
Community Development and Recreation Committee

Meeting No.	12	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, January 14, 2008	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	cdrc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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Options for Supporting Part-Time Child Care

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. The Children's Services Division's web site be updated so that the information included in each child care registry identifies part-time child care options.
2. Children's Services recognize the additional cost of part-time care through premium rates approved based on budget guidelines.

(December 20, 2007) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The Children's Services Division's web site be updated so that the information included in each child care registry identifies part-time child care options.
2. Children's Services recognize the additional cost of part-time care through premium rates approved based on budget guidelines.

Financial Impact

This report has no immediate financial impact.

Summary

This report looks at the feasibility and costs of implementing part-time child care options. It recommends that the Children's Services Division update child registry information to support parents in finding part-time care and that the Division allow payment premiums to recognize the additional administrative costs of offering part-time care.

Background Information

cd12.2-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-9713.pdf>)

Communications

(January 14, 2008) Submission from Jane Mercer, Executive Coordinator, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care (CD.New.CD12.2.1)

Speakers

Jane Mercer, Executive Coordinator, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care (Submission Filed)

Councillor Shelley Carroll, Ward 33, Don Valley East

Declared Interest (City Council)

Councillor Moscoe - in that in that his daughter is a part-time child care worker employed by the City of Toronto.

CD12.6	AMENDED			
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Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and City of Toronto - 2008-2011 Letter of Understanding for the City's Use of TDSB Pools

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council approve the 2008-2011 Letter of Understanding between the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for Parks, Forestry and Recreation's use of TDSB pools for aquatic programs as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. The following motion be referred to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee:

Moved by Councillor Moscoe:

That, as per Clause 16 of the Agreement, the City advise the TDSB that unless the third party operator of the Bathurst Heights pool honours a commitment made to provide free learn to swim lessons to children at Flemingdon Road Public School (located in Lawrence Heights which is a priority neighbourhood),

the City will require the use of the Bathurst Heights pool at the earliest opportunity, i.e. upon expiration of the present lease with the third party operator.

(December 18, 2007) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends the approval of the 2008-2011 Letter of Understanding between the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for Parks, Forestry and Recreation's use of TDSB pools for aquatic programs as outlined in Attachment 1.

Financial Impact

The TDSB calculates that they are paying 19.6% more in actual operating costs than the City is paying in fees (at the 2007 rates). Their initial request for the full 19.6% increase in fees for 2008 was agreed to be phased in over 4 years. The increase at 4.9% of 2007 fees is \$244,257.00 per year plus a compounded escalation increase is applied to the fee to each of the four years. The escalation will be calculated by averaging the monthly core Stats Canada Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase, which is 2.3% for 2008.

For the use of 35 TDSB pools, the proposed cost increase is from \$5,031,039.00 in 2007 to \$5,396,628.00 in 2008, for an escalation of \$365,589.00 or 7.2% calculated as the total of 4.9% or 1/4 of operational cost increases plus a 2.3% CPI increase. The increases in 2009, 2010 and 2011 would be similar with small fluctuations due to CPI. The increased funding requirement for 2008 will be included in the 2008 Recommended Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget for Council consideration.

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

Summary

The primary purpose of the Letter of Understanding is to set out the fees to be paid by the City of Toronto to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for the City's use of the school board pools to deliver community swim programs. The charges for the use of all TDSB facilities started after amalgamation and were driven by the Provincial funding formula applicable to TDSB, which does not cover the cost of operating and maintaining the pools. The 2008 Letter of Understanding for Use of Pools will be the third such agreement, since January 2004.

The City currently delivers community swim programs at 30 City-owned indoor pools and 35 TDSB pool locations.

The most recent Letter of Understanding expires on December 31, 2007 (Attachment 2).

The original intent of the agreement was for the TDSB and the City to share pool use and costs equitably according to usage. This was to be achieved by allocating the Operating costs of

pools to the City and the Capital repair costs to the TDSB. The schools use the pools during the school day and the City uses the pools in the evenings, weekends and summer months. Previous agreements did not address escalation costs adequately, so in 2007, TDSB operating costs for pools are much greater than the amount the City is paying as per the 2007 Letter of Understanding. The TDSB also currently requires approval of their Board to pay for capital repairs to pools greater than \$125,000.00. The updated Letter of Understanding increases the costs to the City over the term of the agreement to bring the fees in line with the actual operating costs.

The table of charges to commence January 2008 (Attachment 1, Appendix A), presented herein for approval, is for a four year term. Each of the four years shows two fee increases: an increase in fees (not compounded) to bring the City's fees in line with the true operating expenses and an escalation fee each year (compounded) to ensure that the city's fees in 2011 "catch up" to the operating costs being paid by the TDSB. In addition, the TDSB have doubled the 'cap' for capital repair expenses to \$250,000.00 before it is necessary for the repair costs to be approved by the Board.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation is working on an Aquatics Strategy to be finalized within 2008. The Aquatic Strategy will align TDSB pool utilization with the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Aquatics Strategy. Therefore, the 2008 Letter of Understanding allows for the City to add additional pools or reduce pool utilization or change the specified pools as per the pool strategy.

Background Information

cd12.6-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-9716.pdf>

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Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council appoint the selected individual listed in the confidential report (October 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three 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.

3. The City Clerk make the appointee's name public once appointed by Council.

The following recommendations contained in the report (October 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, are now public. The balance of the report remains confidential, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains personal information about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees:

1. Ms. Linda Legault 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.

(November 23, 2007) Letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. City Council appoint the selected individual listed in the confidential report (October 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference.
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Summary

Letter from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged forwarding a confidential report (October 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, regarding an Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

Background Information

cd12.8-Letter

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-9715.pdf>

Submitted Monday, January 14, 2008

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee