

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, October 18, 2001

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, October 18, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

	<u>9:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</u>	<u>2:12 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.</u>
Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair	x	x
Councillor Olivia Chow	x	x
Councillor Suzan Hall	x	x
Councillor Anne Johnston	x	x
Councillor Norman Kelly	x	x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x	x
Councillor Michael Walker	x	x

Also Present:

Councillor Frank Di Giorgio
Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Frances Nunziata

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on September 11, 2001, were confirmed.

10.1 Scheduling Process Review - Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 21, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Audit Committee on September 21, 2001, received a report (August 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the Scheduling Process Review for Toronto Emergency Medical Services, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(a), Report No. 12)

10.2 Toronto Emergency Medical Services - Console Dispatch System.

The Committee was advised that the report on the Console Dispatch System for Toronto Emergency Medical Services will be submitted to a future meeting.

10.3 Staffing Requirements for Fire Apparatus - Toronto Fire Services.

The Committee had before it a joint report (October 9, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief responding to requests to provide the Community Services Committee and Council with a report on the implications of hiring an additional 55 firefighters; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community Services Committee reconfirm its support for the hiring of an additional 55 firefighters.
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for a decision on hiring the 55 firefighters, either:
 - (i) immediately through pre-authorization of the increased 2002 Operating Budget requirements of \$2,796,505.00 in salaries and benefits; or,
 - (ii) by April 2, 2002, through approval in the budget process, resulting in

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increased 2002 Operating Budget requirements of \$2,090,520.00 in salaries and benefits.

Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston, appeared before the Community Services Committee in support of the hiring of the additional 55 firefighters.

Councillor Kelly moved that an additional 55 firefighters be hired, and that the funding for these positions be found in both the Community and Neighbourhood Services and Works and Emergency Services envelopes that come under the purview of the Community Services Committee.

Councillor Chow moved that the funding for the hiring of the additional 55 firefighters be provided through a tax increase.

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

Councillor Duguid moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee, the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and 2(i) contained in the joint report dated October 9, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief respecting the hiring of an additional 55 firefighters;
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee as soon as the Provincial and the Federal Governments respond to the Mayor's request for funding for Emergency Preparedness measures; and
- (3) Toronto Fire Services be commended on the drop in absenteeism enabling additional fire trucks to be available for every shift.

Councillor Duguid resumed the Chair.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow be deferred until the 2002 Operating Budget Process.

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Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Kelly, it was **lost** on the following recorded vote.

FOR: Councillor Kelly

AGAINST: Councillors Chow, Duguid, Hall, Johnston, Mihevc and Walker.

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

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (2) and (3) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, they were **carried**.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Duguid, it was **carried** unanimously on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillor Chow, Duguid, Hall, Johnston, Kelly, Mihevc and Walker.

AGAINST: Nil

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

“The Community Services Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee, the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and 2(i) contained in the joint report dated October 9, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief respecting the hiring of an additional 55 firefighters;
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee as soon as the Provincial and the Federal Governments respond to the Mayor’s request for funding for Emergency Preparedness measures;

- (3) deferred consideration of the following motion by Councillor Chow until the 2002 Operating Budget process:

“That the funding for the hiring of the additional 55 firefighters be provided through a tax increase.”; and

- (4) commended Toronto Fire Services on the drop in absenteeism enabling additional fire trucks to be available for every shift.”

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Budget Advisory Committee; Fire Chief - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(b), Report No. 12)

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

The Committee had before it the following reports and communication:

- (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 Acting 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;
- (August 23, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the findings and recommendations of the City Auditor’s report, titled “Learning Enrichment Foundation Demonstration Pilot Project: Review of Contract and Financial Reconciliation,” dated July 5, 2001, noting that Toronto

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- Social Services supports and concurs with the findings and recommendations of the City Auditor; and recommending that this report be received for information; and
- from Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston, submitting correspondence dated September 5, 2001, addressed to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and the response thereto dated September 10, 2001, respecting the Learning Enrichment Foundation.

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

- Ms. Eunice Grayson, Executive Director, and Mr. Joe Valvasori, Learning Enrichment Foundation; and
- Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12, York South-Weston.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Mihevc moved that the Committee recess to meet privately to give consideration to the aforementioned matter, having regard that the subject matter may involve litigation or potential litigation, in accordance with Section 55.7 of the Municipal Act, which was carried.

The Committee recessed at 4:35 p.m. to meet in camera.

Members Present:

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Michael Walker

Also Present:

Councillor Frank Di Giorgio

The Committee adjourned its private meeting at 5:40 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the following members in attendance.

Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Norman Kelly
Councillor Joe Mihevc

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Councillor Michael Walker

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated July 5, 2001, from the City Auditor;
 - (b) that the City establish a gradual repayment program, interest free, with the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF), including in kind service possibilities, such that it would minimize the economic hardship on LEF, in order to resolve the financial difference between the City of Toronto and LEF, namely the 246 unsuccessful participants as identified in the report of the City Auditor; and
 - (c) that this proposed repayment program be approved by both the City Auditor and the City Solicitor; and
- (2) received the report dated August 23, 2001, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the correspondence submitted by Councillor Frances Nunziata.

The following motion by Councillor Mihevc, on behalf of Councillor Di Giorgio, was voted on and **lost**.

“That the City abandon its claim on the condition that the Learning Enrichment Foundation abandons its claim.”

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 12)

10.5 Revised Rate for Indigent Funerals.

The Committee had before it a report (October 3, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising of the intent to include a 5.1 percent increase in funeral service rates for indigent persons in the Toronto Social Services 2002 Operating Budget submission; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2002 Operating Budget process; and

- (2) 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 the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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(Clause No. 17(c), Report No. 12)

10.6 Funders Summit.

The Committee had before it a report (October 3, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on September 11, 2001, to report regarding the calling of a Funders Summit and the holding of a special meeting of the Community Services Committee to discuss the funding issues affecting grants; and recommending that:

- (1) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services convene a meeting of relevant funding bodies with the objective of identifying strategies to address the funding issues facing community organizations; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 12)

10.7 Construction of a New Home for the Aged, Burnhamthorpe Road and the West Mall - Tender Call No. 212-2001, Ward 3-Etobicoke Centre.

The Committee had before it a joint report (October 3, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Acting Chief Financial Officer, and the Acting Chief Administrative Officer recommending that Tender Call No. 212-2001 for construction of a new Home for the Aged at Burnhamthorpe Road and The West Mall, be awarded to Buttcon Limited in the total amount of \$22,862,319.00 including all taxes and

charges, being the lowest tender received.

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

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 12)

10.8 Special Grant from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Replace Medical Equipment.

The Committee had before it a report (October 2, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advising that each of the ten Homes for the Aged will receive a one-time grant from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to replace medical equipment; and recommending that:

- (1) the special grant of \$1,155,308.00, which represents the total of the various grants received by each of the ten Homes for the Aged, be transferred to and administered through the HFA Capital Reserve Fund;
- (2) expenditures be processed, in accordance with the MOHLTC requirements, in a manner that ensures delivery of the equipment by the MOHLTC deadline; and
- (3) 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; and further that Council waive the requirements under the pertinent sections of Chapter 195 of the Toronto Municipal Code pertaining to Purchasing for the purpose of acquiring the replacement medical equipment associated with the grant outlined in the report by allowing the sole sourcing of the equipment, as necessary, to complete the purchasing and delivery within the provincial timeframe.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 12)

10.9 Compensation for Medical Directors and Attending Physicians in the Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a report (October 2, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the current compensation arrangements for Medical Directors and Attending Physicians in long-term care facilities and seeking support for a resolution adopted by The Corporation of the County of Hastings, wherein it recommends “that the Province of Ontario appropriately increase the daily rate allotted to Medical Directors at Long-Term Care Facilities and provide subsidy for doctors working in geriatric care”; and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto Council support the resolution of The Corporation of The County of Hastings, as outlined in this report, in its request that the Province of Ontario increase its compensation to physicians working in long-term care facilities; and
- (2) 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; and further that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Ontario Medical Association for information.

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 12)

10.10 “Good Nursing, Good Health: A Good Investment”, The Report of the Joint Provincial Nursing Committee, Summer 2001.

The Committee had before it a report (October 3, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a summary of the information contained in the report of the Joint Provincial Nursing Committee, entitled “Good Nursing, Good Health: A Good Investment”, its impact and its application to the Homes for the Aged Division; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council communicate its concern to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care about the inequity of funding between the acute care and the long-term care sector, and the resultant negative impact on the long-term care sector’s ability to attract and retain registered nurses;

- (2) City Council request an increase in MOHLTC funding provided in the nursing and personal care envelope, thus enabling future adjustments in the registered nurses salary levels within the long-term care and community care sectors in order to support successful recruitment and retention;
- (3) representatives of the Homes for the Aged Division meet with CUPE Local 79 to discuss the feasibility of an “internship” position, with the objective of attracting new graduates to the Homes for the Aged Division and the feasibility of participating in the CARE project for nurses, with the objective of attracting foreign-trained nurses to the Homes for the Aged Division; and
- (4) 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:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Ontario Medical Association for information; and **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (2) that the Seniors’ Advocate and the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to meet with the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the funding inequities between the acute and long-term care sectors. **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 12)

10.11 Request for Expenditure from the Residents’ Interest Reserve Fund - Purchase of Bus for Kipling Acres Home for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 14, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on September 14, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (August 15, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged recommending that:

- (1) approval be given for a one-time expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$26,560.00 from the Residents’ Interest Reserve Fund, in order to purchase a new wheelchair accessible bus to enhance the quality of life for Adult Day Program clients and residents of Kipling Acres Home for the Aged; 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 recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 12)

10.12 Accreditation Report - True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 14, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on September 14, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (August 15, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the Canadian Council on Health Service Accreditation Survey conducted at True Davidson Acres from January 24 to 26, 2001, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for information;
- (2) management, staff and volunteers of True Davidson Acres be congratulated on this significant achievement; and
- (3) acknowledgement be given to the fact that this award is particularly noteworthy in that True Davidson Acres received such a positive report, given that it is one of the first facilities to be surveyed with the revised standards and criteria called Achieving Improved Measurement (AIM).

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and extended its congratulations to the management, staff, volunteers, and Home Advisory Committee at True Davidson Acres.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, True Davidson Acres - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(d), Report No. 12)

**10.13 Accreditation Report - Castleview Wychwood Towers
Home for the Aged.**

The Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on October 5, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (September 18, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the Canadian Council on Health Service Accreditation Survey conducted at Castleview Wychwood Towers from May 13 to 16, 2001, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) management, staff and volunteers of Castleview Wychwood Towers be congratulated on this significant achievement.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and extended its congratulations to the management, staff, volunteers, and Home Advisory Committee at Castleview Wychwood Towers.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Castleview Wychwood Towers - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(e), Report No. 12)

10.14 Accreditation Report - Seven Oaks Home for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on October 5, 2001, recommended the adoption of a report (September 18, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the Canadian Council on Health Service Accreditation Survey conducted at Seven Oaks Home for the Aged from May 9 to 11, 2001, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for information; and
- (2) management, staff and volunteers of Seven Oaks be congratulated on this significant achievement.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee received the aforementioned communication; and extended its congratulations to the management, staff, volunteers, and Home Advisory Committee at Seven Oaks.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Seven Oaks - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(f), Report No. 12)

10.15 Fourth Annual “Night of Knights”.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on October 5, 2001, had before it a report (September 26, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the fourth annual “Night of Knights” being planned for January 10, 2002, at Castleview Wychwood Towers; and that the Advisory Committee directed that a copy of such report be referred to the Community Services Committee for information.

The Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned communication; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (2) directed that:

- (a) the Chair of the Community Services Committee be requested to send a letter expressing appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for its ongoing support; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (b) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to determine how best to recognize the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, and to report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Motion by Councillor Kelly)

(Councillor Brad Duguid, Chair, Community Services Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(g), Report No. 12)

10.16 “Just For Families” A Series of Information Brochures for Family Members - Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on October 5, 2001, had before it a report (September 19, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged respecting the implementation of a new initiative whereby the Homes for the Aged Division is producing and distributing information brochures, entitled “Just For Families”, for the families of residents; that the Advisory Committee received such report and directed that it be referred to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(h), Report No. 12)

10.17 Recommendations for Provincial Off the Street, Into Shelter Homelessness Initiative: High-Support Street Outreach Funding.

The Committee had before it a report (October 3, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the City provide \$965,575.00 in Off the Street, Into Shelter Homelessness Initiative (OSIS) funding and enter into service agreements with the agencies recommended for funding in Appendix A of this report to deliver high-support street outreach, with the funding to be divided into two components:
 - (a) \$665,575.00 of the OSIS funding for operating funding;
 - (b) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to provide OSIS funding for capital requirements necessary for the delivery of high-support street outreach to the agencies recommended for funding in Appendix A, to an amount not exceeding \$300,000.00 in total, or \$70,000.00 per individual agency; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed 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. 2, Report No. 12)

10.18 Emergency Shelter Capacity.

The Committee had before it the following communications and report:

- (October 4, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on September 19, 2001, received a presentation from staff regarding the estimated shortage of 200 beds in the single adult and youth emergency shelter system, and that, while the Advisory Committee understands that City staff have committed to finding space for 200 extra shelter beds for this winter, the Advisory Committee feels it is important to emphasize the need to expedite this search to ensure the beds are in place before the cold weather arrives;

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- (October 17, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood describing the process for reporting out on initiatives to increase hostel capacity and noting that the Shelter, Housing and Support Division will be providing the Community Services Committee with a detailed report for its meeting on November 15, 2001; and
- (October 15, 2001) from the Reverend Bruce McLeod, former moderator of the United Church of Canada.

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

- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, Church of the Holy Trinity;
- Ms. Cathy Crowe and Ms. Musonda Kidd, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee;
- Mr. James Kagoshima, Homeless person; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) adopted the following motion:

"WHEREAS Toronto City Council passed a motion at its meeting on October 2, 3 and 4, 2001, committing to a goal whereby everyone who requires a bed has access to such a bed and that this goal be implemented as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS the City's Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons heard from City staff that, based upon a projected demand of 3,400 beds this winter, the Shelter, Housing and Support Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department anticipates that this winter it will be short an estimated 200 beds in the single and adult youth system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee on the plan to address the 200 bed shortfall in shelter capacity, such report to address resources required to find sites and to fully establish new shelter beds by year end or sooner.";

- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) closely monitor the shelter capacity issue and that in the event that the 3,400 shelter beds are found to be insufficient to accommodate shelter needs he report to the Community Services Committee on immediate action that can be taken to add additional capacity; and
 - (b) report to the Community Services Committee on the feasibility of opening warming centres for the homeless; and
- (3) received the communication from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, and the report from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Ms. Tanya Gulliver; Ms. Cathy Crowe; Reverend Bruce McLeod; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(i), Report No. 12)

10.19 Options for Homes Housing Development Model.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 4, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on September 19, 2001, heard presentations from Options for Homes on its development model for affordable home ownership for low-income people; indicating that the Advisory Committee endorsed the model as one form of development that could contribute to the affordable housing stock in Toronto; and that the Advisory Committee recommended that the Community Services Committee be requested to:

- (1) endorse the Options for Homes model for affordable home ownership as one part of the spectrum of housing development strategies to increase the affordable housing stock in Toronto; and
- (2) recommend that the City, through the Let's Build program, undertake a demonstration project to test the feasibility of the Options for Homes home ownership model to produce affordable housing for low-income people.

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

- Mr. David Parker, Chair, The Caring Alliance, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Michel Labbe, Options for Homes; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Committee:

- (1) referred the aforementioned communication to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that he report to the Community Services Committee on the proposed housing development model by Options for Homes; and

- (2) expressed appreciation to Mr. Labbe for his presentation.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Mr. David Parker, Chair, The Caring Alliance; Mr. Michel Labbe, Options for Homes; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(j), Report No. 12)

10.20 Delegation to Meeting of Housing Ministers in Quebec City.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 4, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on September 29, 2001, recommended that the Community Services Committee be requested to endorse the following actions:

- (1) that City Council send a delegation to the November 28-30, 2001, meeting of provincial and federal housing ministers in Quebec City to be comprised of City Councillors, City staff, community housing advocates and people who are homeless; and
- (2) that City Council agree to provide funding, through the Shelter, Housing and Support Division budget, for the associated transportation, accommodation and food costs for the delegation, not to exceed \$7,500.00, and subject to a review of the budget by appropriate City staff.

Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, contained in the attached communication dated October 4, 2001, from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, subject to such recommendations being amended to read as follows:

- “(1) that City Council send a delegation, comprised of City Councillors, City staff, and representatives of the City’s Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, to the November 28-30, 2001, meeting of provincial and federal housing ministers in Quebec City; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (2) that funds be provided from the Shelter, Housing and Support Division budget to cover the cost of the delegates’ rental bus, a meal for the outbound and return journeys, and the inclusion of an organizer, up to a maximum of \$7,500.00.”

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

(Policy and Finance Committee; Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(k), Report No. 12)

10.21 Response to Recommendations in the Centre For Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA), “Hugh Burnett Report on Discrimination and Systemic Barriers in Accessing Rental Housing”.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 6, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Administration Committee on September 6, 2001:

- (I) concurred with Recommendation No. (1) embodied in the report (August 9, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the response to recommendations in the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation “Hugh Burnett Report on Discrimination and Systemic Barriers in

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Accessing Rental Housing”, subject to adding thereto the following words “and both Committees be requested to consider what steps the City can take to address the issues raised in the aforementioned report, and by Mr. M. S. Mwarigha, Program Director, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation, who appeared before the Administration Committee respecting this matter” so that Recommendation No. (1) now reads as follows:

- “(1) this report be forwarded to Community Services Committee and the Tenant Defence Fund Sub-Committee for consideration, and both Committees be requested to consider what steps the City can take to address the issues raised in the report on Discrimination and Systemic Barriers in Accessing Rental Housing, and by Mr. M.S. Mwarigha, Program Director, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation who appeared before the Administration Committee respecting this matter;” and
- (II) recommended to the Community Services Committee and the Tenant Defence Fund Sub-Committee, the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (5) embodied in the aforementioned report.

The Committee also had before it a communication (October 1, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on September 26, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee and Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (5) embodied in the report (August 9, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to adding the following:

- (1) that the proposed new priority categories for tenant selection be reviewed by the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee prior to consideration by the Community Services Committee and Council;
- (2) that welfare workers be provided with training to make them aware of tenant issues so that they may provide information and support to tenants;
- (3) that the City conduct an access audit to ensure that the current chronological list is in fact being adhered to; and
- (4) that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on a draft eviction strategy prepared by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, prior to its submission to the Community Services Committee and Council.

Mr. John Fraser, Program Co-ordinator, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing

matter.

The Committee:

- (I) recommended to Council:
- (a) the adoption of the following Recommendations Nos. (2) to (5) contained in the report dated August 9, 2001, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:
 - "(2) the Chair of the Administration Committee write to the President of Legal Aid Ontario to advocate for increased funding for community legal clinics to ensure the availability of legal support to tenants fighting incidents of housing discrimination;
 - (3) the Chair of the Administration Committee write to the Chief Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission to highlight the issues outlined in this report and to reinforce the priority of housing discrimination cases and the need for timely resolutions;
 - (4) the City of Toronto include issues of discrimination as they impact on a person's ability to secure housing in the prevention strategy of the City's action plan on homelessness; and
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto."

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (b) the adoption of the recommendations of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee, subject to deleting Recommendation No. (4) and replacing it with a new Recommendation No. (4), so that such recommendations now read as follows:
 - "(1) that the proposed new priority categories for tenant selection be reviewed by the Tenant Defence

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- Sub-Committee prior to consideration by the Community Services Committee and Council;
- (2) that welfare workers be provided with training to make them aware of tenant issues so that they may provide information and support to tenants;
 - (3) that the City conduct an access audit to ensure that the current chronological list is in fact being adhered to; and
 - (4) that the Members of Council on the Board of Directors of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation be requested to seek the opinions of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee and the Community Services Committee on the Corporation's draft eviction strategy, prior to the approval of such strategy by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation."; and

(Motion by Councillor Walker, with amendment to Recommendation No. (4) by Councillor Chow)

- (c) that the appropriate staff be requested to utilize any additional resources of the Access and Equity Centre of the Chief Administrative Officer's Department to develop a multilingual and educational strategy on discrimination issues for tenants and report thereon to the Community Services Committee, such report also to include other possible actions available to the City to combat discrimination in housing; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (II) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to include in his report to the Community Services Committee at the end of 2001 on welfare and shelter allowance:
 - a description of the kind of training provided to welfare workers with regard to tenant and landlord issues;
 - information on how many workers are trained; and
 - the plan to train all workers;

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and further that this comprehensive report be sent to Mr. M. S. Mwarigha of the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation when it is available.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

The following motion by Councillor Duguid was declared redundant:

- “(4) that when the Community Plan containing the Toronto Community Housing Corporation draft eviction strategy is submitted to City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, a copy be forwarded to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee.”.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. M. S. Mwarigha, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation; Mr. John Fraser, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; General Manager, Social Services - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 12)

10.22 Illegal Rents and Deposits.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 1, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on September 26, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee:

- (i) the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the report (September 19, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to:
- (a) amending Recommendation No. (2) by adding at the end thereof the words “and individual Members of Council”, so that Recommendation No. (2) now reads:
- “(2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Acting Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, develop and conduct public education initiatives on the rights and responsibilities

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of tenants and landlords in partnership with the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal, the Investigation Unit of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Advocacy Centre for Tenants, community organizations assisting tenants and landlords, and individual Members of Council;”; and

- (b) amending Recommendation No. (4) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(4)(d) the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ensure greater enforcement of the Tenant Protection Act;”;

- (ii) requesting the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to monitor convictions registered against landlords who, in fact, charge illegal rent deposits and bring such matters to the attention of the Community Services Committee;
- (iii) requesting the Greater Toronto Apartment Association (GTAA) to support the work of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee by issuing a statement condemning the practice of demanding illegal rent deposits from immigrant tenants; and
- (iv) requesting the City to find a legal mechanism to pursue this issue as a matter of policy.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (i) and (iii) of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee, subject to amending Recommendation No. (iii) to read as follows:

“(iii) that the Greater Toronto Apartment Association, the Greater Toronto Tenants Association, and the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations be requested to support the work of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee by issuing a statement condemning the practice of demanding illegal rent deposits from immigrant tenants; and”;

- (2) referred Recommendation No. (ii) of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and

- (3) referred Recommendation No. (iv) of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee to the City Solicitor for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 12)

10.23 Change to Membership - Children and Youth Action Committee.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 28, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on September 26, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that Sabrina Armani and Okeima Lawrence be appointed as the new Toronto Youth Cabinet members to the Children and Youth Action Committee.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, 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. 12, Report No. 12)

10.24 Toronto Youth Profile 2001.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 28, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on September 26, 2001, directed that the "Toronto Youth Profile, 2001", prepared by the Social Development and Administration Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(I), Report No. 12)

10.25 Children and Youth Action Committee - 2001 Workplan.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 3, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on October 1, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, the adoption of a report (June 19, 2001) from the Children and Youth Advocate respecting the 2001 Children and Youth Action Plan; and further reports having endorsed the report, entitled "Toronto Report Card on Children Update 2000", and having directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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. 13, Report No. 12)

10.26 Child Care Space.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 3, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on October 1, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, the adoption of the following motion:

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto has identified a number of areas of the City where there is a critical need for increased childcare spaces; and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has identified a number of schools with additional space that might be able to accommodate either new or expanded child care programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) the Toronto District School Board staff be requested to identify for the City of Toronto schools with space in under-served areas which could accommodate new or enlarged child care facilities including the option of City-built facilities like those at Greenland and Rockford Public Schools;
- (b) the City of Toronto be requested to expand the total square footage of City-funded child care space in the TDSB;

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- (c) a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Community and Social Services regarding the need for increased funding to School Boards for new child care spaces as referenced in the latest Children's Report Card from the City of Toronto, which identifies the need for school-aged and infant-toddler child care in Toronto;
- (d) if schools can be identified where child care establishment or expansion could be accommodated, that the specifics be communicated to school trustees, local councillors, MPPs and MPs to seek their support in approaching the Province; and
- (e) the Toronto Catholic District School Board be included in this initiative."

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;
Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate; c. General Manager,
Children's Services Division - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(m), Report No. 12)

10.27 Children and Youth Action Committee - Federal/Provincial Issues.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 3, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on October 1, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that the Children and Youth Advocate be requested to write a letter to The Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister, Human Resources Development Canada, requesting that the Canadian Government:

- (a) urge the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to undertake a second round of the early childhood education and care study;
- (b) participate in the second round of the OECD study on early childhood education and care in a fully public participatory process; and
- (c) develop an action plan for Canada and implement it as soon as possible.

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. 14, Report No. 12)

10.28 Breastfeeding Promotion.

The Committee had before it a communication (September 25, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on September 24, 2001, endorsed The International Code of Marketing Breast Milk Substitutes (WHO/UNICEF) and directed that the report dated September 3, 2001, from the Medical Officer of Health regarding Breastfeeding Promotion be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee and the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Medical Officer of Health - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(n), Report No. 12)

10.29 Community Services Committee - 2001 List of Outstanding Items.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2001) from the City Clerk submitting, for information, the 2001 list of outstanding items of the Community Services Committee and departmental responses up to the Council meeting date of July 24, 25 and 26, 2001.

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

(Clause No. 17(o), Report No. 12)

10.30 Results of RFP for Manufactured Structures Under SCPI.

The Committee had before it a report (October 18, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for transitional housing using manufactured structures at 525 Commissioners Street; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the SCPI funding for a transitional housing project using manufactured structures, in the amount of up to \$1.0 million to Homes First Society, the not-for-profit group selected through the RFP process;
- (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into SCPI funding agreements with Homes First Society for the development and provision of transitional housing using manufactured structures and to enter into any other agreements deemed necessary by the Acting Commissioner and the City Solicitor on terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Acting Commissioner in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to conclude negotiations to authorize the use of land on 525 Commissioners Street on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Acting Commissioner in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and any other departments or agency which may have a role to play in expediting the approval process required to proceed with the results of the RFP;
- (4) funding be dispersed to Homes First Society, subject to the project receiving all required planning approvals and having entered into all necessary agreements as described in Recommendation No. (2);
- (5) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to terminate a funding agreement at any time prior to the commencement of construction if in the Acting Commissioner's opinion increases in costs would prevent the organization being funded from achieving cost-effective transitional housing targets;

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- (6) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services provide an information report to Council with respect to the cancellation of funding due to circumstances described in Recommendation No. (5);
- (7) an amount up to \$25,000.00 be allocated from the Evaluation envelope of SCPI to undertake an evaluation of the cost-benefits of manufactured housing as compared to site-built construction as a housing option for low-income and homeless people; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto including the introduction of any necessary bills in Council.

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

- Mr. John Sewell, on behalf of the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, and submitted a brief containing recommendations in regard thereto; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

Councillor Kelly moved that the report be deferred until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee in order to enable the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report on the issues raised, i.e.,

- remedial work required on the site; who will do it and who will pay;
- where the site fits in with the City's Waterfront Development Plan; and
- the Official Plan and Zoning,

which was **lost**.

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The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated October 18, 2001, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
 - (b) that appropriate staff meet with the selected proponent of the transitional shelter to develop opportunities to enable units to be made available for those individuals who meet project eligibility criteria and who currently occupy the Home Depot site known as "Tent City";

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (2) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to discuss with Homes First Society the feasibility of the Society liaising closely with the "Tent City" proponent and consider potential partnerships to ensure mutual goals can be attained, and report on the results of such discussions directly to Council for its meeting on November 6, 2001;

(Motion by Councillor Duguid)

- (3) directed that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on November 6, 2001, on:
 - (a) potential strategies to address the housing needs of the individuals who currently occupy the Home Depot site known as "Tent City"; and
 - (b) how the remainder of the 525 Commissioners Street site not part of the Homes First Society's proposal can be used for manufactured housing for homeless individuals; and further that discussions be held with those who responded to the RFP and the local Councillor on how they can assist this to occur; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (4) referred the following recommendations respecting the 525 Commissioners Street site, contained in the brief submitted by Mr. John Sewell, to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that he report thereon directly to Council for its meeting on November 6, 2001:
- "(a) that, for that purpose, the site be severed into two parcels so as to not impede the Homes First Society's proposal;
 - (b) that a further \$1 million in SCPI funds be allocated from the RFP closing in late October for this purpose; and
 - (c) that the Community Services Committee indicate to Council its desire to make a decision on November 6, 2001, on the creation of more housing on this site than that already recommended through the Homes First Society's proposal, and that staff be requested to take all necessary actions to ensure this is possible."

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. John Sewell; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Ms. Musonda Kidd, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 12)

10.31 "Child Care in Toronto: Can Intergovernmental Relations Respond to Children's Needs? An Options Paper".

The Committee had before it a report (October 11, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that the report, "Child Care in Toronto: Can Intergovernmental Relations Respond to Children's Needs? An Options Paper", by Jane Jenson and Rianne Mahon (Canadian Policy Research Network) be received by Council and forwarded to the Early Learning and Child Care Commission for consideration and to the Children and Youth Action Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to forward a summary of the findings contained in the report, entitled "Child Care in Toronto: Can Intergovernmental Relations Respond to Children's Needs? An Options Paper", to the following:
 - the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Children's Network;
 - interested members and delegates of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and the Judy Sgro Task Force on Urban Issues.

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 12)

10.32 Cost of Implementing the Ontario Pay Equity Act.

The Committee had before it a communication (October 10, 2001) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Downtown, respecting the implementation of the Ontario Pay Equity Act with regard to the City's child care centres; and recommending that:

- (1) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the upcoming Council meeting regarding the merit of seeking intervenor status in the ongoing court case to force the Provincial Government to pay its 80 percent cost of implementing the Ontario Pay Equity Act; and
- (2) the City of Toronto request the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to seek intervenor status in the ongoing court case on this matter, in order to defend the municipal interest, namely adequate funding to maintain valuable community child care programs.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (a) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendation No. (2) contained in the aforementioned communication from

Councillor Chow; and

- (b) referred Recommendation No. (1) to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that he report thereon directly to Council for its meeting on November 6, 2001.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 12)

10.33 Transgender Internship Program.

The Committee had before it a joint communication (October 3, 2001) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Child and Youth Advocate, and Deputy Chief Michael Boyd, Chair of the Community Policing Support Unit, Toronto Police Services respecting the need for a transgender internship program; and recommending that Community Services staff assist the Community Policing Unit on seeking external funding sources to initiate an internship program recommended by the Trans Working Group Sub-Committee of the Community Consultative Committee.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that he assist the Community Policing Unit in seeking external funding sources for a Transgender Internship Program.

(Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. Norm Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Chief of Police; c. Deputy Chief Michael Boyd, Toronto Police Services - October 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 17(p), Report No. 12)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Chair.