
Community Development and Recreation Committee

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Start Time 9:30 AM
Location Committee Room No. 1, City Hall

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CD1.3	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	
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Proposed 2007 Rate Increase for Homemaking Agencies Contracted by the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (HMNS)

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. The rate paid to community service agencies contracted by HMNS, including those community service agencies who provide service under the "Special Needs Fund" of HMNS be increased from \$16.83 to \$20.65 effective January 1, 2007.
 2. The rate of \$20.65 be deemed to be an all-inclusive rate, covering the costs associated with hourly service provision, pay equity and travel, as outlined in this report.
 3. For those contracted agencies whose current rate of payment exceeds the recommended blended rate, that the rates paid to these agencies be grandparented until the current funding discussions with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are finalized; and if these discussions do not result in increased funding to the City then the blended rate be implemented for the agencies at that time.
 4. The General Manager of Homes for the Aged be authorized to negotiate annual rate increases in 2008, 2009 and 2010 that do not exceed the rate of inflation and are within the Division's approved base program budget.
 5. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
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(December 19, 2006) report from General Manager, Homes for the Aged

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. the rate paid to community service agencies contracted by HMNS, including those community service agencies who provide service under the "Special Needs Fund" of HMNS be increased from \$16.83 to \$20.65 effective January 1, 2007;
2. the rate of \$20.65 be deemed to be an all-inclusive rate, covering the costs associated with hourly service provision, pay equity and travel, as outlined in this report;
3. for those contracted agencies whose current rate of payment exceeds the recommended blended rate, that the rates paid to these agencies be grandparented until the current funding discussions with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are finalized; and if these discussions do not result in increased funding to the City then the blended rate be implemented for the agencies at that time;
4. the General Manager of Homes for the Aged be authorized to negotiate annual rate increases in 2008, 2009 and 2010 that do not exceed the rate of inflation and are within the Division's approved base program budget; and
5. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising out of this report. The homemaking services will continue to be cost-shared between the Province and the City on an 80:20 basis as outlined in the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act*, and the rate increase will be managed within the divisional 2007 operating budget.

Summary

The Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (HMNS) contracts with eleven (11) community service agencies to provide in-home support (light housekeeping, laundry, assistance with meal preparation, etc.) to clients of the City's HMNS (i.e. seniors, the frail elderly, persons with disabilities) to support these City residents to remain in their own homes and age in place. The rates paid to the eleven agencies are specified in annual service agreements with the City, but the actual rates have not been increased since 2004. This has created hardship to some contracted community service agencies as they have incurred wage increases of between two to three percent annually.

In addition, there was a historic approach adopted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the City's HMNS to pay the contracted community service agencies for their service to clients by flowing funding in three separate "streams" or "components", namely the hourly rate, the pay equity rate and the rate paid for travel time between clients. The

MOHLTC has changed its own approach to funding the City's HMNS program and now considers all three components to be part of the base funding, making it possible for the City to initiate a blended rate for all three components, resulting in administrative efficiency within HMNS.

The HMNS is a cost shared program (80:20), although the pay equity component was previously 100 percent funded by the MOHLTC. The proposed rate increase and the proposed blended rate will be absorbed within the approved operating budget for HMNS.

Background Information

2007-cd1-3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-984.pdf>)

Council also considered the following:

- [Briefing Note \(January 24, 2007\) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged \(CD 1.3a\).](#)

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to submit a briefing note to City Council on February 5, 2006, providing the following information:

- i. the funding increase being sought by Toronto Homes for the Aged from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care with respect to the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (HMNS);
- ii. the reduction in volume of service that would need to be implemented if the rate paid to contracted agencies is approved as outlined in this report, without a corresponding increase in Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding; and
- iii. the hourly wage rates paid by the Community Care Access Centres.

CD1.4	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	
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Membership - Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged - Mr. Jack Harmer

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. Jack Harmer be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an

additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference.

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

(December 15, 2006) letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. Jack Harmer be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
2. the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Appointment to Membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Background Information

2007-cd1-4

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-644.pdf>)

CD1.5	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	
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Membership - Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged - Ms. Beth Morum

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. Ms. Beth Morum be appointed to the membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference.
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(November 17, 2006) letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. Ms. Beth Morum be appointed to the membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Appointment to Membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Background Information

2007-cd1-5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-643.pdf>

CD1.6	AMENDED		Policy	
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Ensuring Parents are Provided with Assistance in Properly Installing Child Safety Car Restraints

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. The Fire Chief initiate a program within six to nine months within some fire halls where at least one firefighter on duty will be available to assist with the safe installation of a child car seat or who can check an installation to ensure that it has been done properly.
2. The Fire Chief report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in three months on the progress made to implement this program, and incorporating, in his report, comments from the City Solicitor on any issues of liability with respect to this program.
3. The Fire Chief, in consultation with appropriate staff, report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on:
 - a. the cost of training Toronto firefighters to install Child Safety Care Restraints;
 - b. the potential legal liability to the City;

- c. whether all 81 fire stations will cover this service, and, if not, the location of the centres; and
- d. partnership opportunities with manufacturers to seek financial assistance from industry to operate the program.

(October 6, 2006) letter from City Clerk forwarding a motion moved by Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor Augimeri, recommending that the Fire Chief report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the implementation of a program by the end of 2008 to provide assistance to parents in properly installing safety car restraints by trained firefighters at each fire hall.

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that the Fire Chief:

1. initiate a program within six to nine months within some fire halls where at least one firefighter on duty will be available to assist with the safe installation of a child car seat or who can check an installation to ensure that it has been done properly; and
2. report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in three months on the progress made to implement this program, and incorporating, in his report, comments from the City Solicitor on any issues of liability with respect to this program.

Summary

City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, referred a motion respecting the proper installation of child safety car restraints to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

2007-cd1-6

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-645.pdf>)

Speakers

Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee referred the motion outlined in the communication (October 6, 2006) from the City Clerk to the Fire Chief for a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Submitted Monday, January 22, 2007

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee