Update on the 2004-2005 Tuberculosis Outbreak Investigation in the Homeless and Underhoused Population

Communication (April 12, 2005) from the Board of Health advising that the Board of Health at its meeting on April 4, 2005, received a report (March 7, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “Update on the Investigation and Management of the Tuberculosis (TB) Outbreak in Toronto’s Homeless and Underhoused Population”; and requested that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons for information.

12. Application of City of Toronto Shelter Standards to Out of the Cold Sites in Relation to Tuberculosis Prevention

Communication (April 12, 2005) from the Board of Health advising that the Board of Health at its meeting on April 4, 2005, considered a report (March 23, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, providing information on the City’s Shelter Standards and their applicability to Out of the Cold in relation to tuberculosis prevention; and directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons for information.

PUBLIC HEALTH

13. Update of Toronto’s Call to Action on Physical Activity

Communication (April 12, 2005) from the Board of Health advising that the Board of Health at its meeting on April 4, 2005, considered a report (March 8, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “Update on Toronto’s Call to Action on Physical Activity”, and directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and to City Council for their information