

# THE CITY OF TORONTO

## City Clerk's Office

### Minutes of the Community Services Committee

#### Meeting 2

**Wednesday, March 8, 2006**

The Community Services Committee met on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:41 a.m.

#### Members Present:

	<u>9:41 a.m.-12:35 p.m.</u>	<u>2:15 p.m.-3:07 p.m.</u>
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x	x
Councillor Raymond Cho	x	x
Councillor Janet Davis	x	x
Councillor Mike Feldman	x	x
Councillor Norm Kelly	x	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x	-
Councillor David Shiner	x	x

#### Regrets:

Councillor Gay Cowbourne, Vice-Chair

Members were present for some or all of the time periods indicated.

#### Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on January 12, 2006, were confirmed.

## 2.1 Increased Charges for Nuisance and Malicious False Fire Alarms

The Community Services Committee considered the following reports:

- (i) (December 19, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Fire Chief and General Manager requesting that consideration be given to amending Section 441-1 of the Municipal Code to charge building owners for second and subsequent nuisance false alarms in a two-month period and for second and subsequent malicious false alarms over a year to increase potential revenue for Toronto Fire Services to recover costs of responding to false alarms.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Municipal Code Chapter 441- Fees be amended to require Owners to pay a fee for the second and subsequent malicious false alarms, in respect of the same address, per year, per fire vehicle dispatched and to require Owners to pay a fee for the second and subsequent nuisance false alarms, in respect of the same address, per two-month period, per fire vehicle dispatched;
  - (2) authorization be given to add two Accounting Assistant 2 positions to the establishment at a cost for salaries and benefits of \$68,724.00 each, plus associated equipment and supplies of \$6,000.00 for both and mailing costs of approximately \$3,575.00 on an annual basis for a total annual cost of approximately \$147,023.00; and
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) (February 20, 2006) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Fire Chief and General Manager outlining the results of the consultations with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and Landlord Associations on opportunities to reduce false fire alarms.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (iii) (March 2, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager providing an update on

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the resources needed to proactively complete fire inspections in buildings and a review of the practices of Phoenix, Arizona, and other Fire Departments to reduce false alarms.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Mr. Mike O’Gorman addressed the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee:

- (i) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council receive the report (December 19, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Fire Chief and General Manager entitled “Increased Charges for Nuisance and Malicious False Fire Alarms”; and
- (ii) requested the Fire Chief and General Manager to submit a report to the Community Services Committee on ways to further enhance the work of the fire prevention staff to facilitate improvements to fire alarm systems so that those buildings that will be invoiced for false alarms can find ways to reduce false alarms and receive the rebate to which they are entitled.

In view of the action taken by the Community Services Committee, the following motions moved at the meeting were not voted on:

Motion by Councillor Mihevc:

“That the Community Services Committee:

- (i) recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 19, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Fire Chief and General Manager subject to amending Recommendation (2) to read as follows:
  - “(2) authorization be given to add one Accounting Assistant 2 position to the establishment at a cost for salary and benefits of \$56,300.00, which includes the associated equipment and supplies; and”;
- (ii) concur with the Budget Advisory Committee recommendation that the 2006 Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be increased by

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\$0.828 million gross and net to offset the expected increase in false alarms under the change in fee implementation that is estimated to be incurred by Toronto Community Housing Corporation in 2006.”

Motion by Councillor Davis:

“That the Fire Chief and General Manager report to the September 11, 2006, meeting of the Community Services Committee on the implementation of the increased charges for false fire alarms, such report to address the impact on non-profit housing providers.”

(Budget Advisory Committee; c: Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin; Chief and General Manager, Fire Services; Mike O’Gorman – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(a)**

**2.2 Approval of Thorncliffe Park Child Care Centre**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Children’s Services, seeking approval to spend funds from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with the City’s Child Care Service Plan to support the inclusion of the Thorncliffe child care centre in the Jenner-Jean Marie Community Centre and Library.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Child Care Project A approved in Children’s Services capital budget be designated to maintain child care services in Thorncliffe Park;
- (2) subject to suitable design that the child care centre be included in the Jenner-Jean Marie Community Centre/library expansion and funding of \$1.959 million from the Child Care Reserve be allocated for this purpose;
- (3) the General Manager report back on the option of relocating the existing child care in Thorncliffe Park elementary school in the event that a suitable design is not feasible at Jenner-Jean Marie; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services, subject to adding the following new recommendations:

- “(4) prior to any capital funds flowing to the child care operators, Toronto Children's Services confirm that they meet the not-for-profit guidelines established for Best Start; and
- (5) a copy of this report be forwarded to the Toronto Public Library for its information;”;

and renumbering the remaining recommendation, so that the Recommendations now read as follows:

- “(1) Child Care Project A approved in Children's Services capital budget be designated to maintain child care services in Thorncliffe Park;
- (2) subject to suitable design that the child care centre be included in the Jenner-Jean Marie Community Centre/library expansion and funding of \$1.959 million from the Child Care Reserve be allocated for this purpose;
- (3) the General Manager report back on the option of relocating the existing child care in Thorncliffe Park elementary school in the event that a suitable design is not feasible at Jenner-Jean Marie;
- (4) prior to any capital funds flowing to the child care operators, Toronto Children's Services confirm that they meet the not-for-profit guidelines established for Best Start;
- (5) a copy of this report be forwarded to the Toronto Public Library for its information; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

## **Report 2, Clause 2**

### **2.3 Status Report on Best Start Infrastructure Plan**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services, providing information on the status of construction and/or renovation of new licensed child care spaces approved for Phase 1 Best Start projects and seeking authority to fund health and safety and start-up operating costs for child care operators.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) health and safety funding of \$5.0 million and start-up operating funding of up to \$2,200.00 per child care space up to a total of \$6.3 million be paid to eligible child care operators and home child care agencies in accordance with Best Start Service and Transition Plan and City budget guidelines;
- (2) the General Manager of Children's Services be delegated authority to execute agreements on behalf of the City with child care programs for this purpose and such agreements to be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (3) the General Manager of Children's Service report back on provincial funding commitments for Best Start and a strategy to address Phase 2 Best Start Infrastructure Projects; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services.

## **Report 2, Clause 3**

### **2.4 Models of Funding Child Care Services**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 21, 2006) from the

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General Manager, Children's Services, responding to the request from the Community Services Committee to consult with service providers, users and funders on various models of funding child care services, in preparation for new provincial funding initiatives under Best Start.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Guiding Principles for a Best Start Funding Framework, attached as Appendix 1 be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Children and Youth Services with the request that the Ministry use the guiding principles to inform its child care funding review;
- (2) the City request that it be consulted on changes to the funding models, be given the opportunity to review changes on the City's service system to ensure that changes do not adversely impact on parent fees and staff salaries and the stability of existing programs;
- (3) the General Manager of Children's Services consult with the community and report back on a strategy for the allocation of Best Start wage subsidy and wage improvement funds developed in accordance with the provincial wage subsidy guidelines and the guiding principles established in the Guiding Principles for a Best Start Funding Framework;
- (4) the General Manager report back on the future of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial agreements for Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC), on future provincial commitments for child care and the impact on the City's Child Care Service Plan including the proposed wage subsidy allocation strategy; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Children's Services and Petr Varmuza, Director, Operational Effectiveness, Children's Services Division, gave a presentation to the Community Services Community.

Jane Mercer, Coalition for Better Child Care, addressed the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the

Recommendation Section of the report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services.

**Report 2, Clause 4**

**2.5 Integration of Children's Service Plans**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services, providing an update on the integration of Children's Services Plans; the City's ongoing involvement with Toronto First Duty; and seeking endorsement of the Best Start Plan - Toronto Vision for Children developed by the Best Start Network.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council endorse the Best Start Network's Best Start Plan – Toronto Vision for Children, attached as Appendix 3.

Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Children's Services, and Petr Varmuza, Director, Operational Effectiveness, Children's Services Division, gave a presentation to the Community Services Committee.

Jane Mercer, Coalition for Better Child Care, addressed the Community Services Committee.

The Community Services Committee:

- (I) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:
  - (1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services; and
  - (2) the unspent funding from the Child Care Expansion/First Duty Reserve of up to \$25,000.00 be directed for each of the First Duty Projects operated by Macaulay Child Development Centre, Not Your Average Daycare, the Child Development Institute and East York/East Toronto Family Resources to

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fund summer programs at a total cost of \$100,000.00, and that the contracts with these organizations be extended to September 1, 2006, for this purpose; and

**(Motion by Councillor Davis)**

(II) requested the General Manager, Children's Services, to report to the Community Services Committee:

- (i) as early as possible, but not later than June 8, 2006, on options for continuing components of the First Duty Projects that the First Duty pilot evaluation showed were successful and that would otherwise be discontinued at the end of June, 2006, such report to include options for expanding those programs across the City; and

**(Motion by Councillor Davis)**

- (ii) on the Australian child care model and what alternatives it may offer.

**(Motion by Councillor Kelly)**

(Budget Advisory Committee; c: General Manager, Children's Services; Jane Mercer, Coalition for Better Child Care – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(b)**

**2.6 Consent to Subcontract Services under the Agreement between the City and Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd.**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, requesting City Council's consent to Lakeshore Laundry & Linen Concept Ltd. ("Lakeshore") entering into a subcontracting relationship with Booth Centennial Healthcare Linen Services ("Booth") effective December 19, 2005, with respect to the provision of laundry and linen services under the agreement between

Lakeshore and the City.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council consent to Lakeshore entering into a subcontracting relationship with Booth effective December 19, 2005, with respect to the provision of laundry and linen services under the agreement between Lakeshore and the City;
- (2) the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, be delegated authority to provide written confirmation of City Council's consent pursuant to Recommendation (1) to Lakeshore, such written confirmation to include such conditions with respect to the consent as the General Manager, in consultation with the City Solicitor, deems appropriate;
- (3) the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, be authorized to execute on behalf of the City, any agreements which may be advisable or necessary in respect of the consent given pursuant to Recommendation (1), on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged.

**Report 2, Clause 5**

**2.7 2006 Toronto Challenge**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, updating the Community Services Committee on plans for the 15th annual Toronto Challenge.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee received the report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, for information.

**Report 2, Clause 12(c)**

**2.8 Accreditation Report, Fudger House**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (January 20, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, advising that the Advisory Committee on January 20, 2006, adopted the report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Fudger House by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on October 23 to 25, 2005; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee received the communication (January 20, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged and congratulated the Management, staff and volunteers of Fudger House on this significant achievement.

(Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(d)**

**2.9 Withdrawal of \$6,301,200.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$7,111,800.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Approval of Six Loans to: Ascot Co-operative Homes Inc.; Atahualpa Co-operative Homes Inc.; Bellamy Housing Co-operative Inc.; Mimico Co-operative Homes Inc.; Scarborough Heights Co-operative Homes Inc.; and Secord Avenue Co-operative Homes Inc. (Wards 2, 6, 31, 36, 38 and 42)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 22, 2006) from the

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General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, requesting approval to allow the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to: (a) withdraw \$6,301,200.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$7,111,800.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and lend these funds to housing providers or a receiver and manager, if one has been appointed by the City's social housing Administrator, for required capital repairs at six non-profit co-operative housing projects; (b) negotiate the terms of a loan agreement and collateral security, including a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents or apply for a court order approving the terms and conditions, including those for repayment, of a second mortgage and a general assignment of rents; and (c) apply for the prior written consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as required under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (the "General Manager") to:
  - (a) withdraw \$6,301,200.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$7,111,800.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund required for capital repairs and lend:
    - (i) \$502,000.00 to Ascot Co-operative Homes Inc. at 930 Queen's Plate Drive;
    - (ii) \$678,000.00 to Atahualpa Co-operative Homes Inc. at 3 Brimley Road;
    - (iii) \$746,000.00 to Bellamy Housing Co-operative Inc. at 130 Bellamy Road North;
    - (iv) \$6,680,000.00 to Mimico Co-operative Homes Inc. at 1 Summerhill Road;
    - (v) \$3,320,000.00 to Scarborough Heights Co-operative Homes Inc. at 90 Burrows Hall Boulevard; and
    - (vi) \$1,487,000.00 to Secord Avenue Co-operative Homes Inc. at 80 Secord Avenue;
  - or to a receiver and manager for any of these housing projects, if one has been appointed by the City's social housing Administrator;
  - (b) for each of the above described housing projects, negotiate, execute and

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deliver a loan agreement, collateral security and ancillary agreements and documentation, including a mortgage and a general assignment of rents; or if the City's social housing Administrator has appointed a receiver and manager for any of these housing projects, to apply for court approval of the terms and conditions, including those for repayment, of a mortgage and a general assignment of rents, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) each loan will be non-interest bearing and not repayable until the earlier of the date (the "Commencement Date") (1) that the first mortgage is due to mature, or (2) such mortgage is redeemed;
  - (ii) starting on the Commencement Date each 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 each loan over a period of 15 years, subject to the right of the housing provider to pre-pay its loan at any time without interest or penalty;
  - (iii) each interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable, by each housing provider, subject to further Council approval; and
  - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (c) apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister") required under Section 95(3) of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* ("SHRA") and such other consents and approvals as may be necessary or convenient from other third parties, including lenders;
- (2) the six loans totaling up to \$13,413,000.00 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 2006 budget for Shelter Support and Housing Administration be increased by \$13,413,000.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal of \$6,301,200.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$7,111,800.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund for required capital expenditures at six non-profit co-operative housing projects;
  - (4) the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for the \$13,413,000.00 needed for capital repairs;
  - (5) any reimbursement received from the Province be credited to the balance of the

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Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund in the same proportion as loans were withdrawn from such Funds; and any repayments of principal and interest on a loan be credited, as they are received, to the balance of the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund in the same proportion such loan was withdrawn from such Funds;

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

The following persons addressed the Community Services Committee:

- Linda Thompson, Secord Avenue Co-operative Homes, and filed a written submission.
- Kim Heffering, President, Board of Directors, and Judith Collins, Scarborough Heights Co-op Homes.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee:

- (i) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; and
- (ii) requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to submit a further report directly to City Council on March 29, 2006, on the recommendations concerning the appointment of a receiver or manager for the six housing projects referenced in the report, such report to provide any additional financial information related to this matter.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Policy and Finance Committee; c: General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; Linda Thompson, Secord Avenue Co-operative Homes; Kim Heffering, President, Board of

Directors, Scarborough Heights Co-op Homes – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(e)**

**2.10 2006 One-Time Funding Increase to City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund, Off the Streets in Shelter Fund and Supports to Daily Living Fund, and Proposed Allocations and Update on 2005 One time Allocations**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing an update on the 2005 one-time allocations of the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and Off the Streets Into Shelter Fund, as requested by Council at its meeting on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005; informing the Community Services Committee of the receipt of an additional \$2.900 million in 2006 one-time funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services and recommending amendments to the 2006 Budget Advisory Committee Recommended operating budgets to receive this funding; and recommending 2006 one-time allocations to community agencies, City managed shelters and other specific initiatives and funding enhancements related to the provision of homelessness services.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council receive a total one-time funding increase of \$2.900 million gross and \$0 net from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for homelessness programs by increasing the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Housing envelope for the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund budget by \$2,438,500.00 gross and \$0 net, the Shelter, Housing and Support Program, Off the Streets Into Shelter budget by \$369,000.00 gross and \$0 net, and the Supports to Daily Living budget by \$92,500.00 gross and \$0 net, as shown in the Financial Implications section of this report;
- (2) the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be authorized to enter into agreements with community agencies and consultants, and to make purchases as required, to implement specific homelessness initiatives that total \$1,956,500.00 gross and \$0 net by allocating one-time funds up to \$1,841,500.00 gross and \$0 net from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and up to \$115,000.00 gross and \$0 net from the Off the Street Into Shelter budget, as set out in Appendix C;
- (3) the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be authorized to provide one-time funding enhancements that total \$559,068.80 gross and \$0 net to

