

Community Development and Recreation Committee

Meeting No.	27	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Friday, October 9, 2009	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	cdrc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Janet Davis

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BMX Go Forward Strategy**Origin**

(September 22, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Recommendations

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

1. City Council endorse, in principle, the BMX Go Forward Strategy as set out in this report and its Attachment 1, subject to the successful securing of any financial resources required for its implementation.
2. City Council receive, for information, the maintenance practices identified as presently being undertaken at the City's two existing BMX sites set out in this report and its Attachment 4.

Summary

This report presents a Toronto BMX Go Forward Strategy that, in part, sets out a number of principles and strategic actions that would help make Toronto an improved cycling community for BMX, as well as other types of off-road cyclists. The strategic actions (see Attachment #1) aim to create an environment that helps to mitigate some of the concerns of the local off-road cycling community.

An integrated network of on and off-road recreational cycling facilities and trails would benefit a wide range of users of the City's parks and trails systems, including local and visiting cyclists, skateboarders and hikers.

The City manages the wooden ramps at Wallace-Emerson Park, which are on loan from Toronto BMX, and also manages the dirt jumps at this and the Bayview Arena site. This report identifies current operations and maintenance that occurs at the City's two existing BMX sites, as well as sets out additional basic operations and maintenance practices that should be considered for these facilities in the future.

Financial Impact

Funds in the amount of \$200,000 have been requested in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2010 Capital Budget submission for the replacement of the existing Wallace-Emerson wood freestyle ramps with more durable and weather resilient modular components.

Also, depending on the extent to which modifications to either of the two existing City BMX sites are pursued, respecting their design, maintenance or programming, as suggested in this report, funding (in the range of \$20,000 - \$30,000) will need to be accommodated within future Parks, Forestry and Recreation budgets.

Where any of the Strategic Actions identified in Attachment #1 rely on funding, the implementation of such actions will be subject to the successful securing of the necessary financial resources to do so.

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

Background Information

CD27.1 - BMX Go Forward Strategy - Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-23825.pdf>)

CD27.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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New Provincial Rent Bank Agreement for 2009 and Subsequent Years

Origin

(September 24, 2009) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Recommendations

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

1. City Council delegate authority to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to execute the 2009 Provincial Rent Bank Agreement, and enter into future amendments or renewal agreements, on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for continued delivery of the Provincial Rent Bank program.
2. City Council authorize the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to receive the funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the 2009 provincial allocation, and to receive any future funding which may be forthcoming from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Provincial Rent Bank program.
3. City Council authorize the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to execute the necessary agreements with Neighbourhood Information Post (the lead community agency coordinating the Rent Bank Program in Toronto) to deliver the Provincial Rent Bank Program, and to allocate provincial Rent Bank funding to Neighbourhood Information Post beginning with an allocation of \$1,499,211 in 2009.

4. City Council approve the Local Rules which guide the operation of the Rent Bank program in Toronto substantially as set out in Appendix B, and authorize the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to amend the rules as required to be consistent with any future amendments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to respond to program implementation needs which may arise from time to time.
5. City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to allocate all future Provincial Rent Bank funding among Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Service Administration Boards based on the relative proportions of tenant households paying more than 30% of their income on rent.

Summary

Since 2004, the provincial government has provided funding for a Rent Bank program in Toronto. After a review, the province made some changes to the program and a new agreement between the Province and the City is required in order to receive continued provincial funding. The agreement requires that the Rent Bank program, and more specifically the Local Rules, be approved by Council.

This report recommends that the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration receive delegated authority to enter into a new agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to enter into future amendments as may be required. In addition, the report provides information about provincial requirements for the program, and seeks Council approval of the Local Rules for the Toronto Rent Bank program.

Financial Impact

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has allocated \$1,499,211 to the City of Toronto for the Provincial Rent Bank program in 2009. Approval of an agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is required before funds can be accessed.

Once the agreement is approved, the 2009 Operating Budget will be adjusted to include the Provincial Funding of \$1,499,211 gross and \$0 net. Any in year budget adjustment requirements will be reported separately to Budget Committee. The agreement is intended to automatically renew in future years, subject to available provincial funding, and any funding adjustments will be included in future budget submissions.

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

Background Information

CD27.2 - New Provincial Rent Bank Agreement for 2009 and Subsequent Years - Staff Report (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-23826.pdf>)

CD27.3	ACTION			Ward: All
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Proposed New Member – Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services

Origin

(September 28, 2009) Letter from Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services

Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that:

1. City Council appoint Jan Nowakowski to membership on the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services, for a period of four 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.

Summary

The Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services on September 25, 2009, considered the report (June 5, 2009) from the General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services, entitled "Proposed New Member - Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services", and forwarded its recommendations to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

CD27.3 - Letter from Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-23827.pdf>

CD27.3 - Proposed New Member - Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-23828.pdf>