

April 2, 2007

To: Budget Committee

From: Community Development and Recreation Committee

Subject: Youth Shelter Interagency Network (YSIN) Report: "System in Crisis: An Action Plan for the Future of Toronto's Homeless Youth"

Recommendations:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on April 2, 2007:

1. referred this matter to the Budget Committee to consider an increase to the average youth shelter per diem rate to \$65.00 to cover 80 percent of the costs incurred in providing basic food and shelter services to homeless youth; and
2. recommended to the Budget Committee that the City provide sufficient funding so that no youth shelters close in 2007.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee:

- i. requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing to report to the Budget Committee on what resources within the youth envelope can be reallocated to support youth shelters; and
- ii. referred the report entitled "System in Crisis: An Action Plan for the Future of Toronto's Homeless Youth", and its recommendations, to Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, in conjunction with the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, for a report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee within three months.

Background:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on April 2, 2007, considered a communication (March 23, 2007) from Councillor Shiner forwarding a report (February 2007)

entitled “System in Crisis: An Action Plan for the Future of Toronto’s Homeless Youth” prepared by the Youth Shelter Interagency Network (YSIN) and recommending that the report be forwarded to Deputy City Manager Sue Corke for comments to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

The following persons addressed the Community Development and Recreation Committee:

- Maria Crawford representing the Youth Shelter Interagency Network (YSIN), and filed a written submission; and
- Susette Clunis, Chair and Executive Director, Youth Shelter Interagency Network (YSIN), Touchstone Youth Shelter.

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Attachment

- c. General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
Deputy City Manager Sue Corke
Maria Crawford, Executive Director, Eva’s Initiatives
Susette Clunis, Chair, Youth Shelter Interagency Network (YSIN), and Executive Director,
Touchstone Youth Centre