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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting 6

Monday, September 11, 2006

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, September 11, 2006, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present:

9:35 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Gay Cowbourne, Vice-Chair	x
Councillor Raymond Cho	x
Councillor Janet Davis	x
Councillor Norm Kelly	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Councillor David Shiner	x

Regrets:

Councillor Mike Feldman

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on July 5, 2006, were confirmed.

6.1 Request for Quotation (RFQ) 6145-06-3005 for the Supply and Delivery of Ambulances for Emergency Medical Services

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 21, 2006) from the Chief and General Manager, Emergency Medical Services, and the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management, advising on the results of Request for Quotation 6145-06-3005 for the supply and delivery of ambulances for Emergency Medical Services, and requesting authority to award a contract to the recommended bidder.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a contract be awarded to Crestline Coach Limited, the lowest acceptable bidder, in the amount of \$18,045,091.42, including all options, and all applicable taxes and charges, for the supply and delivery of ambulances to Toronto EMS for a three year period commencing October 1, 2006, and concluding December 31, 2008, with the option to renew for an additional two (2) one-year periods in 2009 and 2010; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 21, 2006) from the Chief and General Manager, Emergency Medical Services, and the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management.

Report 6, Clause 1

6.2 Request for Quotation (RFQ) 6115-06-3144 for the Supply and Delivery of Fifteen (15) Latest Model Triple Combination Fire Pumper Trucks

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 16, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager and the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management, advising on the results of Request for Quotation 6115-06-3144 for the supply and delivery of fifteen (15) latest model Triple Combination Fire Pumper Trucks to Toronto Fire Services, and requesting authority to award a contract to the recommended bidder.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the authority be granted to award a contract to Smeal Fire Apparatus Company, in the amount of \$6,214,250.00, including all applicable taxes and charges, for the supply and delivery of fifteen (15) latest model Triple Combination Fire Pumper Trucks for Fire Services all in accordance with specifications, having submitted the lowest bid.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 16, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager and the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management.

Report 6, Clause 2

6.3 Toronto Fire Services Partnership in the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium Five Year Study and the Loan of 170 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Monitor Zoll Defibrillators

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 24, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager seeking authorization to enter into the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium for the loan and use of 170 new automated external defibrillators (AED) Zoll monitor-defibrillators to be used by Fire Fighters.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Toronto Fire Services enter into The Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) study, estimated to be 5 years, conducting clinical research in the areas of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and trauma and enter into an agreement with the ROC study consortium participants on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Fire Chief and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (2) Toronto Fire Services be authorized to enter into a loan agreement with Zoll Medical Corporation ("Zoll") on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Fire Chief and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, for 170 AED loaned defibrillators, which has no obligation to purchase the loaned defibrillators, and to use such defibrillators for the ROC study; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action

to give effect to these recommendations.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 24, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

Report 6, Clause 3

6.4 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Ontario for the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 21, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager seeking Council's approval for a Memorandum of Understanding for funding support and the operation of a specialized response team to heavy urban search and rescue emergencies in Toronto and throughout the Province of Ontario.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City be authorized to execute a renewal Memorandum of Understanding with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the funding support of specialized response training and equipment for heavy urban search and rescue emergencies in Toronto and throughout the Province of Ontario up to \$300,000.00 annually for a period commencing on January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012, with an option to automatically renew the Memorandum of Understanding for five years;
- (2) the City be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the operation and activation of a specialized response team of up to 68 members to support heavy urban search and rescue emergencies in Toronto and throughout the Province of Ontario based on full cost recovery from the province;
- (3) the Memorandum of Understanding provided for in Recommendations (1) and (2) shall provide for a level of provincial funding and have contents that are satisfactory to the Fire Chief and shall be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action

to give effect thereto and to take any action required to be taken thereunder.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 21, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

Report 6, Clause 4

6.5 Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Ontario for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Team

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 21, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager seeking Council's approval for a Memorandum of Understanding for funding support and the operation of a specialized response team to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies in Toronto and throughout the Province of Ontario.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the funding support of specialized response training and equipment to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies in Toronto and throughout the Province of Ontario up to \$100,000.00 annually for a period commencing January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012, with an option to automatically renew the Memorandum of Understanding for five years;
- (2) the City of Toronto execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the operation of a specialized response team of up to 18 members to support chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear emergencies in Toronto and throughout the Province of Ontario based on full cost recovery from the province;
- (3) the Memorandum of Understanding provided for in Recommendations (1) and (2) shall provide for a level of provincial funding and have contents that are satisfactory to the Fire Chief and shall be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action

to give effect thereto and to take any action required to be taken thereunder.

The Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 21, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

Report 6, Clause 5

6.6 Fire Prevention Actions to Improve False Alarm Systems and Amendment to Clarify Toronto Municipal Code 441 – False Fire Alarm Fees

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 21, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager outlining initial ideas for fire prevention staff to facilitate improvements to fire alarm systems and assist building owners in reducing false alarms; and recommending that Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441 be amended to clarify the process of reimbursement policy for false fire alarms.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Section 441-1 of the Municipal Code be amended to clarify and confirm that the reimbursement policy of the City under Subsection L(3) is that such reimbursements are limited to the lesser of: (i) a maximum of 90 percent of the nuisance or malicious false alarm fee(s) paid by the owner within the twelve-month period preceding the date of application, and (ii) a maximum of the costs, determined by the Fire Chief, to have been incurred by the owner, within the twelve-month period preceding the date of application, to install a proper security system, or to take such other measures, for the purpose of reducing the likelihood of the occurrence of a false fire alarm at the building in the future;
- (2) Council adopt the amendments to Section 441-1 of the Municipal Code substantially as set out in the draft by-law attached as Appendix “A”;
- (3) the effective date of the amendments in Appendix “A” is the date of enactment of the by-law; 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 (August 21, 2006) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

Report 6, Clause 6

6.7 Proposal for a Purchase of Service Agreement to Provide Supportive Housing Services at Dundas Street West and Mabelle Avenue

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 17, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, seeking authority to implement the provision of supportive housing services at Dundas/Mabelle, 5005 Dundas Street West and 57 Mabelle Avenue, through collaboration with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) and a purchase of service agreement with Storefront Humber Inc.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) approval be given to work collaboratively with TCHC at the Dundas/Mabelle site, to provide supportive housing to eligible clients;
- (2) approval be given for staff to negotiate and enter into a purchase of service agreement with Storefront Humber Inc. for the provision of personal support and homemaker services (supportive housing services) at Dundas/Mabelle;
- (3) contingent upon successful negotiations, the initial hourly rate be set at a level that is equitable to the rate paid to comparative contracted service providers currently under contract with the supportive housing program;
- (4) the 2007 rate be negotiated when the 2007 purchase of service agreements are signed;
- (5) the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, be given authority to execute the annual purchase of service agreements, in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report

(August 17, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged.

Report 6, Clause 7

6.8 Proposed Alliance and Lease Agreement between Bendale Acres and the Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 17, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, requesting City Council approval to pursue a written 10-year agreement with Scarborough Hospital (Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service) to establish an on-site dialysis clinic at Bendale Acres, to serve both residents of Bendale Acres and out-patient community patients who require hemodialysis.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to enter into negotiations with the Scarborough Hospital (Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service) for a ten-year lease agreement, with an option to renew, for a 10,500 square foot space at Bendale Acres, to operate a satellite dialysis clinic;
- (2) contingent upon the Scarborough Hospital and Scarborough Regional Dialysis Service receiving Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approval of their proposal to establish a satellite clinic at Bendale Acres, the General Manager of Homes for the Aged be authorized to finalize negotiations and sign all required agreements, on terms and conditions acceptable to the City Solicitor; 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 (August 17, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged.

Report 6, Clause 8

6.9 Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

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The Community Services Committee considered a communication (July 21, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on July 21, 2006, recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (July 7, 2006) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the appointment of Margaret Smuk, on an interim basis to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, effective August 2006, as the representative of the Toronto Inter-Home Volunteers (T.I.V.), for the period until November 2006, when a representative can be elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged in the communication (July 21, 2006) from the Advisory Committee.

Report 6, Clause 9

6.10 Resident Fees and Trust Fund Review – Homes for the Aged Division

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (July 19, 2006) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on June 27, 28 and 29, 2006, adopted a recommendation contained in Clause 9 of Report 2 of the Audit Committee that “a copy of the Auditor General’s report (March 8, 2006) entitled ‘Resident Fees and Trust Funds Review – Homes for the Aged Division’ be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.”

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee received the communication (July 19, 2006) from the City Clerk for information.

Report 6, Clause 15(a)

6.11 Approval of Best Start Funds for Regent Park Child Care Centre

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Children’s Services, seeking approval to spend funds from Best Start in accordance with the City’s Child Care Service Plan.

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It is recommended that:

- (1) funds of \$1.86 million for the construction costs be approved for the Regent Park Child Care Centre, a Phase 2 project in the Best Start Service and Transition and Infrastructure Plan;
- (2) the General Manager of Children's Services be delegated authority to execute an agreement on behalf of the City with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation for these purposes and such agreement be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Pam McConnell, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, addressed the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services.

(The motion by Councillor Davis carried on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillors Cho, Cowbourne, Davis, Kelly and Mihevc.

AGAINST: Councillor Shiner)

The following motions moved at the meeting were voted on and lost:

Motion by Councillor Shiner:

“That the Community Services:

- (1) defer the report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Children's Services; and
- (2) request the General Manager, Children's Services, to submit a further report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, or the appropriate successor Committee dealing with these matters, on:
 - (i) the number of subsidized spaces that will be reduced in Scarborough, in Ward 44, and in other areas of the City due to the re-allocation of

operating funds to the Regent Park Child Care Centre; and

- (ii) other options to fund these new subsidized child care spaces without reducing the current child care spaces in Scarborough, in Ward 44, and in other areas of the City.” **(Motion lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillor Shiner

AGAINST: Councillors Cho, Cowbourne, Davis, Kelly and Mihevc)

Motion by Councillor Kelly:

“That Councillor Shiner’s motion be referred to the General Manager, Children’s Services, for a report to City Council on September 25, 2006.” **(Motion lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Kelly and Shiner

AGAINST: Councillors Cho, Cowbourne, Davis and Mihevc)

Report 6, Clause 10

6.12 Funding Required to Restore Phase II Capital Projects

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Children’s Services, outlining funding required to restore Phase II Best Start capital projects, and other related information.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council:

- (1) request the Mayor to write to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada, to request the City's share of the Child Care Spaces Initiative; and
- (2) send a copy of the City of Toronto's Child Care Services Plan 2005/2009 to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada, the local Members of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, and the Liberal Party leadership candidates.

Report 6, Clause 11

6.13 Update on the Progress of "Systems of Survival, Systems of Support: An Action Plan for Social Assistance in the City of Toronto"

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 18, 2006) from the General Manager, Social Services, providing an update on the progress of 'Systems of Survival, Systems of Support: An Action Plan for Social Assistance in the City of Toronto', including the introduction of two initiatives offering targeted and integrated responses to key issues confronting vulnerable residents and communities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Social Services' 2006 Operating Budget be increased by \$0.25 million gross and \$0 net, funded from the National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS) Reserve Fund in 2006 and the balance of \$2.95 million gross and \$0 net, funded from the National Child Benefit Supplement Reserve Fund in 2007, be included in the respective programs 2007 Operating Budget Submissions;
- (2) Council authorize the General Manager of Social Services, or her designate, to negotiate and if negotiations are successful, to execute service agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor with non-profit community based agencies to implement the 'Investing in Neighbourhoods' initiative;
- (3) Council authorize the General Manager of Social Services, or her designate, to adjust funding allocation between these initiatives as may be required to ensure maximum use of these funds;
- (4) Toronto Social Services continue transferring NCBS savings to the NCBS Reserve Fund as adopted by Council, and such funds should only be used for projects that

meet National Child Benefit objectives;

- (5) this report be referred to the next meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee; and
- (6) 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 to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 18, 2006) from the General Manager, Social Services.

(Policy and Finance Committee – September 11, 006)

Report 6, Clause 15(b)

6.14 Revised Plan for the 2006/2007 Allocation for the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI)

The Community Services Committee considered the following:

- (i) report (August 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, seeking approval for a revised plan for the 2006/07 allocation for the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), and providing an update on recent SCPI funding approvals.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the allocation of the 2006/2007 SCPI funding of \$11.596 million across the six objectives of the Council approved plan, Building on Successes: The Community Plan for Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) for Toronto, 2003-2006, substantially as outlined in Appendix A; and authorize the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to adjust funding between these objectives as may be required to ensure maximum and appropriate use of available federal funds;
- (2) as part of the above revised Plan, Council approve up to \$600,000.00 to

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extend the existing service related projects, as listed in Appendix B, to February 28, 2007;

- (3) should the outstanding \$5.69 million of the 2006/07 allocation be provided to the City, the funds be allocated primarily to Objective 3 in the SCPI Community Plan – Target Investment in Shelters and Community Facilities;
 - (4) the 2007 Interim Operating Budget (Estimates) for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be adjusted to include the confirmed SCPI funding for January through March 2007 as may be required; and
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) communication (September 5, 2006) from Mayor Miller addressed to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Canada on this matter.

The following persons addressed the Community Services Committee:

- Holly Kramer, Project Manager, Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force, and filed a written submission;
- Julia Chao, Coordinator, PAID Project, Street Health;
- Patty Letourneau, Supervisor, Youthlink Inner City, and Scott Keith, Employment Support Worker; and
- Darlene O'Donohue, Director of Services, Multilingual Community Interpreter Services (On).

Councillor Joe Mihevc, St. Paul's, declared his interest in this matter in that his spouse works with East York East Toronto Family Resources.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; and
- (2) requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to submit a report to the Budget Advisory Committee

on September 15, 2006, on the results of the SCPI allocation for training leading to successful employment placement.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration – September 11, 2006)

Report 6, Clause 15(c)

**6.15 Withdrawal from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan for Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Community Homes and Withdrawal from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and Approval of a Loan for First Erdelyi Non-Profit Housing Corporation
(Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River and Ward 14 – Parkdale High Park)**

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, requesting approval to allow the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to withdraw funds from Social Housing Reserve Funds and lend these funds to two non-profit housing providers for required capital repairs.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, (the “General Manager”) to:
 - (a) withdraw \$1,657,000.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$1,238,000.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund required for capital repairs and lend:
 - (i) \$1,657,000.00 to Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Community Homes at 221 Milner Avenue (Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River), and
 - (ii) \$1,238,000.00 to First Erdelyi Non-Profit Housing Corporation at 1624 Bloor Street West (Ward 14 – Parkdale High Park);
 - (b) for each of the above described housing projects, negotiate, execute and deliver a loan agreement, collateral security and ancillary agreements and

