

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:43 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:43 a.m - 11:55 a.m.</u>
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X
Councillor Anne Johnston	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X

Regrets:

Councillor Michael Prue

Also Present:

Councillor Frances Nunziata

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on July 5, 2001, were confirmed.

9.1 Presentation by The Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

The Committee had before it a communication (June 26, 2001) from Ms. Shannon Hill, Project Manager/Seniors' Community Liaison Worker and Mr. Randy Firth, Manager, Communications and Community Development, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, requesting the opportunity to appear before the Committee to provide a presentation on The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, its restructuring, overview of services, changes to service delivery, challenges and re-establishment of relationships with community partners.

Mr. Randy Firth, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Johnston, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned communication, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Firth for his presentation; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Works Committee, as soon as possible, on the feasibility of reprioritizing the extension of the audible/green signal on the North/South crossing at the intersection of Brentcliffe Road and Eglinton Avenue, having regard that such intersection is heavily utilized by members of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

(Mr. Randy Firth, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind;
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(a), Report No. 10)

9.2 Toronto Emergency Medical Services - 2001 Capital Works Program Status.

The Committee had before it a report (August 28, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising Council on the status of those projects found in the Council approved 2001 Capital Program for Toronto Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) and to recommend strategies for moving forward on Capital Requirements contained within the 2001 plan while clarification of provincial funding is negotiated; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve expenditure of the City Share of the 2001 cash flow found in the 2001-2005 Capital Program for Toronto Emergency Medical Services;
- (2) Toronto EMS not exceed the City of Toronto's portion of funding for any of the capital programs being considered;
- (3) Toronto EMS not enter into any project that would commit to funding outside of the City of Toronto approved portion; and
- (4) the General Manager, Toronto EMS continue to negotiate with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for their portion of the Capital Program funding.

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

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 10)

9.3 Toronto Emergency Medical Services - 2001 Capital Works Program - Purchase of Monitor Defibrillators.

The Committee had before it a report (August 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising Council of Toronto Emergency Medical Services' intent to purchase monitor defibrillators as approved in the 2001 Capital Works Program, Project #AMB000015, from a single source supplier; and recommending that:

- (1) authorization be granted for Toronto Emergency Medical Services to proceed with the purchase of forty-two monitor defibrillators and support equipment as identified in the 2001 Capital Works Program from a single source supplier Zoll Medical Corporation; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be given authority to give affect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 10)

**9.4 Toronto Emergency Medical Services'
Response Time Reduction Strategy.**

The Committee had before it a report (August 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve in principle the response time reduction strategy proposed in this report;
- (2) Toronto EMS include all costs related to this strategy in the 2002 Operating Budget request;
- (3) Toronto EMS report the status of its negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and funding subsidies related to the response time reduction strategy through the operating budget process; and
- (4) authority to proceed with implementation of this program be contingent on the receipt of funding support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and approval in the 2002 Operating Budget.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that, upon adoption by City Council, the report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding aspects during the 2002 Operating Budget process.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 10)

9.5 Update on Transfer of Care Delays on Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

The Committee had before it a report (August 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) City Council continue to endorse the efforts of Toronto Emergency Medical Services to resolve the offloading delay problem;
- (2) Toronto Emergency Medical Services continue to report on the financial impact of transfer of care delay strategies through the variance reporting process; and
- (3) Toronto Emergency Medical Services submit a report to the October Community Services Committee on the year end budget projection and results of negotiations with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

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

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 10)

9.6 Toronto Emergency Medical Services' Response to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Ten-Point Plan.

The Committee had before it a report (August 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Council continue to support Toronto Emergency Medical Services in its efforts to deal with ongoing hospital emergency department overcrowding; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 10)

9.7 Toronto Emergency Medical Services' Community Medicine Program's Response to the Recent August Heat Alert and Heat Emergency.

The Committee had before it a report (August 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Council continue to support Toronto Emergency Medical Services in the operation of the Community Medicine Program during Heat Alerts and Heat Emergencies in order to prevent illness and death associated with heat-related causes; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 10)

9.8 Update on the Toronto Fire Services' Effort to Continue the "War on Fire" Campaign.

The Committee had before it a joint report (August 27, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief responding to the request to report to the Community Services Committee on fire fatality statistics to date in 2001, together with an update on the Fire Services' effort to continue the "War on Fire" campaign; and recommending that this 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 joint report; and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief be requested to consider the viability of establishing a Special Fire Prevention Team or Teams that would, upon request:
 - conduct fire prevention evaluations in homes and workplaces;

- fireproof those locations with the proper installation of the appropriate fire prevention equipment; and
- provide public education;

that this service be provided for a fee that would be established on a cost-recovery basis, at minimum; and further that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief only report back on this request if, in their view, it is worth pursuing.

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

(Clause No. 21(b), Report No. 10)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

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

The Committee had before it a communication (July 12, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on July 12, 2001, received a joint report (June 21, 2001) 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.

The Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Chief of Police - September 14, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(c), Report No. 10)

9.10 Status Report on Retirement Homes.

The Committee had before it a report (August 9, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that the City of Toronto reiterate to the provincial government its position that the regulation of retirement homes is a provincial responsibility and continue to urge the provincial government to take leadership in developing and implementing standards of care in retirement homes.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report with a request that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the Community Services Committee on what should be included in regulations on Retirement Home Standards of Care, such report to include the limitations of existing City by-laws in this regard, and any other implications.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
c. Medical Officer of Health - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(d), Report No. 10)

(DEFERRED)

9.11 Update on the Provincial Community-Based Long-Term Care System in Toronto.

The Committee had before it a revised report (September 7, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the community-based long-term care system operating in Toronto and proposing that up to \$380,000.00 be transferred from the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) to the Homemaker and Nurses Services Program (HMNS) of the Homes for the Aged Division within the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department; and recommending that:

- (1) the City's Seniors' Advocate, the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the General Manager of Homes for the Aged meet with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to address those issues identified within this report on the community-based long-term care system operating within the City of Toronto, with priority given to the Province in establishing two funding envelopes within CCAC allocations to ensure dedicated resources are provided for long-term clients who require personal care, homemaking and social support services;

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- (2) up to \$380,000.00 in the 2002 budget process be transferred from the Community Services Grants Program to the Homemaker and Nurses Services Program of the Homes for the Aged Division within the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department to address homemaking service gaps within the City and to leverage additional 80 percent provincial dollars through the Homemakers and Nurses Services Act;
- (3) Toronto Council direct staff to revise the financial eligibility process and policies of HMNS to ensure community needs are met appropriately; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(e), Report No. 10)

9.12 Redevelopment of True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a report (August 24, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the status of the True Davidson Acres redevelopment project and to receive approval to enter into a short-term lease agreement with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care for space to accommodate approximately 125 residents during the two-phase construction of True Davidson Acres; and recommending that:

- (1) the General Manager of Homes for the Aged be authorized to negotiate and execute a lease agreement for space that would accommodate approximately 125 residents at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care with terms and conditions acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;

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- (2) the term of the lease shall not exceed three years and the cost of the lease agreement shall not exceed \$1.25 million in total. All costs (gross and net) associated with leasing space and providing care and service to residents housed at the Baycrest Centre will be absorbed within the Homes for the Aged Division's operating budget;
- (3) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) 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 the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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(Clause No. 21(f), Report No. 10)

**9.13 Access to Specialty Medical, Dental and Eye Care Services
for Residents of the Homes for the Aged.**

The Committee had before it a report (August 20, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the service agreement between the City of Toronto and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care for the provision of specialty medical and dental services to the residents of the City's Homes for the Aged be renewed for the period of July 2001 to July 2004;
- (2) the service agreement between the City of Toronto and Eye Contact for the provision of eye care to the residents of the City's Homes for the Aged be renewed for the period of July 2001 to July 2004;
- (3) the General Manager, Homes for the Aged be authorized to negotiate a further three-year extension for the agreements with both Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Eye Contact for the period July 2004 to July 2007, contingent upon continued satisfaction with the quality and scope of services by the Homes for the Aged and its residents;
- (4) the service agreements be in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor; and

- (5) 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. 7, Report No. 10)

9.14 Proposal for a Purchase of Services Agreement to Provide Supportive Housing Services at Broadview Manor.

The Committee had before it a report (August 29, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) approval be given for staff to negotiate a purchase of service agreement with Woodgreen Community Centre for the provision of personal support and homemaker services at Broadview Manor, under the supportive housing program, effective November 1, 2001;
- (2) contingent upon successful negotiations, an initial hourly rate be set at a level that is equitable to the rate paid to comparative contracted service providers currently under contract with the supportive housing program;
- (3) the 2002 rate be negotiated when the 2002 purchase of service agreements are signed;
- (4) the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, be given authority to execute the annual purchase of service agreements in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 10)

9.15 Report on a Study to Review the Levels of Services and Responses to Need in a Sample of Ontario Long-Term Care Facilities and Selected Comparators.

The Committee had before it a report (August 27, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a summary of the issues identified in and arising from the level of care study released in June 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto reiterate its strong concern to the provincial government regarding the inadequacy of the funding for long-term care facilities;
- (2) the City of Toronto request that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care increase its base funding to long-term care facilities by a minimum of 20-25 percent over the next three years, with the majority of the increases targeted to the nursing and therapy envelopes;
- (3) the City of Toronto reiterate its position that legitimate cost differentials must be addressed in the funding formula for long-term care facilities;
- (4) the City of Toronto request that all temporary funds established to address cost differentials, such as the high wage transition fund, be continued until a permanent funding solution is found and implemented; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 10)

9.16 Long-Term Care Bed Awards from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The Committee had before it a report (August 24, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising of recent events within the long-term care sector, in which awardees returned beds awarded through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Request for Proposals process, indicating that they would not be proceeding with the design, construction and operation of long-term care beds; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(g), Report No. 10)

9.17 Debriefing Meeting with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Regarding the Unsuccessful Proposed Scarborough Southwest (Ward 35) Home for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a report (August 20, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing feedback from the debriefing meeting with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care related to the unsuccessful proposal for the proposed Scarborough Home for the Aged; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Duguid, seconded by Councillor Johnston, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council that the Mayor of the City of Toronto, the Chair of the Community Services Committee, the Seniors' Advocate, and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services write to the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in support of the Regional Municipality of York's request to remove the bias in the evaluation system for awarding long-term care beds in Ontario in any future bed allocations; and
- (2) received the report dated August 20, 2001, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 10)

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

9.18 Homes for the Aged - Uncollectible Account.

The Committee had before it a report (August 23, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Homes for the Aged Division to write-off the arrears accumulated on behalf of S.S. while she was a resident at Lakeshore Lodge; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 10)

**9.19 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund
Allocations Report: Funding Renewals.**

The Committee had before it a report (August 27, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) grants in the amount of \$4,335,348.00 for 63 agencies as described in Appendix "A" of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

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

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 10)

9.20 Social Housing Services Corporation.

The Committee had before it a report (August 28, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the establishment by the Province of Ontario, under the Social Housing Reform Act 2000, of the Province-wide Social Housing Services Corporation; and recommending that:

- (1) staff monitor the activities and performance of the Social Housing Services Corporation and report back on an annual basis;
- (2) since the Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC) is mandated under the Social Housing Reform Act 2000 (SHRA), Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to involve the City in the process leading to the creation of a member controlled Social Housing Services Corporation; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report;
and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on October 2, 2001, on how much extra it will cost the City of Toronto, having regard that the City Housing Companies are prohibited by the provincial legislation to join the City in the bulk purchase of natural gas or electricity.

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

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 10)

9.21 Update on and Future Directions for the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI).

The Committee had before it a report (August 28, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on activities under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), to set directions for the remaining duration of the program, and to seek authority to implement new activities and initiatives; and recommending that:

- (1) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to amend current contracts where necessary to cover the cost of project audits for a total amount not exceeding \$50,000.00;
- (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to approve contract extensions to March 31, 2003, of projects currently funded under the SCPI Homeless Programs and Services envelope that are meeting their goals and objectives as determined by the Acting Commissioner to an amount not exceeding \$2.4 million;
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to approve specific projects under the “Meeting the Needs of People At-risk”, “Improving the Effectiveness of Services”, and “Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing” funding categories in the Community Planning and Research envelope for a combined total amount not exceeding \$750,000.00, as specified in Appendix C of this report;
- (4) up to \$180,000.00 from the SCPI Community Planning and Research envelope be allocated to three community research projects as recommended in Appendix G of the report;
- (5) up to \$360,000.00 be allocated for one-time planning, development and minor capital costs of the Sherbourne Health Centre Infirmity Project for homeless people, conditional on the City receiving formal agreement from the Provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for funding of ongoing capital and operating costs of the program, an approved budget and workplan and subject to the project receiving all required planning approvals;
- (6) the Chair of the Community Services Committee write to the Federal Minister Responsible for Homelessness outlining the challenges in meeting the funding deadline of SCPI and requesting flexibility in this regard; and

- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 10)

9.22 Funding Strategies to Mitigate Social Housing Devolution Risks.

The Committee had before it a joint report (August 24, 2001) from the Acting Chief Financial Officer and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services identifying the various financial risks associated with the administration and funding of social housing (municipal, private non-profit and co-operative), resulting from social housing devolution, and recommending the establishment of two reserve funds as partial strategies to mitigate such financial risks; and recommending that:

- (1) Council establish the following two reserve funds:
- (a) Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund, to mitigate the financial exposure associated with Social Housing Devolution, including the following purposes:
 - (i) for stabilization of in-year variances as well as unanticipated year-to-year expenditure fluctuations, to help minimize or phase in their impacts on the property tax rate;
 - (ii) to supplement funds for capital repairs, in regard to urgent needs or phase-in toward higher funding levels; and
 - (iii) to fund other potential liabilities as they arise;
 - (b) Housing Property Title Normalization Reserve Fund, the purpose of which is to provide funding to mitigate a potential financial liability to the City arising from the need to analyze and rectify real estate title irregularities for properties transferred by the Province to the Metro Toronto Housing Corporation (MTHC) under the Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA);

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- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) be amended by adding the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and the Housing Property Title Normalization Reserve Fund to Schedule C (Discretionary Reserve Funds);
- (3) an initial contribution of \$24.01 million be made to the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund, from \$17.96 million one-time Federal funds received in 2001 and from the \$6.05 million savings now available from an over-accrual of 2000 payments to the Province;
- (4) as a policy governing future contributions to the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund, the following funds be transferred to it:
 - (a) any future federal or provincial payments targeted to capital repair of social housing, relief of impacts from mortgage interest or RGI revenue shortfall, or other purposes consistent with the purposes of this reserve fund and not otherwise specifically earmarked;
 - (b) any occasional or periodic provincial payments of federal or other housing funds, above and beyond budgeted or planned payments of such funds to offset ongoing subsidy costs; and
 - (c) such other funds as Council may determine from time to time;
- (5) an amount of \$600,000.00, being a portion of the \$1,259,000.00 restructuring funding received from the Province, be contributed into the Housing Property Title Normalization Reserve Fund, and other funds as Council may in future direct;
- (6) Council request the Province of Ontario to provide funding to the City for the City's subsidy (after GTA equalization) in regard to any significant year-to-year difference in mortgage payments arising from mortgage rate increases at rollover; any significant year-to-year decline in rent-geared-to-income (RGI) revenue; and all unfunded future capital repair liabilities as determined by studies being undertaken by the Province and the City;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Province, as information accompanying the request for such funding; and

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- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:
- (a) the adoption of the joint report (August 24, 2001) from the Acting Chief Financial Officer and Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the funding strategies to mitigate Social Housing devolution risks; and
 - (b) that the Chair of the Community Services Committee write to the appropriate Provincial Ministers advising that, if the Province is not willing to commit to assisting further in addressing the financial risks to the City of Toronto inherent in the downloading of the social housing portfolio, the City of Toronto places the Provincial Government on notice that the future of the social housing portfolio will be jeopardized when these risks are realized and the Province will be held responsible; and

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (2) referred the following motion by Councillor Chow to the Acting Chief Financial Officer and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that they report thereon directly to the Policy and Finance Committee for its meeting on September 20, 2001:

“That Recommendation No. (1)(a) contained in the joint report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be amended by adding thereto the following:

- ‘(iv) to fund regeneration of existing social housing and development of additional affordable rent geared-to-income units;’.”

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

(Policy and Finance Committee; Acting Chief Financial Officer; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; Mr. Len Brittain, Director, Treasury and Financial Services - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(h), Report No. 10)

9.23 Settlement-Related Services Funded or Provided by the City of Toronto.

The Committee had before it a report (August 15, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request to provide an outline of the services that the City of Toronto funds or provides that would be considered “settlement-related services”; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

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

(Clause No. 21(i), Report No. 10)

9.24 Ontario Disability Support Program Impacts.

The Committee had before it a report (August 9, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the key impacts associated with the implementation of the Ontario Disability Support Program; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Social Services for review;

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- (2) the Minister be requested to address the key impacts related to the implementation of the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) in Toronto enumerated in the report, namely:
 - (i) issues affecting Ontario Works (OW) clients' ability to access the program, including concerns related to the new definition of disability, to the complexity of the ODSP eligibility determination process, and to the availability of resources and supports needed to assist disabled individuals with applying for ODSP; and
 - (ii) issues affecting Toronto Social Services' delivery of the Ontario Works program delivery; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

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

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 10)

9.25 Christmas Bureau.

The Committee had before it a report (August 3, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the establishment of a more formal funding arrangement that will sustain the Christmas Program Bureau in the future; indicating that the Toronto Social Services' 2002 Operating Budget submission will include a specific provision for a funding allocation of \$135,000.00 gross, \$67,500.00 net, to the Christmas Bureau for review during the 2002 budget process; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council reaffirm its commitment to the continuation of the City's annual Christmas Bureau Program; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that, upon adoption by City Council, the report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding aspects during the 2002 Operating Budget process.

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 10)

9.26 2001 Social Assistance Caseload - July Year-To-Date.

The Committee had before it a report (August 8, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a status update on the 2001 Social Assistance caseload July year-to-date; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c.
General Manager, Social Services - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(j), Report No. 10)

9.27 Requests for One-Time Funding Support.

The Committee had before it a report (August 28, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of \$40,000.00 from the Community Services envelope of the Consolidated Grants Budget to support requests for one-time funding to six community organizations; and recommending that:

- (1) Community Information Fairview be allocated a one-time grant of \$15,000.00 to sustain operations while new organizational systems for financial stability and service management are established;
- (2) Community Information Fairview substantially implement its strategic plan recommendations and demonstrate its financial viability before receiving further funding from the City of Toronto;
- (3) West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services and Thistletown Community

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- Services Unit each be allocated a one-time grant of \$7,000.00 to cover costs associated with their joint restructuring;
- (4) North York Harvest Food Bank be allocated a one-time adjustment of \$3,300.00 to align the fiscal year of the organization's City grant with the Community Services Grants Program funding cycle;
 - (5) West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre be allocated a one-time grant of \$2,000.00 to cover legal costs associated with their merger with Scarborough Crossroads Family Resource Centre;
 - (6) Harmony Hall Centre for Seniors be allocated a one-time grant of \$5,700.00 to cover costs associated with the development of improved organizational systems necessary to its community role; and
 - (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 10)

**9.28 Community Services Grants Program -
2001/2002 Program Update.**

The Committee had before it a report (August 16, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the ongoing refinement and alignment of the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) with other City grants programs; and recommending that:

- (1) staff continue the implementation of the CSGP funding framework initiated in 1999;
- (2) the revisions to the CSGP eligibility and assessment criteria be approved as outlined in this report; and
- (3) appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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- Ms. Sheila Cram, Bloor Information and Life Skills Centre;
- Ms. Susan Fletcher, on behalf of Toronto Neighbourhood Centres, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Russ Ford, Lakeshore Area Multiservice Project; and
- Ms. Marion Newrick, Community Information Centre for the City of York, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and

(Motion by Councillor Kelly)

- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the following motions:

- (a) that the Province of Ontario, the Federal Government, the United Way, and representatives of private foundations be invited to a summit to be held at Toronto City Hall in an effort to:

- develop a resolution to the funding issues facing community organizations;
- create stable, adequate, long-term core funding; and
- co-ordinate funding sources; and

(Motion by Councillor Kelly with amendments by Councillor Chow)

- (b) that the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to invite experts, e.g., academics, research foundations, etc. in the field of social services, to a special meeting of the Community Services Committee to discuss the funding issues affecting grants; and

(Motion by Councillor Kelly)

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(3) referred the briefs submitted by Ms. Susan Fletcher, on behalf of the Toronto Neighbourhood Centres, and Ms. Marion Newrick, Community Information Centre for the City of York, to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the Joint City-Community Task Force on Stable Core Funding for the Community Sector for review and integration into their recommendations, paying special attention to:

- reserves;
- administrative or core funding; and
- multi-year funding beyond two years.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Sheila Cram, Bloor Information and Life Skills Centre; Ms. Susan Fletcher, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres; Mr. Russ Ford, Lakeshore Area Multiservice Project; Ms. Marion Newrick, Community Information Centre for the City of York - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 10)

9.29 City Intervention in Rogers v. Sudbury Case.

The Committee had before it a joint report (August 23, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor responding to the request of Council to report to the Community Services Committee on the merits of the City intervening in the case of Rogers v. The Administrator of Ontario Works for the City of Greater Sudbury and Attorney General of Ontario, which pertains to a ban on the receipt of social assistance following a conviction for social assistance fraud; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council that the City of Toronto reiterate its opposition to the provincial government's lifetime social assistance ban for those convicted of fraud, as the policy is unduly harsh, unnecessarily punitive and will have serious implications for families and children on social assistance.

(Clause No. 19, Report No. 10)

**9.30 Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Pilot Project:
Review of Contract and Financial Reconciliation.**

The Committee had before it the following reports:

- (July 5, 2001) from the City Auditor responding to the request of the Committee on March 29, 2001, to report on the results of the review of the Learning Enrichment Foundation's contract and financial reconciliation; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services finalize the financial reconciliation with the Learning Enrichment Foundation in accordance with the payment terms of the contract and as outlined in this report;
 - (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services review the Department's current arrangements with service providers with a view to ensuring that no significant advances are made to agencies without sufficient safeguards to minimize the financial risk to the City; and
 - (3) this report be forwarded to the Audit Committee for information; and
- (August 23, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the findings and recommendations of the City Auditor's report, entitled "Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Pilot Project: Review of Contract and Financial Reconciliation," dated July 5, 2001; noting that Toronto Social Services supports and concurs with the findings and recommendations of the City Auditor; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted correspondence dated September 5, 2001, addressed to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the response thereto dated September 10, 2001.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee deferred consideration of the report dated July 5, 2001, from the City Auditor, the report dated August 23, 2001, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the correspondence submitted by Councillor Frances Nunziata, until the October 18, 2001, meeting of the Community Services Committee; and directed that:

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- (a) the appropriate staff of Toronto Social Services be encouraged to meet with the Learning Enrichment Foundation in an attempt to resolve the dispute; and
- (b) any other contracts or relationships with the Learning Enrichment Foundation not be affected during resolution of such dispute.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Eunice Grayson, Executive Director, The Learning Enrichment Foundation; Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 22, York South-Weston; Councillor Frank DiGiorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston; Councillor Anne Johnston, Ward 16, Eglinton-Lawrence; Councillor David Miller, Ward 13, Parkdale-High Park; c. General Manager, Toronto Social Services - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(k), Report No. 10)

(DEFERRED)

9.31 Delivery of Information, Counselling and Referral on Workplace Issues Service Formerly Offered by the Worker's Information and Action Centre of Toronto.

The Committee had before it a report (August 15, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the delivery of Information, Counselling and Referral on Workplace Issues Service formerly offered by the Worker's Information and Action Centre of Toronto for 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) Parkdale Community Legal Services be allocated the \$60,000.00 from the Grants Contingency account for the provision of the Information, Counselling and Referral on Workplace Issues Service; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 20, Report No. 10)

9.32 Response to the Jordan Heikamp Jury Inquest Recommendations.

The Committee had before it a communication (July 17, 2001) from the Secretary, Board of Health advising that the Board of Health on July 16, 2001, had before it a report (July 4, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health responding to the recommendations from the Jordan Heikamp Jury Inquest pertaining to Public Health; and that the Board directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee and the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned communication from the Secretary, Board of Health; and
- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee prior to the 2002 Operating Budget process on:
 - (a) the Coroner's Jury Recommendation No. 17 "that the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the City of Toronto should look at the feasibility of opening another shelter like Robertson House with similar services and programs"; and
 - (b) the status of the City's success in requesting the Province to pay full cost for this proposed "Jordan House" shelter, and to increase the per diem in regard thereto.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health c. Secretary, Board of Health; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - September 11, 2001)

(Clause No. 21(l), Report No. 10)

9.33 Attack on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon.

The General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services provided a verbal update on the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and advised that both Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Toronto Fire Services had made offers to assist the New York Emergency Services should such

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assistance be required.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Chair.