community agencies which were approved for 2006 funding by Council at its meeting of December 5, 6 and 7, 2005, as set out in Appendix D. These one-time enhancements include \$187,500.00 gross and \$0 net from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund for drop-in services, \$179,068.80 gross and \$0 net from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund for housing help services outside of shelters, \$100,000.00 gross and \$0 net from the Off the Street Into Shelter for street outreach services, and \$92,500.00 gross and \$0 net from the Support to Daily Living budget for housing supports in alternative housing;

- (4) City Council enhance City administration funding by a total of \$184,000.00 gross and \$0 net by increasing the administration expenditures of the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund by \$30,000.00 gross and \$0 net, and the administration expenditures of the Off the Streets Into Shelter budget by \$154,000.00 gross and \$0 net; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, St. Paul's, declared an Interest in this matter as his spouse works with East York Family Resource Centre, an organization that is receiving funding.

The Community Services Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

(Budget Advisory Committee: c: General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; Policy and Finance Committee – March 8, 2006)

### **Report 2, Clause 12(f)**

#### **2.11 Full Costing of Street Needs Assessment**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (February 20, 2006) from Councillor Sylvia Watson, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on February 20, 2006, passed the following motion:

“That Community Services Committee request a staff report from the General Manager of the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division detailing the full accounting of the total costs of implementing the Council directive to undertake a Street Needs Assessment including, but not limited to:

- (a) development costs related to the street assessment tool with lead-in consultation costs and costs associated with the creation of a “street needs assessment tool”;
- (b) implementation costs vis-à-vis the street needs assessment survey; and
- (c) all related staffing costs (street needs assessment) linked to the development, implementation, and analysis of the Toronto Street Needs Assessment.”

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee received the communication (February 20, 2006) from Councillor Sylvia Watson, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

**Report 2, Clause 12(g)**

**2.12 2006 Action Plan for Affordable Housing Development**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (January 20, 2006) from the Affordable Housing Committee advising that the Committee on January 18, 2006, referred the following motion by Councillor Palacio to the Community Services Committee for consideration:

“That the Affordable Housing Office staff be requested to report back on a strategy to maintain Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) buildings in a state of good repair.”

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee received the communication (January 20, 2006) from the Affordable Housing Committee.

(Affordable Housing Committee – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(h)**

**2.13 Changes to the Ontario Disability Support Program Announced by the Minister of Community and Social Services**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 14, 2006) from the General Manager, Social Services, providing information on the February 8, 2006, announcement by the Minister of Community and Social Services regarding changes to the Ontario Disability Support Program that are to begin taking effect on April 1, 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee recommended to City Council that the General Manager, Social Services, as a critical part of the implementation of the provincial changes to the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) to take effect April 1, 2006, work with staff from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to ensure that all spouses who have caregiving responsibilities for disabled ODSP clients are identified and subsequently exempted from mandatory requirements to participate in employment activities through Ontario Works.

**Report 2, Clause 6**

**2.14 Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative – Average Monthly Cost of Ontario Works Administration**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 14, 2006) from the General Manager, Social Services, providing an overview of the 2004 Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative Ontario Works measures contained in Social Services' January 12, 2006, Budget Presentation to Community Services Committee which specifically reviews cost per case statistics for one municipality (Municipality "E"), as per Committee's request.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Councillor Mike Feldman, York Centre, declared his interest in this matter as he is a member of the Social Housing Services Committee that has responsibility for establishing the benchmarks.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Services Committee received the report (February 14, 2006) from the General Manager, Social Services, for information.

**Report 2, Clause 12(i)**

**2.15 Community Gardens in the City of Toronto (All Wards)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 15, 2006) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, reporting on the status of community gardens within the context of the City's Food and Hunger Action Plan.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee:

- (a) received the report (February 15, 2006) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration; and
- (b) requested Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to submit a further report to the Community Services Committee on ways that the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division can work cooperatively with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Division to increase the number of community gardens in the City through the capital budget program.

**Report 2, Clause 12(j)**

**2.16 Ineligible Applicants to the 2006 Community Service Partnerships Program**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (February 15, 2006) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee on February 15, 2006, recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 6, 2006) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, subject to amending the Appendix A referred to in Recommendations (1) and (2) to provide that the following four applicants proceed to the assessment review:

- (a) Learning Enrichment Foundation (Agency 9);
- (b) Horn of Africa Community Development (Agency 26);

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- (c) Braeburn Neighbourhood Place (Agency 27); and
- (d) Parkdale Community Information Centre (Agency 28).

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the recommendation of the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee in the communication (February 15, 2006) from the Sub-Committee, subject to revising the proposed amendment to Appendix A by removing “(a) Learning Enrichment Foundation” from the list of applicants proceeding to the assessment review; and
- (2) the appeals process next year not include late applications and that the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, ensure that all applicants are so advised.

The following motion moved by Councillor Mihevc was voted on and lost:

“That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council that:

- (i) the recommendation of the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee in the communication (February 15, 2006) from the Sub-Committee be received; and
- (ii) the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 6, 2006) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration be adopted.

**Report 2, Clause 8**

**2.17 Provision of Transit Costs for Participants in a Youth Employment and Training Program**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (January 18, 2006) from the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, responding to the request contained in Report 9, Clause 14 of the Community Services Committee regarding the “Provision of Transit Costs for Participants in a Youth Employment and Training Program”.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee received the communication (January 18, 2006) from the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, with regret and disappointment.

(Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(k)**

**2.18 Annual Report of Outstanding Staff Report Requests**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the City Clerk providing the Community Services Committee with an annual update of outstanding items as required by Section 123 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council Procedures.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee requested the City Clerk to amend the item on page 4 of the 2005 List of Outstanding Items entitled “Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy” by adding a due date of “Spring 2006”.

**Report 2, Clause 12(k)**

**2.19 Red Cross Month**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (undated) from Bridget Brown, Communications Advisor, Red Cross, requesting an opportunity to make a short presentation to the Community Services Committee to highlight the Toronto-specific programs run by the Canadian Red Cross.

Bridget Brown, Communications Advisor, Canadian Red Cross – Toronto Region, gave a presentation to the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee:

- (a) received the presentation from the Red Cross Society; and

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- (b) requested Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to submit a report to the Community Services Committee on the current initiatives of the Red Cross on homelessness and on opportunities for the Red Cross to further support the City's initiatives with regard to homelessness in the City of Toronto.

**Report 2, Clause 12(m)**

**2.20 Seniors Abuse**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (February 23, 2006) from the Chair, Roundtable on Seniors, forwarding the following suggestions submitted by the Roundtable on Seniors from its meeting on February 21, 2006, respecting Seniors Abuse for the consideration of the Community Services Committee:

- (i) the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division, submit a report on options to provide support to vulnerable seniors of abuse, in consultation with Homes for the Aged, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, Toronto Police Service, Community Care Access Centres, Women's Shelters, and other relevant partners, including funding/resource requirements from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ministry of the Attorney General and other relevant Ministries; and
- (ii) the City of Toronto advise the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care of:
  - (a) the importance of providing increased funding support to community support services (particularly given the aging population that is so diverse) and protecting the current envelope of funding in the transformation to Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs);
  - (b) the importance of Elderly Persons Centers and recommend that the province review the legislation and need for increased funding; and
  - (c) the need for increased funding support for client intervention assistance, given the role of this service in responding adequately to emerging needs like

seniors abuse.

Councillor Shelley Carroll, Don Valley East, addressed the Community Services Committee.

