
Community Development and Recreation Committee

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Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	cdrc@toronto.ca
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Update on Service Canada Funding for the Youth Employment Toronto (YET) and Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Programs

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, be authorized to sign renewal agreements for the Youth Employment Toronto (YET) program for up to \$413,726 in revenue and \$147,693 in net costs and for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) program for up to \$1,586,274 in revenue and \$225,453 in net costs with annual budget commitments dependant on City and federal budget approval processes.
2. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Origin

(January 16, 2009) Report from Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary

To seek authorization to renew agreements with Service Canada for the Youth Employment Toronto (YET) and Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) programs for an amount of up to \$2,000,000 in federal contributions and \$373,146 net, for a total gross amount of \$2,373,146.

The YET and TYJC programs are on-going cost shared programs. The YET program provides a city wide mobile employment assessment, referral and case management service and the TYJC program provides an intensive six week pre-employment preparation and 16 to 24 week subsidized job placements. Those served by the two programs are unemployed and out of school youth, 16 to 29 years of age who are experiencing barriers in gaining access to employment or other vocational related opportunities. The current contracts for these programs end on March 31, 2009.

Background Information

cd22.3 - Update on Service Canada Funding for the Youth Employment Toronto (YET) and Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Programs - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18640.pdf>)

CD22.4	ACTION			Ward: All
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Agreement between the City of Toronto and Toronto Star Newspapers Limited

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be delegated authority to enter into an agreement with Toronto Star Newspapers Limited for a one (1) year term, commencing February 26, 2009, to distribute Toronto Star Newspapers in Parks, Forestry and Recreation community centres and arenas, and to coordinate free promotional space in the Toronto Star, all in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor.

Origin

(January 21, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request City Council authority to enter into an agreement for a one (1) year term commencing February 26, 2009, between the City of Toronto and Toronto Star Newspapers Limited.

This agreement, once approved, will provide for the distribution of free Toronto Star daily newspapers at community centers and arenas operated by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division. The agreement will provide the additional benefit of promotional opportunities for Parks, Forestry and Recreation services through space in the Toronto Star in an effort to increase awareness and usage of services available to the public. This provides a benefit to both parties.

Background Information

cd22.4 - Agreement between the City of Toronto and Toronto Star Newspapers Limited - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18641.pdf>)

CD22.6	ACTION			Ward: All
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Early Opening of Outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks – Supplementary Report

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. City-owned and operated outdoor artificial ice rinks not open earlier in the 2009 annual winter skating season due to budgetary constraints.
2. The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation review this request and a menu of options as part of the Division's 2010 operating budget submission.

Origin

(January 21, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request by the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the opening of all City outdoor ice rinks at the same time as Nathan Phillips Square commencing fall 2009.

The additional costs associated with opening all 49 city-owned and operated outdoor rinks earlier in the season are substantial and cannot be absorbed in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation operating budget. Currently, there are five outdoor rinks that are opened earlier in the season – Nathan Phillips Square, Mel Lastman Square, Albert Campbell Square, Rennie Park and Dufferin Grove Park. The latter four rinks are scheduled to open on November 28, 2009, a week after Nathan Phillips Square, which will open one week earlier (on November 21, 2009), to coincide with the Cavalcade of Lights event.

As well as the budget constraints, this request would be difficult to administer in 2009, due to the preset work scheduling of fall seasonal clean up and maintenance activities, which are timed to end prior to the current scheduling of the winter outdoor rink seasonal maintenance activities and operations, which includes staff hiring and training, in order to provide outdoor skating opportunities to the public.

For the 2009-2010 outdoor skating season, it is not recommended that all 49 outdoor rinks be opened at the same time as Nathan Phillips Square due to the above-noted cost constraints and operational difficulties. However, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will consider this request in the development of the 2010 operating budget.

Background Information

cd22.6 - Early Opening of Outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18643.pdf>)

Communications

(February 6, 2009) submission from Jutta Mason entitled "Dufferin Grove Park Newsletter - February 2009" (CD.New.CD22.6.1)

Speakers

Jutta Mason, CELOS (Submission Filed)

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Ward 34, Don Valley East

CD22.7	ACTION			Ward: 7
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Review of the Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The current lease between the City of Toronto and the Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education (MGCLE) for the building at 160 Rivalda Road be terminated.
2. The City of Toronto enter into a one-year lease agreement with MGCLE for rental of a portion of the space in the building commensurate with the Centre's current needs, as determined by the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration (SDFA) and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR) and upon terms and conditions satisfactory to them and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, at a nominal basic rent of \$1.00.
3. Parks, Forestry and Recreation pay the facility utility costs of MGCLE for the one-year term.
4. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff identify one or more new tenants who would pay rents at market value to lease the remaining portion of the building not occupied by MGCLE.
5. The current outstanding receivable balance for utility costs in the amount of \$63,409.25 be forgiven.
6. Staff from the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division work with the board of directors of MGCLE to enhance the organization's governance procedures and to assist it to develop a viable service model and a sustainable financial structure.
7. The Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in February 2010 on the financial viability of MGCLE and recommend whether the lease with the organization should be renewed.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to:

1. submit a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in one year, or earlier, on potential partnerships between the City and the Toronto Catholic District School Board related to properties and facilities in the priority neighbourhoods in Wards 7, 8 and 9; and
2. communicate in an appropriate form with Spider Jones (Spider's Web) regarding the process to be used to potentially lease a portion of the unused space at 160 Rivalda Road and to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee at the appropriate time.

Origin

(January 22, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and the Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary

This report responds to a Council direction to review the City's relationship with and interest in the Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education (MGCLE) which occupies a City-owned facility at 160 Rivalda Road. The Centre, which was established to provide leadership development and training skills to African-Canadian youth in the Jane-Finch and Jamestown priority neighbourhoods, has very limited sources of revenue and has not been able to meet its programming objectives and financial obligations. Because the Centre has been unable to consistently pay utility bills, these costs have been assumed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation on behalf of the Centre.

A City staff team has reviewed the situation of the MGCLE and concluded that the Centre has the potential to play a valuable role in serving youth in underserved neighbourhoods. This report recommends that the current lease with MGCLE be terminated and replaced with a one-year lease covering a portion of the space in the facility appropriate to the Centre's current needs. The remainder of the facility would be leased to another organization. The report also recommends that the amount of \$63,409.25, owing to the City by the Centre for utility costs from 2002 to 2008, be forgiven. The report further recommends that Parks, Forestry and Recreation pay the utility costs of the Centre until the expiry of the new lease and that the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in February 2010 on the financial viability of MGCLE and recommend whether the lease with the organization should be renewed.

Contingent upon the outcome of this review, City Council has approved allocation of \$40,000 from the Service Development Investment Program to assist MGCLE. Staff from Social Development, Finance and Administration will continue to work with the MGCLE Board of Directors to resolve the governance and strategic planning issues it faces.

Background Information

cd22.7 - Review of the Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18644.pdf>)

Communications

(February 5, 2009) letter from Spider Jones (CD.New.CD22.7.1)
(January 22, 2009) submission from Valarie Steele, Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education, on behalf of K. Gilliam Consulting Services (CD.New.CD22.7.2)
(February 6, 2009) submission from Marjorie Bowen, Bowen Academy of Higher Learning (CD.New.CD22.7.3)

Speakers

Dev S. Bingham, President, Design Spectrum Inc.
Horace Gooden, Chief Executive Officer, First Chartered Business Development International
Ruel Grey, Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education
Marjorie Bowen, Bowen Academy of Higher Learning (Submission Filed)
Dennis Keshinro, Belka Enrichment Centre
Jemila Laws, Secretary, Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education
Valarie Steele, Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education (Submission Filed)
Dudley Laws, BADC
Ajamu Clark, President/CEO, Marcus Garvey Centre for Leadership and Education
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Ward 7, York West

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Update on the Development of a Community Service Hub in the Jamestown/Rexdale Priority Neighbourhood and Negotiations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the Reuse of a Surplus School

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. Staff be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board regarding terms for a long term lease of the former Father Henry Carr Catholic School site and report back to Council with respect to the results of those negotiations.
2. The Acting Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration be directed to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the recommended community-based board of management governance model, in consultation with local residents and tenant agencies.

Origin

(January 22, 2009) Report from Chief Corporate Officer and the Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary

This report provides an update on the development of a multi-service community hub in the Jamestown/Rexdale priority neighbourhood.

Through the Jamestown/Rexdale Neighbourhood Action Partnership, the City of Toronto is working with community service providers, Albion Neighbourhood Services and Rexdale Community Health Centre, and other funding partners, United Way of Greater Toronto and the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, to develop a service hub facility inclusive of a health centre satellite and multiple community and City services.

The priority actions at this time are to formalize the City's intent with respect to the use of the former Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School and to fully develop a community management model to manage the multi-service community hub.

Background Information

cd22.8 - Update on the development of a community service hub in the Jamestown/Rexdale priority neighbourhood and negotiations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for the reuse of a surplus school - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18645.pdf>

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Eligibility Review of Applicants to the 2009 Community Services Partnerships Program

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The following 7 new applicants determined to be ineligible at this stage of the assessment process be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2009 Community Service Partnerships (CSP):
 - i. Africanadian Mediation and Community Services;
 - ii. Broad Africa Resource Centre (BARC);
 - iii. Future Watch EDEP;
 - iv. Hellenic Home for the Ages;
 - v. Metro Street Focus Organization;
 - vi. Somali Canadian Business Centre; and
 - vii. Madbakh – Women's Initiative Inc.

2. The following 6 new applicants determined to be eligible proceed to the assessment review:
 - i. Community Living Toronto;
 - ii. East Scarborough Storefront;

- iii. First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre;
 - iv. St. Felix Centre;
 - v. Vasantham – A Tamil Seniors’ Wellness Centre; and
 - vi. Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Centre.
3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Origin

(January 23, 2009) Letter from Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee

Summary

The Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee on January 23, 2009, considered a report (January 12, 2009) from the Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, respecting the results of the eligibility assessment of 242 applicants under the 2009 Community Service Partnerships (CSP) and forwarded its recommendations to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

cd22.9 - Eligibility Review of Applicants to the 2009 Community Services Partnership Program - Letter

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18646.pdf>

cd22.9 - Eligibility Review of Applicants to the 2009 Community Services Partnership Program - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18647.pdf>

9a Appeal of Eligibility Review 2009 Community Services Partnership Program

Origin

(January 28, 2009) Report from Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary

This report presents the recommendations for two organizations that were reconsidered for eligibility under the 2009 Community Service Partnerships (CSP). Based on a review of the original submission and additional information, it is recommended that one applicant be considered eligible and proceed to assessment, and one applicant be confirmed as ineligible.

Background Information

cd22.9a - Appeal of Eligibility Review 2009 Community Service Partnership Program - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18780.pdf>

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Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the 2009 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends to City Council that:

1. The appeal for \$20,357.00 by Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre be approved to enable the organization to provide extended hours of drop-in service.
2. The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to allocate the remainder of the funds in the 2009 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) to funding of food for homeless drop-in centres in Toronto.

Origin

(January 23, 2009) Letter from Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee

Summary

The Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee on January 23, 2009, referred the appeal from the Parkdale Activity – Recreation Centre (PARC), to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, for further consideration, and a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for its meeting on February 6, 2009, such report to also review other eligible organizations who provide food security.

Background Information

cd22.10 - Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the 2009 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program - Letter (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18648.pdf>)

cd22.10 - Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the 2009 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program - Staff Report (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18649.pdf>)

10a Appeal of 2009 City of Toronto Homelessness Initiatives Fund and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program by Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre

Origin

(January 28, 2009) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Summary

This report responds to an appeal made by Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre to the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee, requesting a review of PARC's 2009 allocation for extended hours and requesting funds for increased staffing.

Background Information

cd22.10a - Appeal of 2009 City of Toronto Homelessness Initiatives Fund and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program by Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18801.pdf>)

Submitted Friday, February 6, 2009

Councillor Janet Davis, Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee