

## Community Development and Recreation Committee Item 20.2

*(Considered by City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008)*

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### Development of the Community Partnership Strategy

#### City Council Decision

City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008, adopted the following motions:

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  - b. program funding that supports the participation of vulnerable residents in engagement opportunities;
  - c. community development programs that allow vulnerable residents and neighbourhoods to identify needs, assets and opportunities and to act on them; and
  - d. funding to strengthen the human resource base in organizations, particularly in terms of their ability to engage with residents, businesses, governments and other partners;

and that the enhanced funding of \$600,000.00 requested in 2009 for the Community Services Partnership Program included in the 2009 Community Partnership and Investment Program's Operating Budget submission, if approved by Council, be allocated to these expanded priorities.

2. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, report back to Council in September 2009 on the 2010 target for increased investment in the Community Services Partnership Program.
3. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, establish a work group composed of St. Christopher's House, the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, Family Service Toronto, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres and other organizations as appropriate, to ensure effective agency involvement in the development of the Community Partnership Strategy.

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### **Committee Recommendations**

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## **Origin**

(October 30, 2008) Report from Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

## **Summary**

This report outlines the process that will be used to develop the Community Partnership Strategy. This Strategy was requested by Council at its June 2008 meeting, and has four goals:

1. Provide municipal leadership to ensure the city maintains a strong, vibrant and responsive community-based sector.
2. Define the key roles the City should play in supporting this sector.
3. Identify neighbourhoods that would benefit from increased investment in the community-based supports that improve outcomes for their residents.
4. Provide a strategic framework for decision-making about the level and rate of increases in municipal funding to the community-based sector.

The goals of Community Partnership Strategy will be achieved with two inter-related activities:

1. Establish benchmarks for the key community-based supports within the municipal jurisdiction that are required for neighbourhood wellbeing.
2. Establish a framework for priority and target setting that allows Council to make strategic decisions about the order and rate at which it will increase its investments in the key community-based supports that are below benchmark levels.

The Strategy will be developed in 2009 for implementation in 2010, and its initial focus will be the Community Services Partnership Program.

## **Background Information (Committee)**

cd20.2 - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-17230.pdf>

## **Speakers (Committee)**

Margaret Hancock, Executive Director, Family Service Toronto (Chair, City-Wide Agency Network)

Maureen Fair, St. Christopher House

Ron Howarth, Executive Director, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres

John Campey, Executive Director, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto