

Community Development and Recreation Committee

Meeting No. 23 Contact Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator

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Additional Communications/Reports

CD23.9a Notification of rent reductions in Parkdale

Origin

(April 8, 2009) Letter from Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park

Summary

Submitting comments respecting the notification of rent reductions in Parkdale and requesting that staff report back to the May meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee on measures that can be taken to support the populations that may have been affected by the failure to send these rent reduction notices.

Background Information

Letter from Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20429.pdf)

CD23.11a Mental Health Commission of Canada Research Demonstration Project: Request for Authority to Implement Toronto Site Project and Provide National Streets to Homes Training

Origin

(April 9, 2009) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Recommendations

The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, recommends that:

1. The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, in consultation with the City Solicitor, be authorized to enter into a four-year, \$0 net contribution

agreement with the Mental Health Commission of Canada to receive funding for certain activities as Service Coordinator of the Toronto Research Demonstration Project in Mental Health and Homelessness.

- 2. Once the contribution agreement is in place, the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to enter into agreements with other City divisions, community agencies, private expert individuals and any other agreements which may be required to administer and deliver services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the \$0 net contribution agreement.
- 3. Once the contribution agreement is in place, the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, report to Budget Committee on the final budget allocations (\$0 net) for the Toronto Research Demonstration Project in Mental Health and Homelessness.
- 4. The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, in consultation with the City Solicitor, be authorized to enter into such agreements with the Mental Health Commission of Canada as may be required to fulfill its role as National Trainer on the Streets to Homes Intensive Case Management model for all demonstration project sites across Canada.
- 5. The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the findings of the Toronto Research Demonstration Project in Mental Health and Homelessness in 2013, or as soon as they become available; an interim report for information to be provided in 2011.

Summary

Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA), in partnership with the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital (CRICH), has been selected to undertake a four-year, approximately \$22,500,000 research demonstration project, under a national program of the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC), to examine and document the benefits of certain service models on the health and well being of mentally ill homeless individuals (approximately \$9.4M will be directed to the providers of support services, about \$4M will be directed to CRICH for the research component, and the remaining \$9.1M allocated to SSHA). This report requests certain authorities be granted to permit SSHA to proceed with implementation of the demonstration project.

In addition, the Streets to Homes Unit of SSHA has been requested to support the MHCC as a National Trainer on the Streets to Homes Intensive Case Management (ICM) model for all demonstration project sites across Canada. This report requests certain authorities be granted to permit staff to take on the national trainer role, including entering into an agreement for funding anticipated to be in the range of \$400,000 over four years.

Financial Impact

Final negotiations with the MHCC are currently underway. The amounts and proposed arrangements set out below are subject to final approvals from the MHCC.

Entering into contribution agreements with the MHCC for administering certain funds as

Service Coordinator and as National Trainer on the Streets to Homes Intensive Case Management model for the Toronto Research Demonstration Project on Mental Health and Homelessness will have a \$0 net impact on the 2009 approved operating budget and on subsequent budgets during the four-year term of the project.

Federal funding from MHCC of approximately \$1.2 million will be added to the 2009 Approved Operating Budget, and will be allocated entirely to activities to be administered by SSHA as Service Coordinator for the Toronto Research Demonstration Project on Mental Health and Homelessness. Funding for 2010-13 programming, estimated at \$8.1 million as outlined in Appendix A, will be included in future-year operating budgets.

The separate agreement with the MHCC for the Streets to Homes role as National Trainer will be in the nature of a reimbursement for services rendered arrangement. The amounts involved are still under negotiation with the MHCC, however, it is projected that approximately \$100,000 will be added to the 2009 Approved Operating Budget, and will be allocated entirely to activities to be administered by SSHA as National Trainer. Funding for 2010-13 activities are estimated at \$300,000 as outlined in Appendix A, and will be included in future-year operating budgets.

When the allocation amounts and other details are known and all agreements are in place, the General Manager, SSHA will report to Budget Committee on the final budget allocations (\$0 net), the MHCC payment schedule and other relevant issues as required.

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

Background Information

Mental Health Commission of Canada Research Demonstration Project - Supplementary Staff Report

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20427.pdf)