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documentation, including 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 each housing provider to pre-pay its loan at any time without interest or penalty;
 - (iii) each interest rate and repayment schedule will be renegotiable, subject to further Council approval; and
 - (iv) such other terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (c) enter into an option agreement requiring each housing provider to provide rent supplement housing from and after the date the duty to pay a subsidy under the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* is terminated, for a term of up to 15 years, provided that it receives the required funding from the Service Manager;
- (d) consent, on behalf of the City of Toronto to Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Community Homes mortgaging, charging or encumbering the Property in connection with the City's mortgage, as required under the Operating Agreement being administered by the City of Toronto as Service Manager pursuant to the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*;
- (e) in the case of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Community Homes, apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in connection with the City's mortgage, required under a Transfer Order made pursuant to the provisions of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* and such other consents and approvals as may be necessary or convenient from other third parties, including lenders;
- (f) in the case of First Erdelyi Non-Profit Housing Corporation, apply for the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in connection with the City's mortgage, required under Section 95(3) of the *Social Housing*

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Reform Act, 2000 and such other consents and approvals as may be necessary or convenient from other third parties, including lenders;

- (2) the two loans totalling \$2,895,000.00 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 Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be increased by \$2,895,000.00 gross and \$0 net and be funded by a withdrawal of \$1,657,000.00 from the Social Housing Federal Reserve Fund and \$1,238,000.00 from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund for required capital expenditures at two non-profit housing projects;
- (4) the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for the \$2,895,000.00 needed for capital repairs;
- (5) any reimbursement received from the Province be credited to the balance of the 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 for its consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

(Policy and Finance Committee – September 11, 2006)

Report 6, Clause 15(d)

6.16 Authority to Execute and Administer the Purchase of Service Contracts for Shelter Services, Personal Needs Allowance, Habitat Services, Motels and the Toronto Hostels Training Centre

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The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, requesting authority for the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, to sign agreements with various community agencies and motel operators for the purpose of providing shelter services and personal needs allowances in 2007; with Habitat Services for the provision of boarding home services for psychiatric consumer survivors and with the Toronto Hostels Training Centre for training of shelter staff; and seeking authority to work with the Province to develop a new pilot project related to the flexible use of per diem funding to support people to find and maintain permanent housing.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the per diem rates and bed capacities for the shelter system as set out in Appendix A, subject to the approval of the 2007 Operating Budget;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and/or his designate be authorized to:
 - (a) enter into purchase of service agreements with community agencies and motel operators for the provision of shelter services and the issuance of personal needs allowance, up to the maximum contract values as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix F, subject to the approval of the 2007 Operating Budget;
 - (b) issue payments pursuant to the purchase of service agreements to the community agencies and motels, up to the maximum contract values listed in Appendix A and Appendix F, provided the total payments are within the 2007 Approved Operating Budget;
 - (c) contract on an annual basis with Mental Health Program Services of Metropolitan Toronto (Habitat Services) for the provision of housing and supports for psychiatric consumer survivors living in Habitat contracted boarding or rooming houses;
 - (d) issue payments pursuant to the purchase of service agreement to Mental Health Program Services of Metropolitan Toronto (Habitat Services), within the 2007 Approved Operating Budget;

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- (e) on an annual basis, contract with and issue payments pursuant to the contracts with motel operators for the provision of shelter, provided the total payments are within the 2007 Approved Operating Budget;
 - (f) make in-year adjustments on an annual basis to individual shelter's per diem rates and/or bed capacities so long as the adjustments do not exceed the Approved Operating Budget, and to report out to Council on an annual basis through the Annual Per Diem report regarding these adjustments;
 - (g) set personal needs and other allowance rates on an annual basis subject to provincial rates and cost sharing agreement, provided those rates and cumulative payments do not exceed the 2007 Approved Operating Budget;
 - (h) enter into an annual contract and issue payments to the Toronto Hostels Training Centre for the administration and provision of training for shelter staff up to a maximum amount of \$198,000.00;
 - (i) purchase up to \$42,000.00 in training for staff of the directly operated shelters from the Hostel Training Centre in order to meet the training requirements laid out in the Council approved Toronto Shelter Standards subject to the approval of the 2007 Operating Budget;
 - (j) enter into an agreement with the Province to develop a pilot project that uses per diem funding in a flexible manner to support people to access and maintain permanent housing, provided that the funding and payments for this pilot do not exceed the Annual Approved Operating Budget; and
- (3) the appropriate 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 (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, subject to a further report being submitted to City Council on September 25, 2006, by the

General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, on increasing the per diem rate for Eva's Initiatives: Eva's Phoenix and Eva's Place, and any other youth shelters in similar circumstances, to \$58.11 per day, such report to include the financial impact on both the City and Eva's Initiatives, and Eva's Initiatives' projected shortfall for 2006 and 2007.

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6.17 2007 Funding Allocations for the City of Toronto Homeless Initiative Fund and Ministry of Community and Social Services Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, seeking approval for 2007 funding allocations to community agencies and City managed shelters from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and from the Ministry of Community and Social Services Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program; and recommending funding for appeals and an emergency health and safety fund.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to enter into service agreements with and allocate funds for:
 - (a) street outreach services to ten community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$1,909,257.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - (b) housing help services within shelters to 28 purchased service shelters/community agencies and six City managed shelters in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$6,360,858.00 gross and \$1,184,300.00 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - (c) housing help services outside of shelters to 39 community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$4,034,511.00 gross and \$2,196,900.00 net. This amount comprises funds from both the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (\$1,837,611.00 gross and \$0 net) and the 2007 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (\$2,196,900.00 net).

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gross and net);

- (d) supports to Daily Living services to 11 alternative housing providers in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$3,298,627.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - (e) drop-in services to 28 community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$1,859,321.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - (f) special projects to 20 community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$740,022.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program; and
 - (g) the Toronto Enterprise Fund to the United Way of Greater Toronto, for an allocation of \$250,000.00 gross and net from the 2007 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be delegated authority to enter into service agreements as appropriate and to allocate:
- (a) up to \$170,000.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program to deliver street outreach services substantially in the area bounded by St. Clair Avenue, Ossington Avenue, the Don Valley Parkway and Lakeshore Boulevard, but excluding the area south of Bloor Street between Bathurst Street and Jarvis Street;
 - (b) up to \$445,708.48.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program to implement service plans to address the potential conclusion of the Supports to Daily Living projects of All Saints Church Community Centre and Canrise Non-Profit Housing Inc., and re-invest the funds in Supports to Daily Living services as and when appropriate;
 - (c) up to \$143,580.00 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program to implement service plans to address the potential conclusion of the drop-in project of All Saints Church Community Centre, and re-invest the funds in drop-in services as and when appropriate; and

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- (d) up to \$100,000.00 from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program for a Health and Safety fund consistent with the terms set out in Appendix B;
- (3) Council designate up to \$37,000.00 gross and net from the 2007 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund for appeals of all projects recommended in this report;
- (4) the 2007 Interim Operating Budget (Estimates) be adjusted to include the funding required for the period between January through March 2007 for the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund within the Community Partnership Investment Program (\$1,498,889.00 gross and net) and for the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program within the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Program (\$5,767,453.00 gross and \$292,445.00 net);
- (5) Provincial funds totalling \$7,361,500.00 gross (\$0 net) within the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund within the Community Partnership Investment Program approved 2006 operating budget be transferred to the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program within the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Program. The City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund of \$2,483,900.00 is 100 percent funded by the City, and would remain in the CPIP budget;
- (6) the 2006 approved budgets of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and CPIP be adjusted to reflect these transfers; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, St. Paul's, declared his interest in this matter in that his spouse works with East York East Toronto Family Resources.

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 23, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

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6.18 Update on the Toronto Social Purchasing Portal

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing an update on the status of the Toronto Social Purchasing Portal.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee received the report (August 22, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, for information.

Report 6, Clause 15(f)

6.19 Homelessness and Incarceration Research

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (July 24, 2006) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee, on July 24, 2006, passed the following motion and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for consideration:

“WHEREAS Dr. Sylvia Novac from the University of Toronto and Amber Kellen of The John Howard Society of Toronto gave a presentation on July 24, 2006, to the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons on their research concerning homelessness and incarceration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Services Committee at its meeting of September 11, 2006, adopt the research report and forward the recommendations on to Council for its endorsement.”

The following persons addressed the Community Services Committee:

- Greg Rogers, Executive Director, John Howard Society of Toronto;
- Sylvia Novac, Project Investigator, Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto and Greg Rogers, Executive Director, John Howard Society of Toronto, and filed a copy of their presentation materials; and

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- Susan Gapka.

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

- (1) City Council endorse the following recommendations contained in the presentation given by Dr. Sylvia Novac, Project Investigator, Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto, and Greg Rogers, Executive Director, John Howard Society of Toronto:
 - “(i) the Government of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and community agencies work together to build supportive and transitional housing for homeless persons leaving the criminal justice system; such housing to include rent subsidies and 24 hour, on-site support;
 - (ii) the Government of Ontario to provide funding to community agencies to employ transitional or resettlement workers at all jails, detention centres, and courts. Workers to connect homeless persons with vital services, including housing; provide referrals; community accompaniment; information; transport assistance; and landlord and tenant mediation;
 - (iii) the Government of Ontario and the City of Toronto jointly share in funding on-going education of shelter employees, front-line community workers, and housing providers on the special needs and experiences of persons who have been incarcerated; and
 - (iv) the Government of Canada to renew resources for programs, services, and initiatives that pertain to building affordable housing until the homeless crisis is relieved; and the City of Toronto to implement an effective advocacy campaign for these resources.
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be requested to submit a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, or the appropriate successor Committee dealing with these matters, on an implementation strategy.

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Report 6, Clause 13

6.20 Update on Funding Negotiations with Service Canada for the Provision of Youth Employment Services

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 23, 2006) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, seeking authorization to enter into agreements with Service Canada for three programs and/or projects, including Youth Employment Toronto (YET), Employer Access to Support and Employees (Project EASE) and Youth Employment and Local Leadership for Multi-Barriered Youth (YELL) project.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Deputy City Manager, Sue Corke, be authorized to sign:
 - (a) an agreement with Service Canada to receive funds in an amount not to exceed \$405,000.00 as its contribution of funding for the operation of Project EASE;
 - (b) an amending agreement for the YELL project for a revised total amount of up to \$2,063,794.00; and
 - (c) a renewal agreement for the YET program for a total amount of no more than \$360,000.00 in revenue and \$95,000.00 in net costs with annual budget commitments subject to City and federal budget approval processes;
- (2) the Social Development, Finance and Administration approved 2006 operating budget be increased by \$54,000.00 gross (zero net) for Project EASE; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 23, 2006) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration.

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6.21 Selling Clothing Items with City and/or Division Logos

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 18, 2006) from the City Manager reviewing the practice of some City divisions selling clothing items with City and/or divisional logos on them and the associated potential risk to the public arising from such practice.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the sale or distribution to the public of goods bearing City and/or divisional logos be restricted to hard promotional goods (mugs, key chains, pens), baby clothing and clothing for small children.

The Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 18, 2006) from the City Manager.

The following motion by Councillor Shiner moved at the meeting was voted on and lost:

“That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council that the report (August 18, 2006) from the City Manager be adopted subject to the recommendation being amended to read as follows:

‘It is recommended that the sale or distribution to the public of adult clothing be restricted to clothing bearing only the City logo and not include a divisional logo which would make the clothing appear to be for a City staff person.’”

Report 6, Clause 14

6.22 Housing Homeless People Directly from the Street: An Update on the Streets to Homes Street Outreach Initiative

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 31, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing an update on the Streets to Homes street outreach initiative since City Council passed the report, "From the Streets into Homes: A Strategy to Assist Homeless Persons Find Permanent Housing" at its meeting of February 1, 2 and 3, 2005.

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee received the report (August 31, 2006) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, for information.

Report 6, Clause 15(h)

The Community Services Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Chair.