
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**AGENDA**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2001 **Enquiry:** Rosalind Dyers
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **392-8018**
City Hall
100 Queen Street West

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.****CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.****DEPUTATIONS. List to be Distributed at Meeting****COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.****1. STANDING COMMITTEE BRIEFINGS.**Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services

General briefing respecting the role and responsibilities and key issues of the following:

- Toronto Emergency Medical Services; and
- Toronto Fire Service

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

General briefing respecting the role and responsibilities and key issues of the various Divisions within the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department:

- Children's Services;
- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support;
- Toronto Housing Company;

- Social Development and Administration Division; and
- Social Services Division.

2. EMERGENCY PLANNING - MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS.

Chief Administrative Officer

(November 6, 2000)

Respecting Mutual Assistance Agreements which may be entered into with neighbouring Regions to provide for aid during emergencies; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, be authorized to negotiate and enter into mutual assistance agreements with regions and/or municipalities as appropriate;
- (2) the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be instructed to prepare and review each Mutual Assistance Agreement as required; and
- (3) the Emergency Planning Office be directed to implement and maintain these agreements on an ongoing basis; also that this office be directed to provide timely information reports to Council subsequent to the activation of any mutual assistance agreement.

3. INTEGRATED FIRE AND POLICE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM - SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT.

City Clerk

(September 21, 2000)

Advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on September 21, 2000, received a joint report (August 16, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police respecting the Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System six-month status report; and directed that such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

4. QUOTATION FOR EIGHT TRIPLE COMBINATION RESCUE PUMPER TRUCKS.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(December 12, 2000)

Recommending that the quotation submitted by Smeal Fire Apparatus Company be accepted for the supply and delivery of eight (8) Triple Combination Rescue Pumper Trucks used for fire fighting in the City of Toronto in accordance with specifications, at a total price of \$3,064,480.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received; and noting that funds are available in the 2000 Capital Budget - Equipment Vehicle Purchase Account 2000-CFR-000-2.

5. GREATER TORONTO AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(December 12, 2000)

Providing an update on the status of the City of Toronto's provision of ambulance services to the properties of the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) (Pearson International Airport) after December 31, 2000; and recommending that the Community Services Committee receive and accept this update and forward it on to Toronto Council with the understanding that:

- (i) Toronto Emergency Medical Services will cease to provide routine day-to-day emergency ambulance coverage to the GTAA lands effective January 1, 2001, except in the form of emergency mutual aid agreed upon between the Region of Peel and Toronto;
- (ii) Toronto Emergency Medical Services will retain the lead role in mass casualty incidents and disaster response to the GTAA site via the Mississauga CACC including potential incidents and a pre-determined response of emergency resources;
- (iii) Toronto EMS will continue to actively participate in emergency planning at the GTAA;
- (iv) Region of Peel assumes responsibility for single patient or low number multiple patient incidents effective January 1, 2001, as the primary ambulance service provider to Lester B. Pearson International Airport;
- (v) Toronto EMS will review the potential staging of one of our medical buses on airport land both for cost and operational viability; and

- (vi) these arrangements have been worked out in concert with the Region of Peel, the Ministry of Health and the GTAA and will continue to be refined in future meetings.

6. PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATION.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(December 14, 2000)

Providing an update on the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program and affirming an implementation plan for the expansion of the program to all City of Toronto owned buildings; and recommending that:

- (1) Toronto Council endorse Toronto Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) in partnership with Sunnybrook and Women's College Base hospital program as the sole agency responsible for the program;
- (2) Toronto Council endorse TEMS in the pursuit of expansion of the scope of the program to include all appropriate City of Toronto owned buildings;
- (3) Toronto Council endorse TEMS as the agency authorized to select and accredit all PAD training programs delivered to City of Toronto staff; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

7. TORONTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH OVERCROWDING OF HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(December 14, 2000)

Advising of the steps Toronto Emergency Medical Services is taking to deal with overcrowding of hospital emergency departments; and recommending that Toronto Council continue to support the efforts by Toronto Emergency Medical Services to reduce the impact of crowded hospital emergency departments.

8. REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL SINCE JANUARY 1998.

City Clerk

(December 18, 2000)

Providing a list for review of various sub-committees, advisory committees, special committees and task forces established by City Council since 1998; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community Services Committee review the attached Appendices I and II, and determine:
 - (a) which Sub-Committees that report to Community Services Committee it wishes to continue or disband, and determine the mandate and membership of those Sub-Committees it wishes to continue; and
 - (b) which advisory committees, special committees and task forces that report to Community Services Committee it wishes to recommend to City Council be continued or disbanded, and whether the composition or mandate should be retained or amended;
- (2) for those committees that are recommended for continuance whose composition goes beyond the membership of the Standing Committee, the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council that the City Clerk be requested to canvass all members of Council for their interest in being appointed thereto, and submit the list of interested Members to the Striking Committee to recommend the appointments to City Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Council Procedure By-law; and
- (3) the Community Services Committee recommend to Council the appointment of a Member of the Community Services Committee to the Sustainability Roundtable for a term of office expiring May 31, 2001, and until his or her successor is appointed, subject to this body being continued by Council.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMES FOR THE AGED.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 11, 2000)

Responding to the request of City Council to review and report on pre-existing advisory committees, working groups, and task forces under the Community Services Committee; outlining the history of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged since its establishment in 1982; and recommending that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged be continued, under the terms of reference and membership as outlined in the body of the report.

10. APPOINTMENT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMES FOR THE AGED.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 15, 2000)

Recommending that:

- (1) Ms. Sandra Kerr be approved for membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three years, with the option of an additional term as outlined in the terms of reference; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

11. PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ONTARIO WORKS DRUG TREATMENT CONSULTATION PLAN.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 13, 2000)

Providing a review of the Province of Ontario's recent announcement regarding the government's consultation plan for Mandatory Drug Treatment for social assistance recipients; and identifying a number of key issues and concerns related to the information contained in the announcement; attaching communications received from the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto and Neighbourhood Legal Services; and recommending that:

- (1) this report, and the issues identified therein, be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for their consideration;

- (2) Community and Neighbourhood Services staff participate in the Ministry's consultation process related to mandatory drug treatment, and communicate key issues and concerns to Ministry staff;
- (3) on the release of the Province's policy on mandatory drug treatment, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

12. RECOVERY OF WELFARE MONIES.

City Solicitor
(November 30, 2000)

Recommending that:

- (1) the legal steps already taken against T.L. in the recovery of a social assistance overpayment be ratified;
- (2) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle any subsequent appeal where he concludes that it is reasonable to do so, to execute any documents required in this action or any subsequent appeal, or to effect such settlement where he deems it appropriate to do so; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

13. RESPONDING TO THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN TORONTO.

Councillor Jack Layton,
Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons
(December 15, 2000)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons on November 30, 2000, identified a number of urgent issues related to people who are homeless and recommending that:

- (1) Council ask the Mayor to invoke the emergency by-law (Municipal By-law No. 47-1998) to enact the Municipal Emergency Plan in order that an appropriate plan of action be developed to immediately address the affordable housing and emergency shelter crisis in Toronto; and

- (2) Council increase the number of beds at the Princess Margaret Hospital emergency shelter to 200 - currently 120 beds are available; and further that all groups of homeless people, including single men and transgendered people, have access to the shelter (currently only single women and couples are allowed).

14. CITY OF TORONTO HOMELESS INITIATIVES FUND - ALLOCATIONS REPORT.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 14, 2000)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the 2000 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) grants in the amount of \$2,024,758.00 for 32 agencies described in Appendix "A" of this report;
- (2) Council approve a \$250,000.00 grant from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund to the United Way of Greater Toronto for the Toronto Homeless Community Economic Development Program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

15. COST REDUCTION FOR THE PROJECT "COUNTING PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND LIVING OUTSIDE".

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(December 15, 2000)

Responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on September 14, 2000, to investigate and report on more cost-effective ways to conduct the counts of people who are homeless and living outside; advising that, through a competitive Request for Proposals process, a consortium of skilled consultants was selected to conduct the project at a cost of \$101,733,00, which is \$26,267.00 under the original projected budget; and recommending that the report be received for information.

16. ELEVATOR REPAIRS AND WORK ORDER NOTIFICATIONS.

City Clerk

(December 15, 2000)

Advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on September 29, 2000, had before it a report (August 29, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services respecting elevating devices and options for notifying tenants of outstanding work orders concerning common areas of rental buildings; and that the Sub-Committee recommended that:

- (1) elevator repairs in high rise apartment buildings with one elevator be treated as a matter of immediate danger to the health and safety of residents; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to ensure that notification of all urgent property standards infractions in common areas of rental buildings be sent to all tenants in the building.

17. TORONTO BEST PRACTICES GROUP - CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION.

City Clerk

(October 3, 2000)

Advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on September 22, 2000, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that Ms. Fiona Nelson be appointed as the Children and Youth Action Committee's representative on the Toronto Best Practices Group.

18. BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB OF DOWNTOWN TORONTO.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services

(December 12, 2000)

Advising that during the 1999 grants allocation process, the United Way and the Community Services Grants Program had identified a number of performance issues with respect to the Boys and Girls' Club of Downtown Toronto; submitting an update on actions taken with regard to the previously identified performance issues; and recommending that the report be received for information.

ANY OTHER MATTERS.