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## Community Development and Recreation Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	14	<b>Contact</b>	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday, February 21, 2008	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-8032
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<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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Community Development and Recreation Committee		
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**Improving Access to Recreation: "Everybody Gets to Play"**

(December 28, 2007) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

**Recommendations**

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. The City of Toronto increase participation in recreation programs by implementing the following policy and program directions in support of "Everybody Gets to Play":
  - a. Protect and expand free drop-in recreation and leisure activities.
  - b. Develop and implement city-wide universal free grade/age specific instructional programs in collaboration with the boards of education:
    - i. Youth Cooperative Leadership program for Grade 8 and 9 students;
    - ii. Learn to Skate program for Grade 5 students; and
    - iii. Swim Skills program for Grade 4 Students.
  - c. Renew the recreation subsidy policy for individuals and families with income below the Low Income Cut Off based on the following credits per person per year:
    - i. \$360 for children and youth;
    - ii. \$150 for adults; and
    - iii. \$150 for seniors.
2. Initiate the phased conversion of Priority Centres over 3 years to align with other Parks, Forestry and Recreation centres, including provisions for the following:
  - a. development of a transition plan to guide conversion of Priority Centres to the new subsidy policy and the introduction of fee-based programs;
  - b. consultation with users and community groups on the transition plan and service priorities; and
  - c. supplemental funding for additional drop-in programs as determined through service planning.

3. Adopt a new pricing policy for fee-based recreation programs that will achieve an average 50% recovery of direct costs within 7 years.
4. Develop a program to monitor and review participation and access to recreation services by all Toronto residents, including:
  - a. demand for and use of recreation services;
  - b. impacts on participation from pricing and costing changes;
  - c. use of financial access policies and programs by residents;
  - d. communication and marketing of policy to target communities; and
  - e. “ease of use” for residents and City staff.

### Financial Impact

The policy and program directions recommended in this report will increase program expenditures gradually over the next several years. The main areas of increased expenditure are:

- universal free instruction programs;
- addition and expansion of drop-in programs; and
- increases to the recreation subsidy (Welcome Policy).

These increases will be funded through increases in user fees over the next 7 years.

The following table provides an overview of the incremental expenditures for Access to Recreation and the revenue from increased cost recovery.

(\$ 000's)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Incremental Expenditure	1,490	3,447	3,627	1,997	631	694	439
Incremental Revenue	5,714	5,079	4,069	4,242	4,106	3,502	3,645
Incremental Net	(4,224)	(1,632)	(442)	(2,245)	(3,475)	(2,808)	(3,206)

The incremental net revenue from increased cost recovery will be allocated towards cost pressures in Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The incremental net revenue of \$5.714 million is included in the 2008 Parks Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget recommended for Council consideration.

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

### Summary

The intent of this report is to propose program and policy directions that will increase participation in recreation activities by Toronto residents and to ensure equitable access to services provided by Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The major outcomes expected from the recommended changes will enhance and improve recreation in Toronto for all residents by:

- Creating one window of access for individuals who require financial assistance by improving and realigning the recreation program fee subsidy program.
- Protecting and enhancing existing free leisure and drop in programs that are offered across the City – leisure swim, skate, summer playground programs, and drop-in offerings.
- Positioning Toronto as a leader in Canada by focusing on free targeted skill-based instructional programs through a new bundle of age/grade specific instructional programs:
  - Swim Skills – Grade 4;
  - Skating Skills – Grade 5; and
  - Youth Cooperative Leadership – Grade 8/9.
- Establishing a pricing policy that will achieve an average recovery of 50% direct costs over a timeframe of 7 years that will be used to reinvest in subsidy and access programs and allocated to developing a solid financial footing for Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
- Ensuring programs and services are responsive to local needs through service planning and outreach to the community.

## **Background Information**

cd14.1-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11089.pdf>

## **1a Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups**

(April 25, 2007) Letter from Board of Health

### **Recommendations**

The Board of Health on April 16, 2007, requested the Community Development and Recreation Committee to assess the service plan review for the Park, Forestry and Recreation Division for City-operated child and youth programming which service the needs of the most marginalized communities.

### **Summary**

Letter from the Board of Health (April 16, 2007) forwarding a report (April 10, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health, regarding the Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups and the recommendations of the Board of Health on this matter.

## Background Information

cd14.1a-Letter from the Board of Health

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11090.pdf>)

cd14.1a-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11091.pdf>)

## 1b Improving Access to Recreation: "Everybody Gets to Play"

(January 14, 2008) Letter from Community Development and Recreation Committee

### Summary

Advising that the Community Development and Recreation Committee on January 14, 2008, amongst other things:

- deferred hearing speakers on this item to a special meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee to be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.;
- deferred Recommendations 1 to 4 in the report (December 28, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to the February 21, 2008, meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee; and
- requested additional reports to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

## Background Information

cd14.1b-Letter from the Community Development and Recreation Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11092.pdf>)

## 1c Improving Access to Recreation: Supplementary Report

(February 14, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke

### Recommendations

Deputy City Manager Sue Corke recommends that the Community Development and Recreation Committee refer the recommendations contained in the Improving Access to Recreation: "Everybody Gets to Play" report (December 28, 2007) back to staff for reconsideration and a further report on policy options for extending access to recreation programs and increasing participation.

### Financial Impact

This report has no direct financial implications.

## Summary

This report describes the feedback received from the community consultations on the Everybody Gets to Play – Access to Recreation policy recommended in a previous report, dated December 28, 2007, to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

The consultations demonstrated there is a high level of public support for recreation programs, as well as, concern about how to make them more accessible to a broader cross-section of the community and about how to reach out to vulnerable populations to encourage their use.

This report states that the immediate budget pressures associated with funding recreation programs are now being addressed through the 2008 operating budget process. If approved by City Council, an increase in program and permit fees would protect existing recreation programs and help begin putting the division on a more stable financial footing. The report recommends that staff report back to Community Development and Recreation Committee on policy options for extending access to recreation programs and increasing participation.

## Background Information

cd14.1c-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11168.pdf>)

**(Deferred from December 3, 2007 - 2007.CD11.2)**

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## 2008 Per Diem Rates for the Purchase of Service Shelter System and Related Matters

(December 3, 2007) Letter from Community Development and Recreation Committee

## Summary

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on December 3, 2007:

- a. deferred consideration of the following Recommendation 1 in the report (November 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to the meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee to be held on February 21, 2008:
  - "1. Council approve the recommended per diem rates, bed capacities and personal needs allowances rates for the shelter system as set out in Appendix A subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget;" and
- b. requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to:
  - i. meet with the Youth Shelter Interagency Network to discuss their issues with them and to invite a representative from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to attend this meeting; and

- ii. invite representatives from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to attend the Community Development and Recreation Committee meeting on February 21, 2008.

### Background Information

cd14.2- Letter from the Community Development and Recreation Committee  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11107.pdf>)

cd14.2-Staff Report  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11093.pdf>)

cd14.1-Appendix A  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11094.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix B  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11095.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix C  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11096.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix D  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11097.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix E  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11098.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix F  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11099.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix G  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11100.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix H  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11101.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix I  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11102.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix J  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11103.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix K  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11104.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix L  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11105.pdf>)

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### Adequacy of Child Care Funding and Service Levels

(February 5, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the 2010 – 2015 Child Care Service Plan outline the annual service growth necessary to achieve equitable distribution of child care fee subsidies and licensed child care spaces by 2015.

#### Financial Impact

This report has no immediate financial impact.

**Summary**

This report describes the current funding for child care services in Toronto and discusses the adequacy of both the funding and the current service levels.

**Background Information**

cd14.3-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11106.pdf>

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**Informing the Development of a Full Day Program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten**

(February 5, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. this report along with the research findings from Toronto First Duty be forwarded to Dr. Charles Pascal, Special Advisor to the Premier on full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds; and
2. the City of Toronto asks to participate in consultations on full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds to inform the strategy development.

**Financial Impact**

This report has no immediate financial impact.

**Summary**

This report summarizes the research findings and best practices from Toronto First Duty in order to inform the development of a full day program for junior and senior kindergarten in the Province. It recommends that the report along with the research reports from Toronto First Duty (TFD) be sent to the Special Advisor to the Premier on full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds.

**Background Information**

cd14.4-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11108.pdf>



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### **Resources Required to Conduct an Inventory of Youth Opportunities**

(February 6, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

#### **Financial Impact**

This report has no financial impact.

#### **Summary**

This report was requested by the Community Development and Recreation Committee at its September 12, 2007 meeting. The Committee considered a communication from the Youth Strategy Panel's July 12, 2007 meeting requesting that staff begin work on an inventory of all youth programs, services, facilities and engagement processes being done through all Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions on a neighbourhood by neighbourhood basis. The Committee referred the communication to Deputy City Manager Sue Corke for a report on the costs, staff hours and resources required to develop an inventory of City programs, services facilities and engagement opportunities.

This report describes an inventory process already underway as a part of the ongoing provision of municipal youth services, and provides an estimate of the resources required to extend this inventory process to prepare the inventory requested by the Youth Strategy Panel.

#### **Background Information**

cd14.5-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11109.pdf>)

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### **Service Canada Funding Renewal for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Program**

(February 4, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

#### **Recommendations**

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division, recommends that:

1. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, be authorized to sign a renewal agreement with Service Canada for the TYJC program for up to \$1,754,716.00 gross and \$225,453.00 net, dependant on City and federal budget approval processes.

## Financial Impact

The 2008/09 renewal agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps program has a total value of up to \$1,754,716 gross and \$225,453 net for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The 2008 (April 1 – December 31) impact of \$1,316,037 gross and \$169,090 net is included in the 2008 recommended budget. The 2009 (January 1 – March 31) impact of \$438,679 gross and \$56,363 net will be included in the 2009 operating budget submission for the Social Development Finance and Administration Division.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact statement.

## Summary

To seek authorization to renew an agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) program for an amount of up to \$1,754,716 gross and \$225,453 (12.8%) net.

The TYJC program is an on-going cost shared program providing pre-employment preparation and subsidized job placements to unemployed, out of school youth 16 to 29 years of age. The current contract with Service Canada for the TYJC program ends on March. 31, 2008.

## Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11110.pdf>

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## Ineligible Applicants to the 2008 Community Service Partnerships

(January 24, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

## Recommendations

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration recommends that:

1. The following 7 new applicants determined to be ineligible at this stage of the assessment process be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2008 Community Service Partnerships (CSP):
  - a. Africanadian Mediation and Community Services;
  - b. Bangladeshi-Canadian Community Services;
  - c. Chinese Professional Women of Canada;
  - d. East Area Women's Mental Health of Toronto (Margaret Frazer House);
  - e. First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre;
  - f. Madbakh Women's Initiative, Inc.; and
  - g. Metro Street Focus Organization.

2. The following 7 new applicants determined to be eligible proceed to the assessment review:
  - h. East Metro Youth Services;
  - i. East York East Toronto Family Resources;
  - j. Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto;
  - k. Franklin Horner Community Centre;
  - l. Humewood House Association;
  - m. Literature for Life; and
  - n. Youthlink.
  
3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

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

### **Summary**

This report presents the results of the eligibility assessment of 243 applicants under the 2008 Community Service Partnerships (CSP).

A total of 14 new applicants applied for funding under the 2008 CSP. Based on screening using the CSP eligibility criteria, it is recommended that 7 applicants do not proceed to the assessment phase of the 2008 CSP allocations process. A total of 229 returning organizations submitted applications to the 2008 CSP.

### **Background Information**

cd14.7-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11111.pdf>

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### **Request for Change of Name from Homes for the Aged Division to Long-Term Care Homes and Services Division**

(January 28, 2008) Letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

### **Recommendations**

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged recommends that:

1. The name of the Homes for the Aged Division be changed to the Long-Term Care Homes and Services Division effective June 1, 2008.

2. Senior management develop both a communication plan and an implementation plan to support this change, thus ensuring that residents, clients, families, staff volunteers and the general public understand the change and the rationale for it.

### Summary

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, on January 25, 2008 , considered a report (January 7, 2008) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, regarding a request for Change of Name from Homes for the Aged Division to Long-term Care Services Division.

### Background Information

cd14.8-Letter from Advisory Committee on Home for the Aged  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-10453.pdf>  
 cd14.8-Staff Report  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-10454.pdf>

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### Losing Ground: The Persistent Growth of Family Poverty in Canada's Largest City

(January 21, 2008) Letter from Board of Health

### Summary

Advising that the Board of Health on January 21, 2008, amongst other things, forwarded the report (January 7, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health, respecting the report released in November 2007 by the United Way of Greater Toronto entitled “Losing Ground: The Persistent Growth of Family Poverty in Canada’s Largest City”, to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for information.

### Background Information

cd14.9-Letter from the Board of Health  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11149.pdf>  
 cd14.9-Staff Report  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11150.pdf>