

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, January 11, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, January 11, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</u>	<u>2:14 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</u>
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	x	x
Councillor Olivia Chow	x	x
Councillor Suzan Hall		x
Councillor Anne Johnston		x
Councillor Norman Kelly		x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x	x
Councillor Michael Prue		x
Councillor Michael Walker		x

Also Present:

Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Raymond Cho
Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor Kyle Rae

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Minutes of the meetings of the Community Services Committee held on December 7, 2000, were confirmed.

Councillor Duguid welcomed Councillor Suzan Hall and Councillor Anne Johnston as new members of the Community Services Committee.

**2.0 Commendation to Paramedics
Mr. Tahir Choudry and Mr. Geoff Stoodley.**

The General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, introduced Mr. Tahir Choudry, and Mr. Geoff Stoodley, Paramedics, and advised the Committee of the heroic actions taken by Mr. Choudry and Mr. Stoodley following the discovery of a fire during the early hours of the morning on December 25, 2000, at 1050 Bloor Street West.

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair of the Community Services Committee, advised that he would be submitting the following Notice of Motion, to be signed by the Mayor and Members of the Community Services Committee, to City Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, in recognition of the actions taken by Mr. Choudry and Mr. Stoodley:

"WHEREAS Tahir Choudry and Geoff Stoodley, paramedics with the City of Toronto Emergency Medical Services assigned to Ambulance Unit 7361, in the early morning hours of December 25, 2000, noticed heavy smoke emanating from the second floor of 1050 Bloor Street West; and

WHEREAS Tahir Choudry initiated a call for help from Toronto Fire Services while his partner, Geoff Stoodley, entered the building to alert and evacuate residents; and

WHEREAS while Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Toronto Fire Services were sending assistance, Tahir Choudry rendered medical care and his partner, Geoff Stoodley, awakened and directed residents to evacuate the burning building; and

WHEREAS having determined that all residents were safely outside the burning building, Tahir Choudry and Geoff Stoodley entered the adjacent buildings to alert neighbours of the fire and ensured their safety; and

WHEREAS because of the heroic actions of paramedics Tahir Choudry and Geoff Stoodley, loss of life and numerous tragedies were averted over the holiday season; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto Council, on behalf of its residents, recognize and commend paramedics Tahir Choudry and Geoff Stoodley for their selfless actions by alerting numerous residents to the fire. Their extraordinary

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rescue efforts and exceptional service stand as a hallmark for Toronto Emergency Medical Services and for the City of Toronto."

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee:

- (1) endorsed the foregoing Notice of Motion by Councillor Brad Duguid; and
- (2) expressed its sincere appreciation to Mr. Tahir Choudry and Mr. Geoff Stoodley for their heroic actions in preventing the possible loss of life of residents at 1050 Bloor Street West.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Mr. Tahir Choudry; Mr. Geoff Stoodley - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(a), Report No. 1)

2.1 Standing Committee Briefings.

The Committee received overhead slide presentations from the following on the role, responsibilities and key issues of the various Divisions under their respective Departments:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an overview on the key Works and Emergency Services staff reporting to the Community Services Committee, and on Emergency Planning;
- General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Chief.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a brief comment on the Social Housing Transfer from the Provincial Government, and

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introducing Mr. Peter Schafft, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation;

- Dr. John Metson, Chair, Board of Directors, Toronto Housing Company Inc.;

- Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Housing Company Inc.;

- General Manager, Shelter Housing and Support Division; and

- Ms. Mary Ellen Bench, City Legal Department, providing a status report on the Social Housing Transfer and the incorporation of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Community Services Committee and asked questions with respect to the aforementioned presentations:

- Councillor Pam McConnell, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, respecting Fire Services;

- Councillor Raymond Cho, Scarborough-Rouge River, respecting Fire Services and Shelter, Housing and Support; and

- Councillor Jack Layton, Broadview-Greenwood, respecting Shelter, Housing and Support; and expressing appreciation to the staff of Hostel Services and street workers for their hard work and dedication.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned overhead slide presentations; and expressed its appreciation to staff;

- (2) deferred the presentations on the role, responsibilities and key issues of the following Divisions within the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department until its next meeting to be held on February 8, 2001:
 - Children's Services;
 - Homes for the Aged;
 - Social Development and Administration; and

- Social Services; and

- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide all Members of Council and to the general public upon request with a user friendly document on the Social Housing downloading that clearly illustrates the \$170 million financial burden resulting from such downloading.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; City Solicitor - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(b), Report No. 1)

2.2 Emergency Planning - Mutual Assistance Agreements.

The Committee had before it a report (November 6, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer 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.

The Chair appointed Councillor Chow Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

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On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to adding the following new Recommendation No. (4):

“(4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the Community Services Committee once the appropriate protocols have been developed; and further that the appropriate staff be requested to ensure that those protocols maintain that any request or offer of emergency assistance must first be authorized by the Mayor, or Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor, prior to implementation.”

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief Administrative Officer
- January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 1)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

**2.3 Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System -
Six-Month Status Report.**

The Committee had before it a communication (September 21, 2000) from the City Clerk 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.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(c), Report No. 1)

2.4 Quotation for Eight Triple Combination Rescue Pumper Trucks.

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 12, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer 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.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint report.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 1)

2.5 Greater Toronto Airport Authority.

The Committee had before it a report (December 12, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services 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.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 1)

2.6 Public Access Defibrillation.

The Committee had before it a report (December 14, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services 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 the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Mike Colle, M.P.P., Eglinton/Lawrence, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and submitted a copy of his Private Member's Bill 185 "An Act to help save the lives of Ontarians who suffer from cardiac arrest by promoting the widespread availability and use of portable heart defibrillators in public spaces".

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The Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:
 - (i) the adoption of the report dated December 14, 2000, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) by adding thereto the following:

"and further that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services and other appropriate Commissioners, report to the Community Services Committee on a plan outlining the priority City-owned buildings and sites, as well as a timetable, for the future expansion of the PAD program;"

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (ii) that the former Civic Centres to be retained by the City be equipped with a PAD program by a target date of December 2001; and **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
- (iii) that City Council endorse Mr. Colle's Private Member's Bill 185 "An Act to help save the lives of Ontarians who suffer from cardiac arrest by promoting the widespread availability and use of portable heart defibrillators in public places"; and further that the Province of Ontario be requested to make defibrillation as accessible as possible; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

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- (2) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, the City Solicitor, and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to report to the Community Services Committee within six months on options to expand the PAD program into appropriate private-sector owned buildings and sites through encouragement, incentives and/or mandatory requirements. **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

(Policy and Finance Committee; Mr. Mike Colle, M.P.P.; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; City Solicitor; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(d), Report No. 1)

2.7 Toronto Emergency Medical Services - Efforts to Deal With Overcrowding of Hospital Emergency Departments.

The Committee had before it a report (December 14, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services 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.

Councillor Maria Augimeri, York Centre, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief listing a number of questions in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
- (2) referred the brief from Councillor Maria Augimeri, York Centre, to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services for consideration, with a

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request that a response thereto be included in the forthcoming report to the Community Services Committee resulting from the Fleuelling Inquest; and

- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on a regular basis with respect to the implementation of the Ten-Point Plan.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Councillor Maria Augimeri, York Centre - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 1)

2.8 Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces Established by City Council Since January 1998.

The Committee had before it a report (December 18, 2000) from the City Clerk providing for review and recommendation thereon a list of the various sub-committees, advisory committees, special committees and task forces established by City Council since 1998; and outlining recommendations in regard thereto.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (December 20, 2000) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Don Valley West, expressing her interest in serving as a member of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee; and
- (January 8, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones, Etobicoke-Lakeshore, expressing her interest in continuing as Chair of the Social Development Strategy Steering Committee.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Jane Pitfield, Don Valley West;
- Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates, respecting the Sub-Committee on Social Housing Program Reform; and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and

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- Mr. Cliff Martin, Public Housing Fightback Campaign, respecting the Sub-Committee on Social Housing Program Reform.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, unless noted otherwise, the Committee:

- (I) recommended to Council:
 - (A) that the following advisory committees and special committees be re-established:
 - (1) Aboriginal Homelessness Advisory Committee (formerly named the Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee); and further that the appointment of the citizen members referred to in Appendix II of the report of the City Clerk be reaffirmed and continue as members until new appointments are made or the Committee is disbanded;
 - (2) Advisory Committee for New Emergency Shelter Sites (membership to include Councillor representation from the Community Services Committee and Administration Committee, geographically across the City); and further that, pending approval of the Striking Committee recommendations on appointments to the Advisory Committee, the current elected members be authorized to continue meeting, due to time-sensitive issues, until such time as their successors are appointed;
 - (3) Capital Revolving Fund Reference Group; and further that the appointment of the citizen members, referred to in Appendix II of the report of the City Clerk, be reaffirmed and continue as members until new appointments are made or the Group is disbanded;

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- (4) Children and Youth Action Committee; and further that:
- (a) pending approval by Council of the Striking Committee recommendations on appointments of elected officials to the Children and Youth Action Committee, and the report requested in Recommendation No. (4)(b) below, the current Committee be authorized to continue meeting due to budgetary and time-sensitive issues, until such time as their successors are appointed; and
 - (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Children and Youth Advocate, be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the changes required to the citizen membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee to include representation of youth serving agencies to better reflect the children and youth mandate;
- (5) Council Reference Group to Oversee the Implementation of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI); and further that the composition remain as follows:
- Mayor, or his designate;
 - Chair of the Community Services Committee;
 - Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons (Elected Official);
- (6) Food and Hunger Action Committee; and further that pending approval of the Striking Committee recommendations on appointments to the Food and Hunger Action Committee, the current members be authorized to continue meeting, until such time as their successors are appointed;

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- (7) Seniors' Assembly; and further that:
- (a) the appointment of Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, as Chair be reaffirmed; and
 - (b) the 30-40 citizen membership be reported to the Community Services Committee once selection is completed;
- (8) Social Development Strategy Steering Committee; and further that:
- (a) the composition/membership be amended as follows:
 - 2 Councillors
 - Chair of the Community Services Committee,
 - Chair of the Community Safety Task Force
 - Children and Youth Advocate;
 - Seniors' Advocate;
 - Sustainability Advocate; and
 - other Community Representatives;
 - (b) the communication dated January 8, 2001, from Councillor Irene Jones indicating her desire to continue as Chair of the Steering Committee be forwarded to the Striking Committee for consideration;
- (9) Tenant Defence Sub-Committee; and further:
- (a) recommended to the Striking Committee that:
 - (i) the following Members of Council be reappointed to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

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- Councillor Walker, Chair;
- Councillor McConnell;
- Councillor Mihevc;
- Councillor Moscoe;
- Councillor Prue;
- Councillor Rae; and

(ii) the following Members of Council also be appointed to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee:

- Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski;
and
- Councillor Pitfield;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

(b) that, pending approval of the Striking Committee recommendations on appointments to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee, the current elected members be authorized to continue meeting, due to time-sensitive issues;

and further that:

- (i) the City Clerk be requested to canvass all Members of Council for their interest in being appointed to the foregoing advisory and special committees whose composition goes beyond the membership of the Standing Committee, and submit the list of interested Members to the Striking Committee to recommend the appointments to City Council, in accordance with the provision of the Council Procedure By-law; and
- (ii) the mandates/terms of reference for the foregoing advisory and special committees, as referred to in Appendix II of the report of the City Clerk, be reaffirmed;

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- (B) that the following advisory committees and special committees be disbanded:
- (1) Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes;
 - (2) Retirement and Lodging Homes Advisory Committee;
 - (3) Steering Committee to Review the Use of Motels for Homeless Families;
 - (4) Sub-Committee on Ontario Works Demonstration Projects; and
 - (5) Sub-Committee on Social Housing Program Reform, having regard that Council on December 5, 6 and 7, 2000, established an Affordable and Social Housing Committee, comprised of five Members of Council;
- (C) that a representative of the Community Services Committee be appointed to the Sustainability Roundtable for a term of office expiring on May 31, 2002, and until his or her successor is appointed, subject to the Roundtable being continued by Council; and that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to poll Members of the Committee to ascertain their interest in serving on the Roundtable, and report thereon directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001;
- (II) re-established the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee to hear appeals on the 2001/2002 grants programs under the purview of the Community Services Committee, but, due to time constraints, deferred consideration of the membership until its next meeting to be held on February 8, 2001;
- (III) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to consult with members of the Capital Revolving Fund Reference Group, and any interested Councillors, regarding the mandate, terms of reference and membership of the recently established Affordable and Social Housing Committee; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

- (IV) referred the communication dated January 11, 2001, from Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates, to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration during development of the mandate and terms of reference for the Affordable and Social Housing Committee. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jane Pitfield; Councillor Irene Jones; Mr. Vance Latchford - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 1)

2.9 Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a report (December 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 1)

2.10 Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 1)

**2.11 Provincial Announcement Regarding Ontario Works
Drug Treatment Consultation Plan.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 13, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

The Committee also had before it communications from the following in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (January 10, 2001) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair of the Community Services Committee, attaching a Globe and Mail article indicating that the Province will be scaling

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back plans to test social assistance recipients for drug use; and noting that the provincial plan to continue working towards developing enhanced treatment programs for drug addiction and to encourage those on social assistance to utilize these programs presents an opportunity for the City to engage in discussions with the Province on the most effective way to achieve that goal; and further indicating that he would submit a motion to request the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, to prepare potential recommendations to the Province in this regard; and

- (January 10, 2001) from Dr. Patrick Smith, Ph.D., Vice-President, Clinical Programs, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health attaching a copy of the Centre's position statement on mandatory drug testing and treatment of welfare recipients.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Andy Mitchell, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Matthew Perry, HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic, on behalf of the Toronto Community Legal Clinics/Social Assistance Action Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Judith Keene, on behalf of the Steering Committee on Social Assistance; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, and submitted recommendations with respect to the issue of mandatory drug testing and treatment of social assistance recipients.

The Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
- (2) that the City of Toronto support the following principles regarding the proposed Ontario Works Drug Treatment Consultation Plan, and request that the Province of Ontario ensure that:

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- (a) individuals who use drugs have the same access to welfare benefits as other residents, irrespective of whether they need or receive treatment;
- (b) substance abuse treatment is available to social assistance recipients and other socially disadvantaged individuals; and
- (c) the need for treatment is determined through clinical assessments and a strategy for treatment agreed upon jointly by the client and case manager;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (3) that the Province of Ontario be advised, in the strongest possible terms, that any proposal regarding mandatory drug treatment for social assistance recipients:
 - cannot be implemented at current service levels;
 - will not reach the majority of Ontario Works recipients experiencing substance abuse problems;
 - is unlikely to address the principal barriers to self-sufficiency even for the client group it is meant to reach;
 - singles out and stigmatizes a very vulnerable group in society and is likely to deepen the difficulties they face achieving self-sufficiency; and
 - will have an adverse effect on the quality of life in the City of Toronto by increasing homelessness and deepening the desperation of some of the City's most vulnerable residents;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc, on behalf of Councillor McConnell)

- (4) that, if the Provincial Government moves forward with any proposal that would make drug testing and treatment mandatory in order to receive

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social assistance, the Chair of the Community Services Committee and any interested Councillors form a delegation, together with agencies that provide addiction services, and other service providers serving the same client base, to present Council's position as strongly as possible; **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc, on behalf of Councillor McConnell, and amended by Councillor Duguid)**

(5) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide the delegation, referred to in the foregoing Recommendation No. (4), with information, if necessary, regarding:

- the cost of providing the addiction services at the level that would be required to comply with the proposed change in legislation;
- the availability of services for women who may need treatment, but may require child care and other supports to be able to access the service;
- the availability of services in appropriate locations and/or the impact of added cost of transportation services on Ontario Works recipients;
- the probable impact on children if mothers with substance abuse problems are removed from Ontario Works;
- the probable impact on City services resulting from increased migration of Ontario Works recipients from communities which lack addiction services to communities such as Toronto with a relatively high number of addiction services; and
- the probable impact on City services resulting from an influx of people with substance abuse problems who are removed from Ontario Works and become homeless in communities with few services for homeless people;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc, on behalf of Councillor McConnell)

(6) that, in light of the recent statement by the Minister of Community and

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Social Services that the Province is continuing to study various implementation strategies to assist social assistance recipients with overcoming drug addictions, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be requested to prepare a report providing a brief analysis of:

- drug awareness and prevention programs in Toronto;
- an assessment of their effectiveness; and
- recommendations to be forwarded to the Province to contribute and assist in any efforts to create more effective programs to encourage social assistance and others to seek treatment and overcome drug addictions; and

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (7) that, if the legislation that would make drug testing and treatment mandatory in order to receive social assistance is passed by the Province of Ontario, the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a legal report on the matter to the Community Services Committee, such report to include ways and means that the City could proceed with legal and Human Rights challenges:

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Councillor Kelly noted his opposition to the foregoing motions by Councillors Chow and Mihevc.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 1)

2.12 Recovery of Welfare Monies.

The Committee had before it a report (November 30, 2000) from the City Solicitor recommending that:

- (1) the legal steps already taken against T.L. in the recovery of a social assistance overpayment be ratified;

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- (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.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 1)

2.13 Responding to the Homeless Crisis in Toronto.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 15, 2000) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on November 30, 2000, identified a number of urgent issues related to people who are homeless, and recommended 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).

The Committee also had before it a report (January 8, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the decision to use Princess Margaret Hospital as a temporary shelter; outlining the rationale to limit the capacity to 120 beds and to focus the services on homeless women and couples; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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The Committee also had before it communications from the following in connection with the foregoing matter:

- (January 8, 2001) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Toronto Downtown, advising that a public meeting was held on December 6, 2000, at which the community was advised that the shelter at Princess Margaret Hospital would operate at a maximum of 120 beds, and that the community agreed to that number; and noting that it is important to maintain a positive and candid working relationship with the residents and retain the original number of 120 beds;
- (January 10, 2001) from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hansen expressing support for the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; and attaching a copy of a letter dated January 17, 1998, addressed to the Mayor in connection with the foregoing matter;
- (January 11, 2001) from Ms. Anne Hansen in support of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; and
- (January 11, 2001) from Mr. Graeme F. Bacque respecting the request to invoke the emergency by-law, and the issue of the use of Princess Margaret Hospital.

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, Church of the Holy Trinity, and submitted a list of names of the homeless who have passed away since 1987;
- Ms. Cathy Crowe, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, and submitted a brief in regard thereto, a copy of a Homeless Shelter Petition November 2000 signed by individuals and groups endorsing the call for 80 more shelter beds at the Princess Margaret shelter, and a copy of a report, entitled "State of the Disaster Winter 2000 - A Report on Homelessness in the City of Toronto";
- Sister Susan Morin, Mary Glen Residence;
- Mr. Clive Jones, Street Helpline, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Ruth Crammond, Regent Park Community Health Centre;

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- Mr. Charlie Diamond, Evangel Hall, and submitted a copy of "Fast Fax 2000 Rental Market Report" from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation;
- Mr. Rob Rowe, Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre;
- Ms. Laura Cowan, Executive Director, Street Health;
- Mr. Don Weitz;
- Mr. Mel Starkman;
- Ms. Alison Kemper, 519 Church Street; and
- Councillor Kyle Rae, Toronto Downtown.

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, on possible solutions to assist the parties involved in the Tent City situation on the Home Depot site at Cherry Street; and further that:
 - (i) such solutions address the concerns of City staff and the Ministry of the Environment regarding necessary health and safety standards; and
 - (ii) interested Councillors and appropriate staff be requested to assist the parties in the negotiation of such solutions;
- (2) the Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of Recommendation No. (1) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons;
 - (b) that Council support the principle of increasing the emergency shelter beds at Princess Margaret Hospital to 200; and that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be

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requested to undertake further consultation with the local community and report directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, on the results of such consultation; and

- (c) that the City of Toronto reaffirm its goal of keeping the percentage of single men in the emergency shelter system below 90 percent.

Councillor Mihevc moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommend to Council that Members of Council receive a weekly report on hostel usage in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, on:
 - (a) a comprehensive status of the City's shelter capacity for all users and in all shelter locations; and
 - (b) additional emergency measures that are possible now and in the near future, as well as resources required, to deal with the capacity issue.

Councillor Prue moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of Recommendation No. (2) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

Councillor Hall requested that each motion be voted upon separately.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (1) and (2)(c) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, they were **carried**.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2)(a) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was **lost**.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Prue, it was **lost on a tie vote**.

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Upon the question of the adoption of part (2)(b) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was **lost on a tie vote**.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mihevc, it was **carried**.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the Committee:

“The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council that:
 - (a) the City of Toronto reaffirm its goal of keeping the percentage of single men in the emergency shelter system below 90 percent; and
 - (b) Members of Council receive a weekly report on hostel usage in the City of Toronto;
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, on:
 - (a) a comprehensive status of the City's shelter capacity for all users and in all shelter locations;
 - (b) additional emergency measures that are possible now and in the near future, as well as resources required, to deal with the capacity issue;
 - (c) possible solutions to assist the parties involved in the Tent City situation on the Home Depot site at Cherry Street; and further that:
 - (i) such solutions address the concerns of City staff and the Ministry of the Environment regarding necessary health and safety standards; and
 - (ii) interested Councillors and appropriate staff be requested to assist the parties in the negotiation of such solutions; and
- (3) received Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, contained in the aforementioned communication from Councillor

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Jack Layton, Co-Chair, having regard that:

- (i) a motion by Councillor Chow to adopt Recommendation No. (1) was lost;
- (ii) a motion by Councillor Prue to adopt Recommendation No. (2) was lost on a tie vote; and
- (iii) the following motion by Councillor Chow was also lost on a tie vote:

‘Council support the principle of increasing the emergency shelter beds at Princess Margaret Hospital to 200; and that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to undertake further consultation with the local community and report directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, on the results of such consultation.’”

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Councillor Kyle Rae, Toronto Downtown; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Shelter Housing and Support - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 1)

2.14 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund - Allocations Report.

The Committee had before it a report (December 14, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

The Chair appointed Councillor Chow Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

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On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated December 14, 2000, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) report on staff plans to evaluate the effectiveness of the projects receiving City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund grants prior to the next round of grant allocations; and
 - (b) report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee on details of provincial funding commitments for street outreach and on a recommended plan to effectively utilize such funding to enhance the City's ability to encourage individuals to move from the street to shelters.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 1)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

2.15 Cost Reduction for the Project "Counting People Who Are Homeless and Living Outside".

The Committee had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

The Chair appointed Councillor Chow Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Duguid, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that the appropriate staff be requested to work with the consultant in reducing the cost of the project even further, if possible; and that the value and future of such project be reviewed following the June 2001 report on the results of the first count.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(e), Report No. 1)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

2.16 Elevator Repairs and Work Order Notifications.

The Committee had before it communication (December 15, 2000) from the City Clerk 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.

Mr. Cliff Martin, Public Housing Fightback Campaign, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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The Committee:

- (i) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the recommendations of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee contained in the aforementioned communication dated September 29, 2000, from the City Clerk, subject to such recommendations being amended to read as follows:

- “(1) elevator repairs in high rise apartment buildings, including the Toronto Housing Company and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation 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, including the Toronto Housing Company and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation buildings, be sent to all tenants in such buildings.”; and

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to the Policy and Finance Committee on January 18, 2001, on the financial impacts of implementing the recommendations, as amended, of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee.

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; c. Mr. James Ridge, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Urban Development Services; Ms. Mary Rickett, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Urban Development Services - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(f), Report No. 1)

**2.17 Toronto Best Practices Group -
Children and Youth Action Committee.**

The Committee had before it a communication (October 3, 2000) from the City Clerk 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.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 1)

2.18 Boys' and Girls' Club of Downtown Toronto.

The Committee had before it a report (December 12, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - January 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(g), Report No. 1)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chair.