

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2002**

The Community Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:38 a.m.

Members Present:	9:38 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	2:10 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.
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 Tziretas	x	

**Regrets:**

Councillor Michael Walker

**Also Present:**

Councillor Pam McConnell

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

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on May 2, 2002, were confirmed.

**5.1 Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre Base Hospital Agreement.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the establishment of a formal agreement between Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre for the purposes of providing Base Hospital program direction in accordance with the Ambulance Act of Ontario; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council give authorization to Toronto Emergency Medical Services to enter into a formal agreement with Sunnybrook and Women's Health Sciences Centre; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

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

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 6)**

**5.2 Recommendations for Improved Emergency Response Co-ordination in Toronto's Health Sector.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 2, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of recommendations contained in a comprehensive report prepared by the Toronto District Health Council, in co-operation with health care agencies and services within the Toronto area, regarding improved co-ordination of response to large scale emergencies in Toronto's health sector; and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto endorse the efforts of the Toronto District Health Council and the participants of the Emergency Response Co-ordination Committee in preparing the comprehensive emergency plan for Toronto's health care sector; and
- (2) City Council communicate their endorsement of the plan and its recommendations to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Minister of Public Safety and Security for the Province of Ontario.

The Community Services Committee also had before it a communication (May 27, 2002) from Councillor Irene Jones, Ward 6, Etobicoke Lakeshore, respecting her motion at Council in April regarding a City emergency plan for pets.

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On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated May 2, 2002, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; and
- (2) referred the communication dated May 27, 2002, from Councillor Jones to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for consideration and report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor Irene Jones, Ward 6, Etobicoke Lakeshore - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 6)**

### **5.3 Emergency Exercise Simulation “Exercise Top Up”.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 2, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to a request by Councillor Soknacki to report as soon as possible after the City of Toronto’s response to any mock disaster drill; providing an overview of the activities of the Toronto Emergency Planning Committee with respect to a simulated emergency exercise known as “Exercise TOP UP” which was conducted on February 5, 2002; outlining a number of action items arising from the exercise which were identified by the Exercise Planning Committee and participating agencies; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Councillor David Soknacki, Ward 43, Scarborough East - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(a), Report No. 6)**

#### **5.4 Multi-Agency Response Plans and Procedures.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 13, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to a request by the Community Services Committee on January 16 and 23, 2002, to report on an communication addressed to Councillor Moeser from Mr. Brian Howieson, District Manager, provincial Ministry of the Environment, respecting its role during spills and environmental incidents, and the need for the City to develop an "Incident Response Plan"; providing an overview of the results of a meeting between City staff, emergency response organizations and the Ministry of the Environment in this regard; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Councillor Ron Moeser, Ward 44, Scarborough East - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(b), Report No. 6)**

#### **5.5 Fire Protection Services Agreements with Greater Toronto Fire Departments and the Greater Toronto Airport Authority.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (may 14, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief seeking approval of Fire Protection Services Agreements which may be entered into with neighbouring municipalities and with the Greater Toronto Airport Authority to provide for aid during emergencies; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into an agreement with any local or regional municipality within the Greater Toronto Area and with the Greater Toronto Airport Authority for the reciprocal provision of fire protection services in the event of an emergency;
- (2) the agreement referred to in Recommendation No. (1) shall contain terms and conditions substantially as set out in this report and otherwise contain terms and conditions in the interests of the City satisfactory to the Commissioner and the Fire Chief and be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto and to take any action required to be taken thereunder.

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

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 6)**

### **5.6 Toronto Fire Services - Reflections on the Year 2001.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 13, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief providing an overview of Fire Services accomplishments in 2001; and recommending that the report be received for information purposes.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Committee received the aforementioned joint report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(c), Report No. 6)**

### **5.7 Request for Quotation No. 3003-02-7763 for Printing and Mailing of Specialized Forms.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 9, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer advising the results of the Request for Quotation issued for the printing and mailing of specialized forms for the period July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002, with the option to renew for two one year periods and to enter into a contract with the recommended bidder; and recommending that:

- (1) the quotation submitted by Cover-All Computer Services be accepted for the period July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002, in accordance with specifications as required by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department in the amount of \$119,709.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest quotation received;

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- (2) the 5 percent contingency allowance be granted to allow for production overruns;
- (3) the option to renew for the the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003, in the amount of \$252,220.18 and the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004, in the amount of \$252,220.18 under the same terms and conditions be reviewed by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services in co-operation with the Purchasing Agent, provided the first term of the contract was performed satisfactorily, to ensure it is feasible to extend the contract; and
- (4) provided that there is a favourable review, in accordance with Recommendation No. (3), the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated the authority to exercise the options on the terms and conditions set out above and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary contract.

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

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 6)**

**5.8 UN Special Session Declaration “A Canada Fit for Children”.**

The Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on April 24, 2002, had before it various communications with respect to the UN Special Session Declaration “A Canada Fit for Children”, and took the following action in regard thereto:

- (1) unanimously endorsed the Declaration “A Canada Fit for Children”; and
- (2) directed that the Chair of the Children and Youth Action Committee be authorized to forward the Committee’s endorsement to the Federal Government, and request the concurrence of City Council in the action taken.

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. 6, Report No. 6)**

### **5.9 Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report 2002.**

The Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on April 24, 2002, endorsed the recommendations contained in the Children and Youth Advocate's Annual Report 2002, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council that the recommendations contained in the Children and Youth Advocate Annual Report 2002 be endorsed.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 6)**

### **5.10 Final Report of the Commission on Early Learning and Child Care for the City of Toronto.**

The Committee had before it the following communications:

- (May 13, 2002) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate, forwarding for consideration the Final Report of the Commission on Early Learning and Child Care for the City of Toronto; noting that the Commission has met extensively with communities and with elected representatives and officials from all three levels of government, and also has gathered information from Ontario, the rest of Canada and other countries prior to release of their final report; indicating that the report recognizes Toronto's strong contribution to early learning and child care, but that it cannot do the job alone and sets the stage for a new level of activity regarding the enhancement and expansion of services; advising of her support of the report; and extending congratulations to the Commissioners for their hard work on behalf of the City of Toronto; and
- (May 21, 2002) advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 15, 2002, recommended that:
  - (1) City Council endorse the report (May, 2002), titled "Commission on Early Learning and Child Care for the City of Toronto";
  - (2) the report be forwarded to the Co-Chairs of the City Summit to be held in June, 2002 and that the report be considered by the City Summit as part of its deliberations;

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- (3) the report be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board for their consideration, particularly with respect to cross-jurisdictional issues;
- (4) CYAC members be encouraged to take the report to other agencies and interested persons, for their consideration, comments and endorsement;
- (5) the Mayor and City Council be requested to write the Prime Minister and the Premier of Ontario, to seek their endorsement and implementation of the Commission report;
- (6) the report be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their information and endorsement; and
- (7) the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to accommodate a presentation at City Council by Commissioners Coffey and McCain, when the report is submitted to City Council for its consideration and endorsement.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) endorsed, in principle, the Final Report of the Commission on Early Learning and Child Care for the City of Toronto;
- (2) directed that the Final Report of the Commission on Early Learning and Child Care for the City of Toronto be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on June 6, 2002, with a request that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to such meeting on the implications of the Commission's report on the City of Toronto.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Children and Youth Advocate; c. General Manager, Children Services Division - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(d), Report No. 6)**



**5.11 City Participation on the Steering Committee of the Early Years Community Champion.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 14, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the City's representation on the Steering Committee of the Provincial Early Years Community Champion; advising that City representation on the Steering Committee will help ensure that the City's perspective is heard and that the plan developed is sensitive to local conditions and priorities; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (May 21, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 15, 2002, recommended that:

- (1) the Province of Ontario be urged in its implementation of the Early Years Centre initiative:
  - (a) that no existing family resource centres be closed and their services protected;
  - (b) that the Early Years Champion and the Chairs of the local planning tables respect the City of Toronto Service Plan;
- (2) the existing City of Toronto funding for family resource centres be protected;
- (3) the Province of Ontario be urged, in its spending of federal investment funds of \$153 million, to adopt a policy of "levelling up" services with respect to the development of early years centres so that there is no reduction in service in any neighbourhood and that access to programs in under-served areas is developed; and
- (4) City Council reiterate its policy of "levelling up" services with respect to the development of early years centres so that there is no reduction in service in any neighbourhood and that access to programs in under-served areas is developed.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2) of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the communication dated May 21, 2002, from the City Clerk, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1)(a) by adding thereto the words "unless duplication exists", so that such recommendations now read

as follows:

- “(1) the Province of Ontario be urged in its implementation of the Early Years Centre initiative:
  - (a) that no existing family resource centres be closed and their services protected unless duplication exists;
  - (b) that the Early Years Champion and the Chairs of the local planning tables respect the City of Toronto Service Plan; and
- (2) the existing City of Toronto funding for family resource centres be protected.”
- (ii) referred Recommendations Nos. (3) and (4) of the Children and Youth Action Committee to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and
- (iii) received the report dated May 14, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children’s Services; Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 6)**

**5.12 Progress Report on the Implementation of “The Growing Season: The Phase II Report of the Food and Hunger Action Committee”.**

The Committee had before it a joint communication (May 14, 2002) from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee, providing an update on the actions with respect to the Food Charter principles and the recommendations contained in “The Growing Season: The Phase II Report of the Food and Hunger Action Committee”; attaching a progress report that highlights the key accomplishments to date, discusses some of the implementation challenges, and identifies next steps; and requesting that the Community Services Committee receive the progress report for information.

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The Committee also had before it a communication (May 28, 2002) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Co-Chair, Food and Hunger Action Committee, advising that the Food and Hunger Action Committee on May 21, 2002, considered a report (November 13, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Cost of the Nutritious Food Basket in Toronto for 2001", and recommended that the following recommendations be adopted:

- (1) that City Council appoint a delegation to meet with the provincial Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services to advocate the need to review and revise social assistance benefits so they reflect changes to the cost of living since 1995, in particular the increased cost of shelter and food;
- (2) that City Council appoint a delegation to meet with the provincial Minister of Labour to advocate that the 1995 minimum wage standard be reviewed and revised to incorporate adjustments to the increased cost of living, especially increases in the cost of shelter and food;
- (3) that City Council appoint a delegation to meet with the Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of Human Resources and Development Canada, to advocate that measures be taken to undo the negative impacts on income and food security of federal changes to the Employment Insurance Act;
- (4) that City Council request the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the findings of this report into the development of the City of Toronto Plan of Action to Combat Racism and Discrimination, and that she refer this report to the Immigrant and Refugee Working group chaired by Councillor David Miller, and request that Working Group staff assist the Food and Hunger Action Committee Staff Implementation Team to develop the capacity of food security organizations to advocate on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and to report back to City Council on their progress and recommendations when the Food and Hunger Action Committee reports in the winter of 2003;
- (5) that City Council appoint a delegation to meet with the provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to advocate for an independent investigation of possible healthcare savings if a portion of the money now spent to treat chronic disease were invested in prevention measures which increased the accessibility of adequate amounts of healthful food;
- (6) that City Council request the Food and Hunger Action Committee Staff Implementation Team to work with appropriate departments and divisions to investigate the causes behind the sudden rise in the cost of a Nutritious Food Basket

in Toronto; and

- (7) that City Council request Toronto Public Health to conduct a study of programs and policies undertaken by other municipalities to support food security of their residents, with a view to identifying practical, cost-effective health promotion measures that can be adapted by Toronto.

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

- Mr. Jim Russell, Daily Bread Food Bank;
- Mr. Nick Saul, The Stop Community Food Centre;
- Ms. Aurora Meliton and Ms. Laura Berman, Toronto Community Gardening Network, and submitted a paper, entitled "What Good Are Community Gardens";
- Ms. Linda Karageorgos;
- Ms. Debbie Field, FoodShare, and submitted a brochure on The Salad Bar Project: Phase II, which is being piloted at St. Paul's Catholic School and Bruce Public School; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Co-Chair, Food and Hunger Action Committee.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
  - (a) the adoption of the recommendations of the Food and Hunger Action Committee contained in the communication dated May 28, 2002, from Councillor Pam McConnell, Co-Chair;
  - (b) that the Province of Ontario be requested to increase social assistance support, especially the housing component; and further that social assistance rates be indexed;

**(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

- (2) supported, in principle, a permanent food security grants stream; and further directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community

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- Services Committee on this proposal prior to the 2003 Operating Budget process; **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to submit to the Community Services Committee a report:
- (a) outlining a justification for an increase in social assistance rates, and which could be used in advocacy work; and **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
  - (b) on linkages between the work of the Food and Hunger Action Committee and the Toronto Seniors' Assembly as they relate to food and security programs; and **(Motion by Councillor Johnston)**
- (4) directed that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Food and Hunger Action Committee on the status and development of roof gardens in the City of Toronto. **(Motion by Councillor Johnston)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Councillor Pam McConnell; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski; All Interested Parties; c. Ms. Susan Shepherd, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 10, Report No. 6)**

**5.13 A Reconstituted Toronto Seniors' Assembly.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 8, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Toronto Seniors' Assembly; and recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the proposed revised Terms of Reference for the Toronto Seniors' Assembly as outlined in this report and Appendices 1 and 2;
- (2) the Community Services Committee support that a request be incorporated in the Toronto Seniors' Assembly's budget submission for 2003, in the amount of \$150,000.00 as outlined in this report, to be forwarded to Budget Advisory

Committee; 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 refer the report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the financial implications during the 2003 Operating Budget process.

**(Clause No. 11, Report No. 6)**

#### **5.14 Review of City Expenditures on Seniors' Services.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 8, 2002) from Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, advising that she has been reviewing services for seniors in the City's current budget; providing directions for spending in the 2003 budget process in order to improve the quality of services for Toronto's seniors; and recommending that:

- (1) the Community Services Committee support that the requests for maintaining current budget levels and/or enhancing departmental budgets in 2003 for services offered to Toronto senior citizens, as indicated in this report, be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee;
- (2) the Commissioners for Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Works and Emergency Services, as well as the Medical Officer of Health and the City Librarian, incorporate the recommendations for funding contained in this report into budget submissions for 2003;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee requesting that a strategy to address the recreational needs of seniors be developed, with a proposed budget to implement the strategy; 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 concurred in the recommendations contained in the aforementioned communication from the Seniors' Advocate.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Economic Development and Parks Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate; Medical Officer of Health; City Librarian - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(e), Report No. 6)**

**5.15 Homes for the Aged Level of Care Acuity Funding Adjustment.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 8, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting a provincial acuity funding adjustment that will be available to all long-term care facilities, subject to their residents' assessed level of care; advising that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has notified all long-term care facilities that an increase of 2.1 percent in level of care funding in both the nursing and personal care and program and support services funding envelopes will be implemented, retroactive to April 1, 2002; noting that a further report will be prepared later in the year on how best to allocate revenues outside of the provincial level of care funding to support the Homes for the Aged Division's operating and capital requirements; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Homes for the Aged - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(f), Report No. 6)**

**5.16 Castleview Wychwood Towers and Lakeshore Lodge  
Homes for the Aged - Receipt of Quality Awards.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 10, 2002, adopted a report from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged advising of the receipt of quality awards from the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors by Castleview Wychwood Towers and Lakeshore Lodge Homes for the Aged, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) congratulations be extended to the respective staff of Castleview Wychwood Towers and Lakeshore Lodge for their outstanding achievement; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, and extended its congratulations to the staff of Castleview Wychwood Towers and Lakeshore Lodge on receipt of the awards.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Castleview Wychwood Towers; Administrator, Lakeshore Lodge - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(g), Report No. 6)**

**5.17 City Role in the Provision of Homemaking Services.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 13, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) staff review and analyze data related to community needs regarding homemaking services and report back to Community Services Committee regarding the most appropriate role for the City to take in the provision and the support of homemaking services;
- (2) the \$223,426.00 held within the 2002 Community Services envelope of the Consolidated Grants budget be used to fund homemaking service organizations as outlined in Appendix 1; and



- (3) the 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:

- Ms. Abbie Grafstein, SPRINT (Senior People's Resources in North Toronto);
- Mr. Bruce MacDougall, Executive Director, and Mr. Sam Moe, Dixon Hall; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Toronto Seniors' Assembly for its meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2002.

**(Clause No. 12, Report No. 6)**

**5.18 Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative - Small Capital Improvements Project Proposals.**

The Committee had before it the following reports from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (April 15, 2002) respecting the appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on April 11, 2002, with regard to the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) - Small Capital Improvements project proposals; and recommending that:
  - (1) up to \$75,000.00 from the SCPI Small Capital Improvements envelope be allocated to one organization for one project, as recommended in Appendix A of the report; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (May 14, 2002) responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on May 2, 2002, to provide supplementary information to the staff report dated April 15, 2002, entitled "Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative Small Capital Improvements Project Proposals"; with respect to the grant request from the Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples for the purchase and installation of an elevator as part of a larger project to renovate their new location at 2141 Jane Street; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated April 15, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (2) received the report dated May 14, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

**(Clause No. 13, Report No. 6)**

### **5.19 Update on the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 15, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on activities under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI); seeking authority to provide funding to a new transitional housing project, and to increase the funding available to project renewals under the Homeless Programs and Services envelope; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve SCPI funding up to a maximum of \$2.00 million for The Governing Council of The Salvation Army in Canada, for the Ontario Central Division Headquarters (The Salvation Army) transitional housing project as identified in Appendix A;

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- (2) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to enter into a SCPI funding agreement with The Salvation Army for the development and provision of transitional housing 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 and in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (3) the disbursement of funding to The Salvation Army be subject to the project receiving all required planning approvals and having entered into all necessary agreements and fulfilling all conditions contained therein, as described in Recommendation No. (2);
- (4) the Acting Commissioner be delegated authority to terminate the funding agreement with The Salvation Army 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;
- (5) the Acting Commissioner provide an information report to Council with respect to the cancellation of funding due to circumstances described in Recommendation No. (4);
- (6) the delegated authority for the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to approve contract extensions for projects currently funded under the SCPI Homeless Programs and Services envelope that are meeting their goals and objectives be increased from \$2.40 million to an amount not exceeding \$2.60 million and that contracts may be extended up to September 30, 2003; and
- (7) 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. 14, Report No. 6)**

## **5.20 Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing.**

The Committee had before it the following communications and report:

- (April 26, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 10 of Report No. 3 of The Community Services Committee, headed “Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing”, and in so doing referred the issue of Local Access Priorities, together with the supplementary report dated April 15, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, now embodied in this Clause, back to the Community Services Committee for further consideration at its meeting scheduled to be held on May 28, 2002, and subsequent report thereon to Council;
- (May 17, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of City Council on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002, to review further the Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing; noting that staff met with members of the access and equity and legal aid community on May 16, 2002, to discuss and address any outstanding issues; and recommending that:
  - (1) the Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing, as approved by Council on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002, on an interim basis, be confirmed;
  - (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee recommending local rules for maintaining eligibility for the centralized waiting list, including the time frames for the submission of information or documents required to maintain eligibility;
  - (3) until local rules on maintaining eligibility for the centralized waiting list are established, applicants whose applications have been moved to “inactive” status not be moved to “cancelled” status on the Toronto Applicant Waiting List Database;
  - (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back on details of an appeals process within the centralized waiting list system which reflects the SHRA requirements and local concerns;

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- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back on ways to monitor and review access and equity issues in social housing in the context of devolution; and
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto; and
- (May 23, 2002) from Ms. Angie Hains, Chairperson of the Toronto Non-Profit Housing Providers Network, confirming their support for the position outlined in the May 17, 2002, staff report on Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing.

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

- Ms. Ann Fitzpatrick Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Pat McKendry, Tenant Representative, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Mwarigha M. S., Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Gabrielle Hrynkiw, Jessie's Centre for Teenagers, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates.