The Community Services Committee referred the communication (February 23, 2006) from the Chair, Roundtable on Seniors, to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, for a report to the Community Services Committee.

**Report 2, Clause 12(n)**

**2.21 Developing a “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Policy for the City and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (February 15, 2006) from Councillor Joe Mihevc requesting that the Community Services Committee ask staff to develop a policy for the City and its ABCs which will take into account the human rights of undocumented residents, the City’s responsibilities to provide services without prejudice, legal frameworks and issues of public safety and security.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee referred the communication (February 15, 2006) from Councillor Joe Mihevc to Deputy City Manager Sue Corke for a report to the Community Services Committee.

**Report 2, Clause 12(o)**

**2.22 Donation of Canadian Coast Guard Vessel SORA to Toronto Fire Services**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (March 2, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager providing the details to Council on the donation of the Canadian Coast Guard Vessel SORA that will be used to assist Toronto Fire Services when the primary Fireboat is being serviced and out of operation for short periods of time.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City receive the gratuitous transfer of the surplus Canadian Coast Guard vessel SORA; and

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in Recommendations Section of the report (March 2, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

**Report 2, Clause 1**

**2.23 Recommendations on Appeals of 2006 Funding Allocation for City of Toronto Homelessness Initiatives Fund and the Off the Streets into Shelter Program**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (March 2, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing staff recommendations regarding three appeals made to funding allocations approved by Council for 2006 from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) and the Off the Streets into Shelter program (OSIS).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) no funds be allocated for appeals of the 2006 allocations from the City of Toronto Homelessness Initiatives Fund or the Off the Streets into Shelters program;
- (2) funds designated for appeals be reallocated for another purpose related to homelessness, and staff report on that purpose and seek authority for such expenditure as appropriate; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (March 2, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

**Report 2, Clause 9**

## **2.24 The Toronto Social Purchasing Portal**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (February 15, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing information to City Council on the Toronto Social Purchasing Portal.

### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Peter Frampton, The Learning Enrichment Foundation, addressed the Community Services Committee and filed a submission.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee:

- (i) submitted the report (February 15, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to City Council for information and requested that a copy be forwarded to the Province of Ontario for its information and support; and
- (ii) requested Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, in consultation with the General Manager of Purchasing and Materials Management, to report to the Community Services Committee on ways that the City and its agencies, boards and commissions can further support the Toronto Social Purchasing Portal.

## **Report 2, Clause 10**

## **2.25 Hot Weather Response Plan - Update**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health advising that the Board on February 27, 2006, recommended to the Community Services Committee that the Committee:

- (1) adopt staff recommendation (1) in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, as follows:
  - “(1) Shelter, Support and Housing Administration identify air-conditioned drop-in centres that could be used during Heat Alert and Extreme Heat Alerts and extend their hours as feasible and appropriate to ensure better access to cool places;

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- (2) adopt staff recommendation (7) in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, subject to deleting the words, “snacks” and replacing it with the words, “high protein and high caloric” instead, and adding the words, “and in addition, that the 24 hour downtown location be relocated to a more accessible site than Metro Hall” so the recommendation would now read as follows:

“(7) Shelter, Support and Housing Administration operate four cooling centres including one 24 hour downtown location during Extreme Heat Alerts in 2006 with water, high protein and high caloric foods, cots and transportation available to bring people to and from the centre when necessary, and in addition, that the 24 hour downtown location be relocated to a more accessible site than Metro Hall;” and

- (3) direct Shelter, Support and Housing Administration staff to implement these Recommendations by the Summer of 2006.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the recommendations of the Board of Health in the communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board.

**Report 2, Clause 11**

**2.26 The Link Between Periodontal Disease and Adverse Birth Outcomes**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health advising that the Board on February 27, 2006:

- (1) forwarded the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Community Services Committee; and
- (2) recommended to the Community Services Committee that:
- (a) those eligible for social assistance be entitled to receive basic dental services to improve oral health instead of emergency services as currently offered; and

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- (b) as a first step, pregnant women eligible for social assistance, be entitled to receive basic dental services in order to contribute to healthy birth outcomes.

The Community Services Committee referred the communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health to the General Manager, Social Services, for a report to the Community Services Committee.

**Report 2, Clause 12(p)**

**2.27 The Health of Toronto's Youth Children: First Two Reports**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health advising that the Board on February 27, 2006, recommended that the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health and the following Motion, moved by Fiona Nelson, be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on March 8, 2006:

“That a new Recommendation (7) to the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health be adopted, as follows:

- ‘(7) the Medical Officer of Health collaborate with Toronto Children’s Services in order to include the children’s health issues raised in the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health entitled ‘The Health of Toronto’s Young Children: First Two Reports’, the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health entitled ‘The Link Between Periodontal Disease and Adverse Birth Outcomes’, and the report (February 10, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health entitled ‘Food Security: Implications for Early Years Populations’, in their Community Symposium on Children’s Issues, and as required for ‘Best Start’ and ‘Best Generation Yet’ planning;.”

The Community Services Committee referred the communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health to the General Manager, Children’s Services, for information.

**Report 2, Clause 12(q)**

**2.28 Expansion of Youth Programs**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (February 6, 2006) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Chair, Aboriginal Affairs Committee, advising that the Committee

on January 18, 2006, recommended that the City of Toronto encourage the expansion of youth programs, such as those provided by Tumivut (Native Men's Residence).

The Community Services Committee referred the communication (February 6, 2006) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Chair, Aboriginal Affairs Committee, to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, for a report to the Community Services Committee.

**Report 2, Clause 12(r)**

**2.29 Food Security: Implications for Early Years Population**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health advising that the Board on February 27, 2006, recommended that the report (February 10, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health entitled "Food Security: Implications for Early Years Population" be forwarded to the Community Services Committee.

The Community Services Committee received the communication (March 1, 2006) from the Board of Health for information.

**Report 2, Clause 12(s)**

**2.30 48 Havelock Street Tenants – Application for Grant**

The Community Services Committee considered the following:

- (i) communication (March 3, 2006) from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee advising that the Sub-Committee on March 2, 2006, submitted the matter of the grant request from the tenants of 48 Havelock Street to the Community Services Committee without recommendation; and
- (ii) communication (March 7, 2006) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Davenport, in

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support of the request from the tenants of 48 Havelock Street for a grant to help them in their application to the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Services Committee:

- (i) submitted this matter to City Council without recommendation; and
- (ii) requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to submit a report to City Council on April 25, 2006, with recommendations on the grants application by the tenants of 48 Havelock Street.

The following motion moved by Councillor Davis was voted on and lost:

“That City Council approve a grant of up to \$5,000.00 from the Tenant Support Grant Program to assist the tenants of 48 Havelock Street in their application to the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal.”

**Report 2, Clause 7**

**2.31 Accreditation Report, Wesburn Manor**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (March 3, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on February 24, 2006, adopted the report (January 31, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Wesburn Manor by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on November 16 to 18, 2005; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

The Community Services Committee received the communication (March 3, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged and congratulated the Management, staff and volunteers of Wesburn Manor on this significant achievement.

(Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged – March 8, 2006)

**Report 2, Clause 12(t)**

**2.32 Achievement of 2005 Divisional Operating Objectives, Homes for the Aged Division**

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (March 3, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee, on February 24, 2006, received the report (January 27, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, documenting the achievement of the 2005 Homes for the Aged Divisional objectives; and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for its information.

The Community Services Committee received the communication (March 3, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged for information.

**Report 2, Clause 12(u)**

**2.33 Construction of New Youth Shelter on Canterbury Place**

On motion by Shiner, the Community Services Committee requested Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee on any outstanding approvals that are required to permit construction of the new youth shelter which has been approved for construction by the City on Canterbury Place, and is to be operated by Eva's Initiatives.

**Report 2, Clause 12(v)**

The Community Services Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:07 p.m.

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Chair.