

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 6**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2005 **Enquiry:** Candy Davidovits
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Acting Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **416-392-8032**
City Hall **e-mail:cdavidov@toronto.ca**
100 Queen Street West
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 – June 29, 2005

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

Staff Presentations:

Item 3 – 10:00 a.m.

Item 4 – 10:15 a.m.

Communications/Reports:

FIRE SERVICES

1. Transfer of the Corporate Emergency Management Capital Program

Report (July 18, 2005) from Fareed M. Amin, Deputy City Manager, recommending the close-out of completed Emergency Management projects and transfer of the HUSAR Facility project in the Corporate Emergency Management Capital Program to the Fire Services Capital Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the actuals and budget for capital project No. CPM003 HUSAR/CBRN Facility be transferred from the Corporate Emergency Management Program to the Fire Services Capital Program;
- (2) the remaining projects within the Corporate Emergency Management Capital Program be closed in 2006, subject to any carry forward requirements necessary to complete the projects; and
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Capital Budget process.

2. Request for Sole Source for MSA Canada Inc. for Supply of Upgrade Kits for Existing Toronto Fire Services Breathing Apparatus

Report (September 1, 2005) from the Fire Chief and General Manager requesting City Council approval for a sole source purchase for the supply of upgrade kits for existing Toronto Fire Services breathing apparatus, related supplies and annual maintenance.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the sole source request for MSA Canada Inc. in the amount of \$401,086.00, excluding taxes, for the purchase of breathing apparatus upgrade kits, be approved;
- (2) the Fire Services be authorized to enter into a sole source annual contract with MSA Canada Inc., for the supply and delivery of MSA breathing apparatus components, maintenance and related supplies, high pressure air cylinders and carbon monoxide gas detectors in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00 per year until 2012, the expected replacement year of the breathing apparatus, subject to budget approval; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

3. Computers for Children Project

(Staff Presentation – 10:00 a.m.)

Report (August 31, 2005) from the General Manager, Children's Services, outlining the successful implementation of the Computers for Children Project.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

4. Best Start Network, Terms of Reference and Allocations to the City of Toronto

(Staff Presentation – 10:15 a.m.)

Report (August 31, 2005) from the General Manager, Children's Services, providing information on funding allocation to the City of Toronto under Best Start; seeking approval to amend the Children's Services 2005 Operating and Capital Budgets; outlining the composition of the Best Start Network; and seeking approval for its Terms of Reference.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve additional expenditures of \$25.4044 million fully funded by the Province of Ontario as set out in the City's Child Care Service Plan and in accordance with the Best Start guidelines;
- (2) the General Manager of Children's Services report to Community Services Committee on the updated Child Care Service Plan and Best Start Transition Plan to increase licensed child care spaces;
- (3) the 2005 Children's Services Approved Operating Budget be increased by \$25.4044 million gross offset by additional Provincial Revenues;
- (4) any under-spending in the annual provincial allocation will be included in the subsequent years Preliminary Estimates for Children's Services and reported to Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee through the Final Year and 1st Quarter Variance reports;

- (5) Council approve a new Capital project for 2005, entitled Best Start totalling \$20.5125 million that is fully funded by the Province of Ontario for the purpose of increasing child care spaces;
- (6) the General Manager of Children Services report to Community Services Committee on details related to Best Start Capital Project and the Best Start Infrastructure Plan once identified;
- (7) the Draft Terms of Reference for the Best Start Network attached as Appendix 1 be approved in principle;
- (8) authority be granted to negotiate Best Start capital project development funding agreements between the City and the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board of up to \$200,000.00, from provincial funds provided for Best Start planning, for the period ending December 31,2006; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

5. Request for a Sole Source Full Maintenance Contract with Selco Elevator Ltd. for Servicing of the Elevators at True Davidson Acres for the Period December 1, 2005 until March 31, 2008

Report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, explaining the recent difficulties that were encountered in elevator reliability at True Davidson Acres and the solutions achieved; and requesting approval for a sole source full maintenance contract with Selco Elevator Ltd., ('Selco') to service elevators for the period of time from December 1, 2005 until March 31, 2008.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a sole source full service contract be awarded, by amending existing contract with Selco Elevator Ltd., for True Davidson Acres for the period of time December 1, 2005 until March 31, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00, including all applicable taxes;
- (2) future Requests For Quotations for elevator maintenance separate healthcare facilities, such as the Homes for the Aged, from all other City-owned commercial facilities as the service requirements in these operations differ significantly; and

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

6. Request to Amend and Continue Services with Key Music Therapy Through Sole Source Agreement – Contract No. 47010216

Report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, requesting authority to amend and continue Contract No. 47010216 with Key Music Therapy as a Sole Source supplier to provide specialized music therapy for residents of the Homes for the Aged, to improve their level of responsiveness and interaction with the environment and thereby enhance their quality of life.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Sole Source agreement Contract No. 47010216 with Key Music Therapy be increased to an annual amount of \$242,130.00 in each of 2005 and 2006, and the term of the contract be extended until December 31, 2006; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to this one time approval.

7. Laundering Contract Amendment – Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd.

Report (August 11, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, requesting authorization to amend the contract with Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd. to show a change in plant location; and informing Council that effective June 16, 2005, there was a change in the ownership of Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City's contract for the provision of laundry services to the Homes for the Aged by Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd. be amended to show the relocation of their laundering operation by changing the definition of the term "Facility" from 795 Middlefield Road, Toronto, to 6580 Northwest Drive, Mississauga; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Approval of the New Convalescent Care Program at Castlevue Wychwood Towers, Fudger House and Kipling Acres

Report (August 22, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, advising that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has approved three of the City's Homes for the Aged to be designated as and receive additional funding for the new Convalescent Care Program.

Recommendation:

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

9. Grounds Maintenance at Various Homes for the Aged – Follow-Up Report

Report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, responding to the questions raised by the Community Services Committee at its meeting of March 9, 2005, on grounds maintenance services at the City's Homes for the Aged prior to issuing an RFQ for 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

10. Accreditation Report, Kipling Acres

Communication (August 26, 2005) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 26, 2005, adopted the report (August 18, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Kipling Acres by the Canadian Council on Health Care Services Accreditation on June 12 to 15, 2005, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

11. Accreditation Report, Lakeshore Lodge

Communication (August 26, 2005) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 26, 2005, adopted the report (August 18, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Lakeshore Lodge by the Canadian Council on Health Care Services Accreditation on June 19 to 21, 2005; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

SHELTER, SUPPORT AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

12. Determining the Number and Service Needs of Homeless Persons Living on Toronto's Streets and in its Public Spaces

Report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to Recommendation (10) of the report "From the Street into Homes: A Strategy to Assist Homeless Persons Find Permanent Housing" which requested staff to report on an appropriate method for determining the number and service needs of homeless persons on Toronto's streets and public spaces for City Council's July 19, 2005 meeting; and providing information about the number of outreach workers deployed by the City and City-funded agencies.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the five principles to govern the initiative to determine the number and service needs of homeless persons on the street and in public spaces as outlined in the report and the methodological approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B;
 - (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to finalize the operational details of the methodological approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B and implement the initiative to determine the number and service needs of homeless persons on the street and in public spaces;
 - (3) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, report to City Council, through the Community Services Committee, on the results of the initiative in the first half of 2006; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- 12(a).** Communication (September 1, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons advising, that the Advisory Committee on July 15, 2005, considered the report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, referred to the Advisory Committee by the Community Services Committee, on June 29, 2005, and recommending as follows:
- (1) that City Council's Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons advise Community Services Committee that it continues to be opposed to the proposed street count and needs assessment of homeless people because there is no consistent and reliable methodology that is able to produce useful results;

- (2) that if City Council elects to proceed with the street count notwithstanding the advice of this Advisory Committee, then City staff be directed to fully develop the specific methodology in detailed consultation with the Advisory Committee, recognized academic experts, and community partners including people who are homeless or have experienced homelessness before proceeding with a count. Included in this consultation should be: the timing of the count, the specific methods, the key questions, presumptions regarding homeless status and service needs, and honorariums for participants;
- (3) that Community Services Committee request that staff provide additional information on jurisdictions that have conducted street counts, specifically information on direct and concrete city outcomes in those areas including service enhancements, increases in funding for affordable housing, decreases in local opposition to social housing, increases to budget allocations for housing, and increases in shelter services and support;
- (4) that Community Services Committee request a detailed staff analysis of the total budget and city resources including staff and community resources (City funded agencies) that it will take to carry out the street count;
- (5) that City staff responsible for the assessment and count be requested to flesh out in detail how they intend to address the matter of counting those incarcerated on the evening of the count, particularly how individuals in remand custody will be reflected in the count and that they be asked to carry out the count in conjunction with an organization that understands discharge planning issues, such as John Howard Society;
- (6) that in view of Councillor Pitfield's support for the count, that Councillor Olivia Chow be asked by members of Advisory to take carriage of this matter at Committee and Council; and
- (7) that these motions be communicated directly to all members of City Council.

13. 2004-2005 Audit Report on the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI)

Report (September 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing information regarding the 2004-2005 annual audit report of the federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be received for information;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the next meeting of the Audit Committee for their information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

14. Renewal of Partnership Agreement with United Way of Greater Toronto for the Toronto Enterprise Fund and Funding of 2005 Program

Report (September 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, recommending renewal of the partnership agreement between the City of Toronto and the United Way of Greater Toronto for a third three-year term beginning 2006; reporting on outcomes of the second phase (2003-2005); and requesting approval of funding for the 2005 program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be authorized to renew the Partnership Agreement with the United Way of Greater Toronto for a three-year period (2006-2008 inclusive), subject to annual funding approval through the City of Toronto budget process, for the purposes of delivering the Toronto Enterprise Fund;
- (2) Council approve an allocation of \$179,294.00 from the 2005 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) to the United Way of Greater Toronto, in its role as administrator of the funding program, which is the total balance owing for the 2005 program year; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**15. Toronto Community Housing Corporation – Sale of One Social Housing Unit at 124 Kingston Road – Approval Under the City’s Shareholder Direction and the Social Housing Reform Act , 2000
(Ward 32 – Beaches-East York)**

Report (August 30, 2005) from the City Manager and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, recommending that approval be given to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for the sale of one social housing unit at 124 Kingston Road (the “Property”), in accordance with the City’s Shareholder Direction and with the applicable project operating agreement; and for the authorization of the submission of a business case to obtain the Ministerial consent required by the relevant Transfer Order under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the sale by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation of the property at 124 Kingston Road be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section 6.3.1(b) of the Shareholder Direction, on condition that the net sale proceeds be applied to the replacement of the rent-geared-to-income housing unit, and any remaining proceeds be applied to generally assist with the funding of future residential property developments or acquisitions;
- (2) the temporary reduction of one rent-geared-to-income unit, be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section 6.3.1 (c) of the Shareholder Direction;
- (3) the Toronto Community Housing Corporation report back to the Shareholder on the status of the replacement of the housing unit through its annual reporting required under the Shareholder Direction;
- (4) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to approve, on behalf of the City of Toronto, as Service Manager, the sale by TCHC of the Property at 124 Kingston Road required under the federal operating agreement (the "Operating Agreement") being administered by the City pursuant to the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (SHRA), subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister");
- (5) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to submit a business case to the Minister to seek the Ministerial consent to the sale of the Property at 124 Kingston Road pursuant to restrictions contained in Transfer Order No. 22-4/2001 as amended (the "Transfer Order") made pursuant to the SHRA;

- (6) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to amend or enter into any agreements and ancillary documentation deemed appropriate in connection with the sale of the Property on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration;
- (7) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

16. Canadian Conference on Homelessness at York University, May 17 to 20, 2005

Communication (July 15, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, recommending that:

- (1) City Council adopt the attached Resolutions passed at the Canadian Conference on Homelessness on May 20, 2005; and
- (2) the Community Services Committee request a staff report on City resources needed to support the development of a local, community-based blueprint to end homelessness and that staff assigned to the preparation of this report be required to hold three consultation meetings with a group comprised of, but not limited to:
 - (a) Executive Director level membership from a local community agency;
 - (b) front-line worker level membership from a local community agency;
 - (c) General Manager level membership from Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and other relevant city program areas; and
 - (d) persons with direct experience of homelessness.

GENERAL

17. Council Representation on the Homes First Society Board of Directors

Communication (July 12, 2005) from Sean Goetz-Gadon, Special Housing Advisor, Mayor's Office, forwarding correspondence (June 20, 2005) from the Chair of Homes First Society requesting that City Council appoint a member of the Community Services Committee to be a member of the Homes First Society Board of Directors.



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
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Additional Communications/Reports:

SHELTER, SUPPORT AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

12(b). Determining the Number and Service Needs of Homeless Persons Living on Toronto's Streets and in its Public Spaces – Follow-Up Report

Report (September 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to motions made by the Community Services Committee at its June 29, 2005, meeting in considering the June 14, 2005, report from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration entitled "Determining the Number and Service Needs of Homeless Persons Living on Toronto's Street and in its Public Spaces".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the implementation of a Street Needs Assessment initiative to determine the range of services needed to assist homeless people living on the streets and in public spaces find and keep permanent housing;
- (2) Council approve the five principles to govern the Street Needs Assessment initiative as outlined in Appendix A;
- (3) Council approve the Street Needs Assessment approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B;

- (4) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to finalize the operational details of the Street Needs Assessment initiative consistent with the principles in Appendix A and the approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B;
 - (5) in finalizing the operational details of the Street Needs Assessment initiative, the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration consider motions two to five on this subject from the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons;
 - (6) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to implement the Street Needs Assessment initiative in the spring of 2006;
 - (7) the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, report on the findings of the Street Needs Assessment within three months of completing the initiative; and
 - (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- 12(c).** Communication (September 9, 2005) from James L. Robinson, Executive Director, and Megan Winkler, Operations Coordinator, Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area, and on behalf of the Street Outreach Steering Committee, expressing their strong support for the proposed street needs assessment.

18. Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) Transitional Housing Contingency Fund Allocation to Ernestine's Women's Shelter (Ward 1 – Etobicoke North)

Report (September 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Administration, requesting authority to allocate \$253,154.00 in SCPI Transitional Housing Contingency Fund monies and to enter into an amended SCPI Funding Agreement with Ernestine's Women's Shelter.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve up to \$253,154.00 SCPI 2003-2006 Transitional Housing Contingency Fund monies to be allocated to Ernestine's Women's Shelter towards the costs of developing a new building which is primarily provincially funded as substantially outlined in Appendix 1 of this report;

- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to approve the use of the Contingency Fund monies approved in Recommendation 1 under the criteria set out in Appendix 2;
- (3) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be granted authority to execute on behalf of the City an amendment to the SCPI Funding Agreement for the project to reflect the increase in funding of up to \$253,154.00 from the amount approved by Council meeting of April 12, 13 and 14, 2005; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect to the foregoing.

19. Use of Social Housing Reserve Funds for the Immediate Maintenance of Social Housing (including Toronto Community Housing Corporation)

Report (September 12, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to a request of City Council that a report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee on the funding needed from the Social Housing reserve funds to provide immediate maintenance of social housing (including Toronto Community Housing Corporation) to ensure a state of good repair and that tenants are living in a safe and healthy environment.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be received for information;
- (2) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

20. "Make Child Poverty History" Campaign

Communication (September 12, 2005) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina, forwarding a motion recommending that the City of Toronto endorse the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Poverty on October 17, 2005, and declare its support for the Make Poverty History's goal to eliminate child poverty in Toronto and Canada.