The Committee:

- (a) recommended to Council the adoption of the report dated May 17, 2002, from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending the recommendations to read as follows:
  - “(1) the Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing, as approved by Council on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002, on an interim basis, be confirmed, subject to amending:

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- (i) the first sentence under Local Access Priority No. (4) to read as follows:

‘(4) In addition to the above priorities, one in seven RGI vacancies will be filled by households who are disadvantaged by a chronological waiting list.’;

and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee within one year on the impact of this amendment to determine if a further increase is appropriate;

- (ii) Local Access Priority No. (4)(c) by deleting the words ‘newcomers to Canada’ and replacing them with the words ‘newcomers who are homeless, as defined in the report’, so that such priority reads as follows:

‘(c) newcomers who are homeless, as defined in the report – recent immigrants, including refugee claimants, who apply for housing within one year of entry into Canada.’;

**(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee in the fall of 2002 recommending local rules for maintaining eligibility for the centralized waiting list, including the time frames for the submission of information or documents required to maintain eligibility; **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (3) until local rules on maintaining eligibility for the centralized waiting list are established, applicants whose applications have been moved to ‘inactive’ status not be moved to ‘cancelled’ status on the Toronto Applicant Waiting List Database; **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

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- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back in the fall of 2002 on details of an appeals process within the centralized waiting list system which reflects the SHRA requirements and local concerns; **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back as soon as possible on ways to monitor and review access and equity issues in social housing in the context of devolution, such review to take place no later than the spring of 2003; and **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.”; **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**
- (b) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to review the briefs submitted during the deputations and, if necessary, report thereon directly to Council for its meeting on June 18, 2002, on any of the issues raised therein; and **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**
- (c) received the communication dated May 23, 2002, from the Toronto Non-Profit Housing Providers Network. **(Motion by Councillor Duguid)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; All Interested Parties; Ms. Angie Hains, Toronto Non-Profit Housing Providers Network; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 15, Report No. 6)**

**5.21 City of Toronto Response to the Gillian Hadley and Ralph Hadley Coroner’s Inquest Recommendations.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 15, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing the City of Toronto response to the Gillian Hadley and Ralph Hadley Coroner’s Inquest Recommendations that fall within its jurisdiction; and recommending that:

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- (1) this report be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Coroner;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Task Force on Community Safety;
- (3) the City support referral agreements for abused women in shelters, including provincially funded abused women's shelters, within the provincial Homelessness Rent Supplement program, subject to program rules;
- (4) the Province again be requested to increase the shelter allowance component of social assistance to reflect local market rents;
- (5) the provincial Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services be requested to provide comprehensive crisis management training materials to all social assistance delivery agents for relevant staff;
- (6) the Province be requested to amend the Ontario Works regulations to allow an automatic six-month deferral of all mandatory OW participation requirements to those women and children who are applicants or recipients of social assistance and fleeing abusive relationships;
- (7) the Province be requested to increase the number of abused women's shelter beds, both in Toronto and across Ontario;
- (8) the Task Force on Community Safety partner with the Woman Abuse Council and the Toronto Police Service to organize future, annual, inter-sectoral conferences on woman abuse in Toronto;
- (9) the Task Force on Community Safety establish a work group specifically for woman abuse issues with a mandate to develop ongoing strategies, in collaboration with community stakeholders such as the Woman Abuse Council, to strengthen the network of services and supports for abused women and children in Toronto; and
- (10) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Vivian Green, Woman Abuse Council of Toronto, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a copy of a report, entitled "High Risk Response Pilot Project: An integrated model for creating safety", and a paper, entitled "Everything you have always wanted to know about Partner Abuse Response (PAR) Programs but were afraid to ask of The Operational Procedures for Referring Offenders to PAR programs."



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

**(Clause No. 16, Report No. 6)**

**5.22 Development of Affordable Housing on Municipal Sites  
in The Railway Lands - Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 13, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on March 27, 2002, following a presentation by Concert Properties, to report on a housing development model and a Request for Proposals process and timelines for the development of specific sites in the Railway Lands and other municipal properties; and recommending that:

- (1) a Request for Proposals process be initiated for the development of municipally-owned sites within the Railway Lands based on the principles, process and timelines outlined in this report;
- (2) the results of this Request for Proposals process be reported to Council no later than December 2002; 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 recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that Blocks 18A/B in the Railway Lands be designated as an affordable housing site, as determined in a report from the Director of Community Planning, South District (Clause No. 18 of Report No. 7 of the Toronto East York Community Council, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting on May 21, 22 and 23, 2002), and be included as part of the recommended Request for Proposals process under the terms and conditions identified.

**(Clause No. 17, Report No. 6)**

**5.23 Update on the Social Housing Services Corporation.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 16, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the Social Housing Services Corporation which was established by the Province of Ontario under the Social Housing Reform Act 2000; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 21(h), Report No. 6)**

**5.24 Update on the Shelter Fund Program,  
National Child Benefit Supplement Strategy.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 2, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the implementation of the National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS) Reinvestment Strategy in Toronto, and a review of the Shelter Fund program outcomes and expenditures; and recommending that:

- (1) in 2003 and subsequent years:
  - (a) the spending strategy and plan for the Shelter Fund and the Ontario Works Child Care Expansion Program be included in the budget submissions of Toronto Social Services and Toronto Children's Services for consideration in the City's annual budget process; and
  - (b) status updates on the progress of each program be reported by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to the Community Services Committee, as required; 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.

**(Clause No. 18, Report No. 6)**

**5.25 Survey of People Leaving Ontario Works:  
Key Findings and Implications.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 14, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services presenting key findings and implications from a telephone survey of a representative sample of those who left the Ontario Works (OW) caseload in Toronto in the first quarter of 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) based on the findings of emerging research, including Toronto Social Services' (TSS) 2001 survey of people who left OW, senior levels of government begin to reinvest in employment strategies that focus on sustaining long-term labour force attachment;
- (2) given the above, the relevant Federal and Ontario ministries and departments be requested to review current funding and access to education and skills training programs;
- (3) the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services be requested to review well-documented issues affecting OW clients' ability to access the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), for example the complexity of the ODSP eligibility determination process; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division, gave an overhead presentation to the Community Services Committee on the report, entitled "After Ontario Works: A survey of people who left Ontario Works in Toronto in 2001."

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that a copy thereof be forwarded to the provincial Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services and to the Opposition MPPs; and **(Motion by Councillor Chow)**

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on investigating the feasibility and benefits of a training investment strategy that would reduce people's reliance on social assistance. **(Motion by Councillor Johnston)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services Division - May 28, 2002)

**(Clause No. 19, Report No. 6)**

**5.26 Delegation of Authority to the City Solicitor to Commence Legal Proceedings to Recover a General Welfare Assistance Overpayment.**

The Committee had before it a report (May 9, 2002) from the City Solicitor advising that A.L. incurred a General Welfare Assistance overpayment of \$29,147.55 due to undisclosed employment income; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to commence legal proceedings, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle any subsequent appeal where she concludes that it is reasonable to do so, to execute any documents required in this action or any subsequent appeal, or to effect such settlement where she deems it appropriate to do so; 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. 20, Report No. 6)**

**5.27 Change to Membership - Children and Youth Action Committee.**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 21, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 15, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that Ms. Shoba Adore, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Toronto and Trustee Stan Nemiroff, Toronto District School Board serve as representatives on the Children and Youth Action Committee.

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

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 6)**

**5.28 Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited -  
Trunked Radio System and Equipment  
Maintenance Services Agreement.**

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief recommending that:

- (1) the City be authorized to enter into a three-year agreement with Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited under which the City, through radio communications system personnel of Toronto Fire Services, will provide preventative and remedial maintenance services, for the financial consideration set out in this report, to Toronto Hydro for its 900MHz trunked radio system infrastructure, subject to full cost recovery of related Fire Services costs.
- (2) the agreement referred to in Recommendation No. (1) contain terms and conditions substantially as set out in this report and otherwise contain terms and conditions in the interests of the City satisfactory to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto and to take any action required to be taken thereunder.

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

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 6)**

**5.29 Appointment of Mr. Eric Gam as Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.**

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair congratulated Mr. Eric Gam on his appointment as Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

**5.30 Expressions of Appreciation.**

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair expressed appreciation to:

- Mr. Eric Gam, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and staff of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department;
- Fire Chief Alan Speed and the staff of Toronto Fire Services;
- Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, and staff of Toronto EMS;
- Ms. Rosalind Dyers, Committee Administrator, and staff of the City Clerk's Office,

for their hard work and outstanding service to the public.

The following expressed appreciation to Councillor Duguid for his leadership over the past three years:

- Mr. Kelusky, on behalf of Toronto EMS, and presented Councillor Duguid with a gift; and
- Deputy Chief Terry Boyko; on behalf of Toronto Fire Services, and presented Councillor Duguid with a personalized Fire Helmet.

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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