Executive Committee

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Meeting Date Monday, October 1, 2007 Phone 416-392-9151

Start Time 9:30 AM E-mail pmorris@toronto.ca

Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

Executive Committee			
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Confirmation of Minutes – September 4, 2007

Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Communications/Reports

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Regent Park Social Development Plan - Approval

(September 17, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager, Cluster A

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager recommends that:

- 1. The Social Development Plan for Regent Park be approved; and
- 2. The Social Development Plan be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board; the Toronto Catholic District School Board; and the Regent Park Inter-Governmental Coordinating Committee, led by the Housing Division of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to inform their efforts on Regent Park.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications resulting from the adoption of the Regent Park Social Development Plan.

Summary

This report outlines the key findings of the Social Development Plan in the areas of Social Cohesion, Community Services and Facilities and Employment. There are seventy-five recommendations that provide a plan of action for managing social change in Regent Park over the course of the redevelopment, including an implementation structure. The role for the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division and Toronto Social Services in carrying out the plan is also discussed.

The Executive Summary has been attached. The full document including sections on redevelopment context, research on social inclusion and strategies for social inclusion and appendices are available on the Toronto Community website at www.regentpark.ca. The appendices include the Regent Park Revitalization Strategy for the Provision of Community Facilities (City of Toronto, August 2005), Embracing a Changing Landscape: A Community Effort in Planning for a New Regent Park (Regent Park Neighbourhood Initiative, June 2006) and Towards a Neighbourhood of Choice and Connection: An Employment Plan for Regent Park (City of Toronto, 2007). The Employment Plan will also be posted at the City's website through Toronto Social Services.

Background Information

Regent Park Social Development Plan - Approval (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6992.pdf) Regent Park Social Development Plan - Executive Summary (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-7300.pdf)

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Update on the Development of a Community Service Hub in the Crescent Town Priority Neighbourhood and Negotiations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the Reuse of a Surplus School

(September 17, 2007) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer and Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer and Executive Director of the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division recommend that:

- 1. Staff be authorised to negotiate a lease agreement with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for St. Bernadette Catholic School provided there is no net cost to the City of Toronto and in a form acceptable to the Chief Corporate Officer and City Solicitor; and
- 2. The Executive Director of Social, Development, Finance and Administration be directed to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the recommended community-based board of management governance model, in consultation with local residents and tenant agencies, pending successful lease negotiations.

Financial Impact

While the City is not identified as a contributor to covering operating costs (estimated at \$250,000 - \$300,000 per year), the risk to the City is that should one of the tenants default or leave, it would be required to cover the associated operating costs until a replacement tenant is secured. City divisions are aware of this risk and are working together to resolve or manage it.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report provides an update on the development of a community service hub in the Crescent Town priority neighbourhood. City staff are working with the United Way of Greater Toronto and community-based agencies to develop a satellite community health centre and service hub using a vacant Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) elementary school (St. Bernadette).

The priority actions at this time are to formalize the City's intent with respect to the use of St. Bernadette Catholic School and to fully develop a community management model to manage the satellite health centre and service hub.

Background Information

Update on the Development of a Community Service Hub in the Crescent Town Priority Neighbourhood and Negotiations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the Reuse of a Surplus School

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-7061.pdf)

2a Potential Community Use of St. Bernadette Catholic School, in the Crescent Town Priority Neighbourhood

(July 24, 2007) Letter from Toronto and East York Community Council

City Council, at its meeting on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007 amended and adopted this item, and by so doing:

- 1. authorized the Director of Real Estate Services and the Director of Community Resources to begin discussions with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) regarding options for securing St. Bernadette Catholic School as a community health centre and service hub;
- 2. authorized the Chief Corporate Officer to make application for any necessary land use development approvals required to affect the proposed use of the St. Bernadette Catholic School site; and
- 3. requested the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration and the Chief Corporate Officer submit a joint report to the September 4, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee outlining a business case for the City securing St. Bernadette Catholic School for the purposes of a community health centre and service hub, including the progress of discussions with the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Summary

This report seeks approval for City staff to begin discussions with the Toronto Catholic District School Board regarding the potential use of a vacant elementary school as a satellite community health centre and service hub. St. Bernadette Catholic School is located in the under serviced priority neighbourhood area of Crescent Town.

Communications

(July 24, 2007) letter from Toronto and East York Community Council (EX.Main) (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/comm/communicationfile-3563.pdf)

2b Report Request on the Potential Community Use of St. Bernadette Catholic School, in the Crescent Town Priority Neighbourhood

(June 25, 2007) Memo from Councillor Janet Davis

Recommendations

That Toronto and East York Community Council adopt the following Motion:

1. that Deputy City Manager, Sue Corke, report to the July 16, 2007 meeting of Toronto City Council on the Potential use of St. Bernadette Catholic School as a Community Health Centre and service hub for the priority neighbourhood of Crescent Town.

Summary

Memo (June 25, 2007) from Councillor Janet Davis advising that this year, the Ministry of Health approved funding for a new Community Health Centre for the Crescent Town priority neighbourhood. Access Alliance, a community health centre that specializes in serving newcomers, has received the contract to develop the centre. The United Way has indicated its interest in providing additional funding to develop a multi-service "community hub" that would provide more community space, and co-locate other community and recreation services.

Communications

(June 25, 2007) memo from Councillor Janet Davis (EX.Main) (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/comm/communicationfile-3566.pdf)

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Amendments to Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation

(September 17, 2007) Report from the City Manager

Recommendations

The City Manager recommends that the following amendments be made to the City's Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation:

- 1. renumber subsection 2.3 (a)(iii) to be 2.3(a)(iv) and add the following as subsection 2.3(a)(iii) "in a socially responsible manner that supports priority objectives of the City of Toronto that are consistent with Toronto Hydro's business objectives";
- 2. amend subsection 2.3(b) to read "Toronto Hydro will provide a reliable, effective and efficient distribution system that meets changing demand utilizing emerging green technologies as appropriate";
- 3. amend subsection 2.3 (g) to read "Toronto Hydro will promote energy conservation and environmental responsibility and work with the City of Toronto to achieve its climate

change objectives";

- 4. renumber subsection 2.3(h) to 2.3 (k) and subsection 2.3(i) to 2.3(h);
- 5. add subsection 2.3 (i) that reads "Toronto Hydro will engage in recruitment practices designed to attract employees from the diverse community it serves";
- 6. add subsection 2.3(j) that reads "Toronto Hydro's administrative strategies will support the City of Toronto priority objectives where consistent with Toronto Hydro's business objectives, including procurement practices that encourage participation of equity-seeking groups"; and

so that the Principles Section of the Shareholder Direction reads as in Appendix A.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from adoption of the recommendations in this report. However, it cannot be determined at this time whether implementation of these principles will impact Toronto Hydro's costs over the long term.

Summary

This report recommends that City Council, as sole shareholder, amend the Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation to more clearly articulate the principles that govern the operations of Toronto Hydro to reflect current City priorities.

Background Information

Amendments to Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6993.pdf)

City Objectives in Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation (Deferred from the June 25, 2007 meeting - 2007-ex10.39)

(April 16, 2007) Report from the City Manager

Financial Impact

Receipt of this report has no financial impact.

Summary

In response to a request by the Executive Committee, the City Manager consulted with other City and Hydro staff in reviewing the Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation (THC) and has concluded that the Direction still fairly articulates the City's goals and objectives for THC. The Direction has been amended a number of times since its initial approval in July 1999. Staff are not aware of any issue that would require amendment at this time.

Background Information

City Objectives in Shareholder Direction to Toronto Hydro Corporation (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-5245.pdf)

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Enhancing Toronto's Business Climate Update - Feasibility of Excluding Retail Chains from Tax Relief Plan for Small Businesses

(September 17, 2007) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from receipt of this report.

Summary

This report responds to a request made at the July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007 City Council meeting to report on the exclusion from the neighbourhood retail tax relief program for certain types of properties. A key initiative approved by Council in October, 2005 under enhancing Toronto's business climate to provide property tax relief for neighbourhood retail has not commenced because of legislative and definitional challenges. These impediments were addressed in a report from the Deputy City Manager and CFO dated June 6, 2007 which was deferred by City Council at its Meeting on July 16, 2007 for consideration at the October 22, 2007 meeting. The request to further segregate bank branches, cheque cashing institutions, gas stations, and retail chains/franchise/big box stores, etc., will result in similar legislative and definitional issues and therefore cannot be resolved in a timely manner. Staff have ongoing discussions with the Province towards enabling legislation to allow the City create tax classes for neighbourhood retail and other property types that Council may deem appropriate. Adoption of the recommendations contained in the June 6th 2007 report will enable to the City to provide property tax relief to small and medium businesses starting in 2008.

Background Information

Enhancing Toronto's Business Climate Update - Feasibility of Excluding Retail Chains from Tax Relief Plan for Small Businesses

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6994.pdf)

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Administrative Amendments to Reserve Fund Accounts No. 2

(September 12, 2007) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. the reserve funds or reserve fund accounts as set out in Appendix A1-2 and B1-5 be established for the purposes set out in the respective Appendices, and Municipal Code Chapter 227, Reserves and Reserve Funds, be amended by adding the reserve funds or reserve fund accounts to their respective schedules as set out in the respective appendix;

- 2. the reserve fund accounts indicated in Appendix C1 be amended accordingly; and
- 3. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council.

Financial Impact

In order to receive funds, in some cases, the recommended accounts need to be established according to the criteria set out by Council. As well the purposes of some accounts are changing to make the accounts more useful. Otherwise there are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

Summary

This report recommends (a) the establishment of seven reserve funds which have been identified since the last report on this topic which was adopted by Council in September 2006, and (b) refines criteria associated with a few other accounts which results from the operational needs of Divisions with respect to the administration of reserves and reserve funds. Where appropriate the purpose for each account is identified in its respective appendix.

Background Information

Administrative Amendments to Reserve Fund Accounts No. 2 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6995.pdf)

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Toronto Caribbean Carnival Festival Line of Credit Guarantee

(September 10, 2007) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

- 1.
- a. the City renew the line of credit guarantee on behalf of the Toronto Caribbean Carnival Festival (TCCF) to its financial institution in the amount of \$100,000.00 (inclusive of all interest payable by TCCF), commencing on October 1, 2007 and ending on October 1, 2008;
- b. the City extend the agreement with the TCCF with respect to the line of credit guarantee; and
- c. the City extend the tri-party agreement with the TCCF and with its financial institution with respect to the line of credit guarantee;

- 2. such guarantee and all related agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer as well as Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, and that the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to negotiate appropriate and adequate safeguards, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, with the City being promptly advised in the event of default or delay in the payment of interest;
- 3. the City retain the right to withhold a portion of outstanding grants that the City may provide to the TCCF in 2007 and 2008 to pay off the line of credit if it is not retired by October 1, 2008;
- 4. the TCCF to provide the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer with their 2007 and 2008 audited financial statements when they become available;
- 5. the guarantee be deemed to be in the interest of the municipality; and
- 6. the appropriate officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

Issuance of a line of credit guarantee is considered to be a financial commitment of the City. However, there is no direct cost to the City for providing this guarantee unless the organization defaults on its obligation and the City cannot recover the funds beyond any grant funding to the TCCF withheld by the City.

Summary

This report seeks Council approval to renew the line of credit guarantee for the Toronto Caribbean Carnival Festival in the amount of \$100,000.00 from October 1, 2007 until October 1, 2008.

Background Information

Toronto Caribbean Carnival Festival Line of Credit Guarantee (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-6996.pdf)

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Cost Containment and 2009 Budget – Diverting Functions of Technical Services Back to Operating Divisions

(September 6, 2007) Memo from the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Recommendations

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee referred the letter from Councillor Giambrone to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Summary

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on September 6, 2007, considered a letter (August 29, 2007) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Vice-Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee requesting that staff give consideration to diverting the functions of Technical Services back to operating divisions.

Communications

(September 6, 2007) memo from Public Works and Infrastructure Committee (EX.Main) (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/comm/communicationfile-3503.pdf)

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Terms of Reference – Disability Issues Committee for the term 2007-2010

(September 12, 2007) Memo from the Disability Issues Committee

Recommendations

The Disability Issues Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council adopt the Terms for Reference for the Disability Issues Committee for the term 2007-2010.

Summary

The Disability Issues Committee on September 11, 2007, considered the revised (August 15, 2007) Draft Terms of Reference for the Disability Issues Committee for the term 2007–2010.

Communications

(September 12, 2007) memo from The Disability Issues Committee (EX.Main) (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/comm/communicationfile-3565.pdf)