



**ROUNDTABLE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND EDUCATION
MINUTES
MEETING 3**

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2005
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 3
City Hall
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Toronto, Ontario

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Members

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| <p>Present: Mayor David Miller Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair Councillor Shelley Carroll Councillor Janet Davis Oliver Carroll, Chair, Toronto Catholic District School Board Kehinde Bah, Mayor's Panel on Community Safety Annie Kidder, People for Education Marcia Lopez, CUPE 2563 Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care Patricia Ann Mousmanis, Healthy Child Development Program Fiona Nelson, Toronto Board of Health Charles Pascal, Atkinson Charitable Foundation Jim Tsatsos, Child Care Advisory Committee Kim Warburton, Bell Canada</p> | <p>Also Present: Lucille Roch on behalf of Marie Bountrogianni, Minister of Children and Youth Services Chris Bolton, on behalf of Sheila Ward, Chair, Toronto District School Board</p> <p>Absent: Councillor Pam McConnell Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler, Toronto Youth Cabinet Cathy Dandy, Toronto Parent Network George Dei, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Martha Friendly, Child Care Resources and Research Unit Frances Lankin, United Way Mary McConville, Toronto Catholic Children's Aid Society Faduma Mohamed, Labour Community Services Kenn Richard, Native Child and Family Services Ron Rock, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club Yves Savoie, Family Services Association of Toronto</p> |
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Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education 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 25, 2005 – Confirmed.

Presentations:

1. Toronto Youth Strategy – Presentation

- Feedback on Opportunities and Challenges

Minute 3.1

Kehinde Bah and Councillor Shelley Carroll, Co-Chairs, Youth Working Group, gave a presentation providing an overview of the draft report entitled “Toronto Youth Strategy”, the consultation process and the feedback that has been received to date regarding the report, and plans for further consultation in the fall.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education:

- (1) *concurred with the directions outlined in the presentation and draft report entitled “Toronto Youth Strategy”; and*
- (2) *requested the Chair to submit the draft report entitled “Toronto Youth Strategy” to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.*

2. The Best Generation Yet – Presentation

- Feedback on Top Three Priorities for Implementation in the 10 Year Plan

Minute 3.2

Councillor Janet Davis, Chair, Children’s Working Group, gave a presentation and overview of the report entitled “The Best Generation Yet”, requesting feedback from the Members; and advising that their comments and suggestions would be reflected in the report.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education requested the Chair to request the Policy and Finance Committee to:

- (1) *adopt the Recommendations contained in the report entitled “The Best Generation Yet”, subject to adding to Recommendation 14 the words “and, as well, the Advisory Committee would provide partners with an opportunity to obtain timely feedback on major initiatives that could be used as part of their respective submissions to their decision-making bodies (i.e., City Council, Provincial Cabinet, Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board.”, to now read as follows:*

- “14. *In order to support our vision of healthy outcomes for the children of the ‘Best Generation Yet’ through expanded and integrated children’s services, the City will establish an Integrated Children’s Services Advisory Committee to monitor and advise on the implementation of the 10 Year Plan, and, as well, the Advisory Committee would provide partners with an opportunity to obtain timely feedback on major initiatives that could be used as part of their respective submissions to their decision-making bodies (i.e., City Council, Provincial Cabinet, Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board).”;*
- (2) *request staff of the Interdivisional Children’s Staff Team and other staff, as appropriate, to:*
- (a) *develop the 10 Year Plan as set out in the report; such plan to incorporate initiatives related to First Duty, Best Start and the Children’s Service Plan; and*
 - (b) *develop a process to assess all activities and policies recommended by Council, to determine the impact on children; such a process to be included in the 10 Year Plan; and*
- (3) *request Planning staff, working together with the Interdivisional Children’s Staff Team, the Interdivisional Youth Services Group, the Child and Youth Advocate, representatives from the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and other relevant agencies, to:*
- (a) *organize a charrette to provide the best built-form models of children and youth integrated services;*
 - (b) *use the model to develop the site plan for the railway lands block in Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina, that includes a park, community centre, child care centre, school and other community services and education needs;*
 - (c) *develop the charrette and site plan development with the funds raised through the railway lands legal agreements with the developers; and*
 - (d) *report the result of the charrette and railway lands community and education services capital plan to the October meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council, the Community Services Committee and other relevant bodies that deal with children and youth services.*

3. City of Toronto Update:

(a) Children's Services Plan

Minute 3.3(a)

Petr Varmuza, Director, Children's Services Division, provided an update and distributed copies of the Toronto Child Care Service Plan 2005-2009.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received the update.

(b) Toronto First Duty

Minute 3.3(b)

Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Children's Services Division, provided an update on Phase 2 of the Toronto First Duty initiative.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received the update.

4. Provincial Update: Best Start

Minutes 3.4

Lucille Roch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Province of Ontario, provided an update on the provincial Best Start strategy.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received the update.

5. Secondary School and Youth Focused Nutrition Programs in Toronto

Minute 3.5

Lesley MacAskill, Toronto Public Health, provided an update on the nutritional programs in secondary schools and the allocation of funding for the youth focused nutrition programs in Toronto.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received the update.

6. Education Update:

(a) Toronto District School Board Inner City School Initiative

Minute 3.6(a)

Trustee Chris Bolton, on behalf of Sheila Ward, Chair, Toronto District School Board, provided an update on Board's initiative regarding Model Schools for Inner City (May 2005). A copy of the report was distributed to the Members.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education received the update.

(b) People for Education: Public Education in Ontario's Cities

Minute 3.6(b)

Annie Kidder, Executive Director, People for Education, provided an update and overview of the report regarding Public Education in Ontario's Cities. A copy of the report was distributed to the Members.

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education:

- (1) endorsed the report (June 2005) from People for Education, entitled Public Education in Ontario's Cities and the campaign to advocate for a deal for the City of Toronto schools; and*
- (2) requested that a representative from the Ministry of Education be invited to participate on the Roundtable on Children Youth and Education.*

7. Referrals

- (a)** Communication (February 14, 2005) from the Board of Health forwarding a report (January 31, 2005) from the Medical Officer of Health which was referred to the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education and its two working groups for their information and action.

- (b) Communication (April 18, 2005) from the City Clerk forwarding, for the information of the Roundtable on the development of the Plan for Integrated Services for Children in Toronto, Clause 9 of Report 3 of the Community Services Committee, headed “Implementation Planning Guidelines for Best Start” which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council on April 12, 13 and 14, 2005.
- (c) Communication (May 24, 2005) from the City Clerk forwarding to the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education, Clause 20 of Report 5 of the Policy and Finance Committee, headed “2005-2009 Toronto Child Care Service Plan”, which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council on May 17, 18 and 19, 2005.

Minute 3.7

Action:

The Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education, received the communications.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Chair