

APPENDIX J – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE and TORONTO CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS RELATED TO THE “SYSTEM IN CRISIS” REPORT

April 2, 2007 – Community Development and Recreation Committee

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

(March 23, 2007) memo from Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24, Willowdale

Summary

Communication from Councillor Shiner entitled “Systems 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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee:

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;
2. recommend to the Budget Committee that the City provides sufficient funding so that no youth shelters close in 2007;
3. requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to report to the Budget Committee on what resources within the youth envelope can be reallocated to support youth shelters; and
4. 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.

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14.1 the following motion be referred to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, with the request that he report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, in July 2007, on immediate financial pressures in youth shelters and potential short-term solutions while the shelter per diem study is being completed, and the shelter per diem study include a comparison

of City and community-funded shelters and look for a more equitable distribution of resources within existing resources, including per diems to youth shelters;

Moved by Councillor Shiner:

“That:”

- 1. the per diem for 577 youth shelter bed nights be increased to a minimum of \$61.00 in 2007 at a cost of \$530,000, to be funded from an unallocated reduction in the 2007 Recommended Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration;**
- 2. the General Manager, Shelter, support and housing Administration report back on how the unallocated reductions will be realized as part of the 2007 3rd Quarterly Operating Variance Report;**
- 3. an increase in the per diem from \$61.00 to \$65.00 for the 577 youth shelter bed nights, at a cost of \$734,000 be considered as part of the 2008 Budget process; and**
- 4. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration meet with representatives of the youth shelters and the YSIN network to consider their recent report on the per diem rates and report back to the Community Development Recreation Committee, by October 2007, on the recommended per diem for 2008.**