

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, January 9 and 16, 2003

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, January 9 and 16, 2003, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present:	January 9, 2003	January 16, 2003
	9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. 2:20 p.m.-5:13 p.m.	9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2:15 p.m.-2:55 p.m.
Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair	x	x
Councillor Maria Augimeri	x	x
Councillor Raymond Cho	x	x
Councillor Joe Mihevc	x	x
Councillor Sherene Shaw	x	x
Councillor Mario Silva		x
Councillor Michael Tziretas	x	
Councillor Michael Walker	x	x

Regrets:

Councillor Mario Silva on January 9, 2003
Councillor Michael Tziretas on January 16, 2003

Also Present:

Councillor Rob Ford
Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor David Shiner

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

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On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on December 11, 2002, were confirmed.

2.1 2003-2012 Capital Budgets - Community Services Committee.

The Committee had before it the following 2003-2012 Capital Programs under its purview:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Emergency Management Plan;
- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

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

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (December 11, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on December 11, 2002, directed that the following motion by Councillor Walker be tabled until the January 9 and 16, 2003, meeting of the Committee for consideration with the 2003 Capital Budget for Children's Services.

“That \$500,000.00 be added back to the 2003 Capital Budget of the Children's Services Division for upgrading playground equipment.”;
- (b) (October 10, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on October 10, 2002, tabled for consideration, during the 2003 budget process, a report (October 2, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing, for information, an annual update on recent achievements and upcoming activity under the City's Let's Build initiative, including the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing;
- (c) (January 7, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting issues arising from the Community Services Committee meeting of December 11, 2002, with respect to the Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Medical Services; and

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- (d) (January 13, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support summarizing revisions to the operating and capital budgets pertaining to the Federal SCPI Program and Let's Build.

The Committee reviewed the 2003-2012 Capital Budgets under its purview, and took the following action in regard thereto:

- (A) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

Works and Emergency Services:

Emergency Management Plan:

- (1) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget of the Emergency Management Plan be approved, subject to amending such budget to reflect the 2002 Cash Flow Carry Forward adjustments identified below, and further subject to there being no net change to the 2003 project cost/or financing requirement:

- \$517,000 in expenditures for the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) and \$387,750 in revenue (JEPP funding) project/sub-project;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Emergency Medical Services:

- (2) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget of Emergency Medical Services be approved, subject to amending such budget to reflect revised 2002 Cash Flow Carry Forward adjusted increases identified below, and further subject to there being no net change to the 2003 project cost and/or financing requirements:

- (i) decrease the 2002 cash flow carry forward for the Station 19 York South Weston Area project by \$10,400 to show \$39,600 instead of \$50,000;
- (ii) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward by \$35,000 for the Emergency Response Time Strategy project to show \$35,000 instead of \$0 (zero);

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- (iii) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward by \$200,000 for the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program project to show \$200,000 instead of \$0 (zero);
- (iv) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward for the Asset Management Renovating sub-project by \$163,000 to show \$163,000 instead of \$0 (zero); and
- (v) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward for the AVTEC – Communications Switch Control Equipment Project by \$1,500,000 to show \$1,500,000 instead of \$0 (zero);

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Fire Services:

- (3) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget of Fire Services be approved, subject to amending such budget to reflect revised 2002 Cash Flow Carry Forward adjustments identified below, and further subject to there being no net change to the 2003 project cost and/or financing requirements:
 - (i) \$491,000 for the Asset Management – Mechanical Electrical sub-project;
 - (ii) \$297,000 for the Asset Management Headquarters Security project;
 - (iii) \$423,000 for the KPMG Redeployment project;
 - (iv) \$54,000 for the Asset Management Masonry and Concrete Rehabilitation sub-project;
 - (v) \$128,000 for the Training Facilities Renovation project;

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- (vi) \$1,250,000 for the CAD/RMS project;
- (vii) \$135,000 for the Asset Management – Protective Repairs Interior;
- (viii) \$125,000 for the Asset Management – Site Work;
- (ix) \$190,000 for the Asset Management – Emergency Funding; and
- (x) \$255,000 for the Asset Management – Doors and Windows Replacement;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Children's Services:

- (4) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for Children's Services be approved, subject to increasing such budget by \$500,000 for upgrading playground equipment;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Homes for the Aged:

- (5) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for the Homes for the Aged be approved;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (6) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be approved, subject to the adoption of the following adjustments, outlined in the January 13, 2003, Briefing Note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support with respect to SCPI

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and Let's Build projects, under the heading "2003 Capital Budget Summary of Changes":

Capital Project Name	Original Submission	Revised Submission
Let's Build: Fred Victor – Transitional Housing Project	\$1,006,000	\$1,881,000 (Funding source for project increase: \$375,000 CRF \$500,000 SCPI)
Let's Build: Trellis Gardens - Transitional Housing Project	\$1,088,000	\$1,738,000 (Funding source for project increase: \$650,000 SCPI)
Hostel Services: Family Shelter II	\$4,300,000	\$2,100,000 (Project scope has been revised reducing overall project costs by \$2,200,000 with no 2003 capital funding requirement.);

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(B) directed that:

Works and Emergency Services:

Emergency Medical Services:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee, at

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the appropriate time, on advocacy opportunities, particularly with respect to capital funding requirements; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to prepare, for consideration by the Community Services Committee, the 2004 ten-year budgets for Shelter, Housing and Support on a needs-based analysis, and include the staffing implications; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (C) received communications 1(b) and (c).

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; Mr. Alan Cohen; Mr. Al Horsman - January 9 and 16, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(a), Report No. 2)

2.2 2003 Operating Budgets - Community Services Committee.

The Committee had before it the following 2003 Operating Budgets under its purview:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Emergency Management Plan;
- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Children's Services;

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- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support;
- Social Development and Administration; and
- Social Services.

The Community Services Committee also had before it the following communications and reports:

- (a) (December 11, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on December 11, 2002, directed that the following motions by Councillor Chow be tabled until the January 9 and 16, 2003, meeting of the Committee for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget for Children's Services:
 - (1) "That the Province of Ontario again be requested to pay the actual cost of operating child care centres and, therefore, restore \$12.6 million in shortfall for child care; and further be requested to provide the required \$9.8 million in provincial subsidy in order to prevent the elimination of 1,616 child care spaces from the City of Toronto's Children's Services Operating Budget."; and
 - (2) "That the Province of Ontario be requested to restore the Ontario Works funding, in order to prevent the elimination of an additional 200 child care spaces.";
- (b) (December 4, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on December 2, 2002, endorsed the Toronto Youth Cabinet Budget Position Statement contained in a communication from Mr. Kehinde Bah, Chairperson, Toronto Youth Cabinet, and directed that it be forwarded to the appropriate Standing Committees for consideration during the 2003 Operating Budget process;
- (c)(i) (January 13, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on January 9, 2003, during consideration of the Children and Youth Action Committee's Action Plan for Children 2003, and in accordance with its decision to refer those recommendations with financial implications to the relevant Standing Committees, Boards and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and support during the 2003 Operating Budget process, referred the following recommendations contained in the Action Plan to the Community Services Committee:

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- (l) Two to three-year funding be committed to the “Let’s Build Capital Revolving Fund”.
 - (m) Expand child care subsidies by 2,000 spaces in 2003. (\$15 million gross; City \$3 million)
 - (n) Reallocate funds for family support programs, freed up as a result of the provincial Early Years Centres, across the City of Toronto in order to improve equity of access in underserved areas.
 - (o) Make a fourth phase payment towards actual costs for child care programs with a purchase of service contract with the City. (\$3.3 million gross; City \$667,000.00)
 - (p) Continue to invest in health and safety issues including playgrounds and upgrades. (\$5 million gross; City \$1 million”);
- (c)(ii) (January 14, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Children’s Services, respecting the Child Care Issues on the CYAC Action Plan;
- (d) (January 14, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Children’s Services responding to the child care issues referred to in deputations to the Community Services Committee on January 9, 2003;
- (e)(i) (January 9, 2003) from the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants respecting the Social Development and Administration budget and the criteria for the Community Services Grants Program;
- (e)(ii) (January 15, 2003) Briefing note from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services in response to the communication from the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants;
- (f) (December 27, 2002) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, respecting the Homes for the Aged, Children’s Services, Shelter, Housing and Support, and Social Development and Administration budgets; and
- (g) (December 27, 2002) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, respecting the pay equity adjustments required for the Homes for the Aged.

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- (g)(i) (January 15, 2003) Briefing note from the Director, Administration and Support Services, Homes for the Aged, responding to the Homes for the Aged issues referred to in deputations to the Community Services Committee on January 9, 2003;
- (h) (January 7, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, responding to the request of the Committee on December 11, 2002, to report on the option of providing the labour mediation and nursing salary adjustments through the Corporate Pay Equity Reserve Account;
- (i) (January 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on December 11, 2002, to report on the expanded Central Intake Model, included in the Shelter, Housing and Support 2003 budget submission;
- (j) (January 13, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support respecting the net pressures resulting from the 2003 hostel volume projections and shift in hostel client mix;
- (k) (January 15, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support responding to the request of the Committee on December 11, 2003, to provide a chart, headed "Let's Build Housing Activity - Service Level Indicators"; and outlining the stage of completion and the project-funding base;
- (l) (January 13, 2003) Briefing note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support summarizing revisions to the operating and capital budgets pertaining to the Federal SCPI Program and Let's Build; and
- (m) (January 15, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Committee on December 11, 2002, to report on the report, entitled "Toronto's Quiet Crisis: The Case for Social and Community Infrastructure Investment", published by the Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto.

Councillor Joe Mihevc declared his interest in that portion of the Children's Services 2003 Operating Budget pertaining to Vaughan Co-Op Nursery, having regard that his daughter attends that Nursery.

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

- Councillor Pam McConnell respecting the Children and Youth Action Committee's Action Plan for Children 2003;

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- Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79;
- Ms. Cindy Cowan, Nellies, respecting the Shelter, Housing and Support budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Howard Watson, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, regarding the Shelter, Housing and Support budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Sharon Filger, Chairperson, Childcare Advisory Committee, respecting the Children's Services budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Ruth Brown, Toronto Seniors' Assembly, respecting various programs for seniors;
- Ms. Mani Pathmarajah, Tamil Seniors Wellness Centre, respecting seniors' issues, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care, respecting the Children's Services budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Barbara Hurd, Kensington Bellwoods Community Legal Services, on behalf of Housing Action Now, respecting the Shelter, Housing and Support budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, Toronto CAN, respecting the Children's Services, Homes for the Aged and Shelter, Housing and Support budgets, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Carol Smith, NYAD Community Inc. (Not Your Average Daycare), respecting the Children's Services budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Virginia Thomson, Junction Daycare, respecting the Children's Services budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Pat Costello, Child Space Childcare Program, respecting the Children's Services budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Cathy Crowe, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, respecting the Shelter, Housing and Support budget, submitted a copy of a book, entitled "Homelessness – A message for working Canadians...", and requesting that 200 shelter beds be opened immediately; and
- Ms. Johanna Brand, Toronto Civic Employees Union, Local 416 CUPE, respecting

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the cutting of Local 416 positions in the Homes for the Aged budget, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

The Committee on January 9, 2003:

- (1) supported and endorsed the recommendations contained in the 2003 Action Plan for Children, submitted by the Children and Youth Action Committee; and further:
 - (i) recommended to Council the adoption of those recommendations without financial implications; and
 - (ii) directed that those recommendations with financial implications be forwarded to all relevant Standing Committees, Boards and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and support during the 2003 Operating Budget process;

(Motion by Councillor Shaw, which was carried on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Councillors Augimeri, Cho, Chow, Shaw, Tziretas and Walker - 6

AGAINST: 0

- (2) referred all deputations' briefs to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for comment thereon to that portion of the meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on January 16, 2003.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

(Budget Advisory Committee; Board of Health; Community Services Committee; Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Toronto Library Board; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Medical Officer of Health; City Librarian; General Manager, Children's Services; Councillor Pam McConnell; Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair, Children and Youth Action Committee - January 16, 2003)

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 2)

The Committee on January 16, 2003, reviewed the 2003 Operating Budgets under its purview, and took the following action in regard thereto:

(A) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

Works and Emergency Services:

Emergency Management Plan:

- (1) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for the Emergency Management Plan be approved, subject to adding to Recommendation No. (1) under "Operations Planning" the amount of \$95.0 gross and net to add one (1) Co-ordinator position for the Emergency Planning Program (referred to, but not recommended, in the Shelter, Housing and Support 2003 Operating Budget – New/Enhanced Actions under HS-N004); and further that funding for this position be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Emergency Medical Services:

- (2) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Emergency Medical Services be approved, subject to the following amendments:
 - (i) that the position of Buyer – Materials Management be approved, subject to availability of funding within the Works and Emergency Services Department's operating budget, and with no increase to the EMT Recommended 2003 budget (referred to, but not recommended, in the Emergency Medical Services 2003 Operating Budget New/Enhanced under AM-N006); and

- (ii) the EMT recommended 2003 Operating Budget reductions to Emergency Medical Services resulting in an establishment of 1,130 Approved Positions be increased by 2 to a revised total of 1,132 to reflect the deferral of two positions rather than the elimination of two positions as reflected in the Analyst Notes;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

Fire Services:

- (3) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Fire Services be approved, subject to increasing such budget by \$500,000 gross and net to reverse a duplicate reduction for the same item, and that this increase be applied against Support and Technical Services allocation reductions currently not included in the EMT Recommended 2003 Operating Budget;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Children's Services:

- (4) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for Children's Services be approved, subject to adding thereto the following amendments:
 - (a) that \$2.677, being the City's net share of 1,816 child care spaces eliminated as a result of provincial cutbacks, be allocated from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund and reinvested to provide additional child care spaces;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc, with amendment by Councillor Walker)

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- (b) that the following Recommendation No. (ii)(m) contained in the communication dated January 13, 2003, from Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Policy Sub-Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee, summarizing the recommendations contained in the Action Plan for Children 2003, be adopted:

“(m) Expand child care subsidies by 2,000 spaces in 2003. (\$15 million gross; City’s net share \$3 million)”;

and further that funding for this expenditure, upon provincial approval, be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund; and

(Motion by Councillor Shaw)

- (c) that the \$100,000 saving from the York Before/After School Program be reallocated to provide for an After School Program at Highview Public School and St. Conrad Public School, due to these schools being in a high need area;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri, which was carried unanimously)

Homes for the Aged:

- (5) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for the Homes for the Aged be approved, subject to increasing such budget by \$1,886.00 gross and net to provide for the following:
- (i) that 31.9 FTE be added to Support Services;
 - (ii) that 8.1 FTE be added to Food Services;

(Motions (i) and (ii) by Councillor Walker)

- (iii) that 3.0 FTE (gapped) be added to Painter Services, and that the appropriate staff of the Homes for the Aged continue current discussions with Labour Relations and the Toronto Civic Employees' Union Local 416 in this regard; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (iv) that the funds required for pay equity be provided by reducing the non-program account contributing to the Employee Benefits Reserve Fund (the City's Pay Equity Reserve), according to the current CUPE Collective Agreement;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (6) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Shelter, Housing and Support be approved, subject to the following amendments:
- (i) that the following 2003 SCPI (gross, with no net impact) Operating Budget Summary of Changes, outlined in the attached (January 13, 2003) Briefing Note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support with respect to SCPI and Let's Build projects, be adopted:

SCPI Budget Category	Original 2003 Submission	Revised 2003 Submission
Emergency Shelter	\$3,000,000	\$4,209,389
Transitional Housing	\$11,470,000	\$16,684,186
Small Capital Improvements	\$1,530,000	\$3,313,670

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Homeless Programs and Services	\$2,000,000	\$3,935,580
Administration	<u>\$1,912,500</u>	<u>\$2,582,500</u>
Total	\$19,912,500	\$30,725,325;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (ii) that a position of Director of Social Housing Administration (HS-N001) be approved in the amount of \$125.40 gross and net; and further that funding for this position be found from within the 2003 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc, with amendment by Councillor Walker)

- (iii) that two (2) Development Policy Officers for Hostel Head Office (HSN1-01) be approved in the amount of \$192.50 gross and net; and further that funding for these positions be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (iv) that the Tenant Defence Fund be increased by \$25,000 from \$150,000 to \$175,000 to provide for grant payments only; and further that funding for this increase be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Social Development and Administration:

- (7) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Social Development and Administration be approved; and

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Social Services:

- (8) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for Social Services be approved.

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (B) directed that:

Works and Emergency Services:

Emergency Management Plan:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the status of the team responsible for Operations Planning in the Emergency Management Unit of Works and Emergency Services, the projects currently being worked on, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Social Services:

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee on March 27, 2003, with respect to the 40 percent loss of purchasing power of social assistance allowances, and on the impacts on the City of Toronto's most vulnerable social assistance recipients, such report to include food and rental costs, etc.; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (C) received communications 2(a), (b), (c)(ii), (d), (e)(i), (e)(ii), (f), (g), (g)(i), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (m).

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

The following motion by Councillor Mihevc was declared redundant due to subsequent action taken by the Committee, contained in the foregoing Recommendation No. (A)(1) with respect to the addition of one Co-ordinate position for the Emergency Planning Program under the Emergency Management Plan 2003 Operating Budget:

“That the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be requested to give consideration to the inclusion of a Shelter, Housing and Support component as part of the Operations Planning in the Emergency Management Unit; that the funding for the component be found from within the Works and Emergency Services existing funding envelope; and further that a report thereon be submitted to the Community Services Committee as soon as possible.”

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Social Services; Mr. Warren Leonard, Manager, Emergency Planning, Works and Emergency Services; Mr. Alan Cohen; Mr. Al Horsman - January 16, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(b), Report No. 2)

2.3 Bill 148 - The Emergency Readiness Act, 2002.

The Committee had before it a report (December 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the passage of Bill 148 - The Emergency Readiness Act, 2002, which received Royal Assent on November 19, 2002; outlining the newly legislated requirements of Municipalities under this legislation with respect to emergency preparedness; noting that likely there will be financial implications arising from compliance with the newly legislated requirements, particularly in respect to staff resources devoted to compliance, but that these are not quantifiable at this time; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned report, and directed that it be forwarded to Council of

information.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)

2.4 Toronto Fire Services Five-Year Fire Apparatus Replacement Plan and Maintenance of Fleet.

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief submitting a review of the Toronto Fire Services Five Year Fire Apparatus Replacement Plan and Maintenance of the Fire Fleet; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee endorsed, in principle, the Toronto Fire Services aforementioned report, and directed that such report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2003 budget process.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(c), Report No. 2)

2.5 Daily Bread Food Bank - “Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids” Campaign.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 10, 2002) from Mr. Michael Oliphant, Policy Advocate, Daily Bread Food Bank, requesting the opportunity to address the Community Services Committee respecting the Daily Bread Food Bank’s “Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids” Campaign.

Mr. Michael Oliphant, Daily Bread Food Bank, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a package of material in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended that:

- (1) City Council endorse the Daily Bread Food Bank’s “Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids” Campaign;
- (2) actively promote the desired policy changes at the provincial level in advance of and after the next provincial election;

- (3) allow the “Pay the Rent and Feed the Kids” Campaign to use the endorsement publicly, such as on literature, brochures and on its web site; and
- (4) support public education initiatives regarding the Campaign’s objectives.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 2)

2.6 Request for Authority to Renew Option Years for Request for Proposal No. 0602-00-1125 for the Supply and Delivery of Groceries, Frozen Foods, Meat, Meat Products and Seafood - Homes for the Aged and Hostel Services.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 28, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Bid Committee on December 18, 2002, adopted a joint report (December 12, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management respecting Request for Proposal No. 0602-00-1125 for the supply and delivery of Groceries, Frozen Foods, Meat, Meat Products and Seafood for the Homes for the Aged and Hostel Services, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the Bid Committee authorize the extension of a pro rata portion of the contract for the supply and delivery of Groceries, Frozen Foods, Meat, Meat Products and Seafood in the estimated amount of \$850,000.00 including all charges and applicable taxes for two (2) months with the current supplier Serca Foodservice Inc. (Ontario Division) for the portion of the contract from January 1, 2003 to February 28, 2003, under the same terms and conditions;
- (2) the balance of the award for an additional two (2) years, ten-month period from March 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005, in the estimated amount of \$14,450,000.00 be referred to the Community Services Committee and Council for approval to award the pro rata portion of the contract to Serca Foodservice Inc. (Ontario Division) for the supply and delivery of Groceries, Frozen Foods, Meat, Meat Products and Seafood, subject to the requisite budget approval for each of 2004 and 2005;
- (3) Council ratify the Bid Committee’s action set out in Recommendation No. (1) above; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto;

and forwarded it to the Community Services Committee, and Council, for the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (4).

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (4) contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2)

2.7 Request for Authority to Renew Option Years for Request for Proposal No. 0606-00-0002 for the Supply and Delivery of Milk and Dairy Products - Homes for the Aged and Hostel Services.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 18, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Bid Committee on December 18, 2002, adopted a joint report (December 12, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management respecting Request for Proposal No. 0606-00-0002 for the supply and delivery of Milk and Dairy Products for the Homes for the Aged, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the Bid Committee authorize the extension of a pro rata portion of the contract for the supply and delivery of Milk and Dairy Products in the estimated amount of \$97,648.93 including all charges and applicable taxes for two months with the current supplier Natrel (Ontario) Inc. for the portion of the contract from January 1, 2003 to February 28, 2003, under the same terms and conditions;
- (2) the balance of the award for an additional two (2) years and ten-month period from March 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005, in the estimated amount of \$1,660,031.81 be referred to the Community Services Committee and Council for approval to award the pro rata portion of the contract to Natrel (Ontario) Inc. for the supply and delivery of Milk and Dairy Products, subject to the requisite budget approval for each of 2004 and 2005;
- (3) Council ratify the Bid Committee's action set out in Recommendation No. (1) above; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto;

and forwarded it to the Community Services Committee, and Council, for the adoption of

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Recommendations Nos. (2) to (4).

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (4) contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk, subject to:

- (a) amending the communication dated December 18, 2002, from the City Clerk and the joint report dated December 12, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Purchasing and Materials Management to include Hostel Services in the contract for the supply and delivery of milk and dairy products; and
- (b) amending Recommendation No. (2) contained in the aforementioned communication and joint report by deleting the amount "\$1,660,031.81" and replacing it with the amount "\$1,920,031.81", so that such recommendation reads as follows:

“(2) the balance of the award for an additional two (2) years and ten-month period from March 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005, in the estimated amount of \$1,920,031.81 be referred to the Community Services Committee and Council for approval to award the pro rata portion of the contract to Natrel (Ontario) Inc. for the supply and delivery of Milk and Dairy Products, subject to the requisite budget approval for each of 2004 and 2005;”.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)

**2.8 Capital Grant and Loan Guarantee for Growing Tykes
Childcare to Develop a Child Care Centre (Ward 5).**

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 13, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer seeking approval for the City of Toronto to provide a loan guarantee for \$650,000.00 and a grant of \$250,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Cost Reserve to Growing Tykes Childcare to develop a child care centre in Ward 5 Etobicoke Lakeshore; and recommending that:

- (1) subject to sufficient performance safeguards, the City of Toronto guarantee a capital loan of up to \$650,000.00 to be arranged by Growing Tykes Childcare;

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- (2) a grant of \$250,000.00 be provided from the Child Care Capital Cost Reserve to support the proposed licensed capacity;
- (3) the nature and terms of the guarantee, including any requirement for potential certification under the established debt and obligation limit, be subject to the concurrence of the Treasurer, City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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(Clause No. 13(d), Report No. 2)

**2.9 Childcare Occupancy Cost Agreements
with the Boards of Education.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 3, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Audit Committee to provide a review of the childcare occupancy agreements between the City and the Boards of Education and outline of the impact of these agreements on full fee parents; providing future direction and further responding with respect to the particular circumstances of Banting and Best Child Care; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee;
- (2) the current occupancy cost agreements between the City and the Boards of Education be maintained; and
- (3) 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 Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) contained in the aforementioned report; and directed that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information in accordance with Recommendation No. (1).

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Children's Services - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 2)

2.10 2003 Gang Prevention and Intervention Funding - Allocation of Appeal Fund.

The Committee had before it a report (December 16, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of Council on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, to review applications that qualified for funding under the 2003 Gang Prevention and Intervention Program, to determine how best to allocate the surplus funds set aside for appeals and to report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and recommending that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$10,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendix 1 of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 2)

2.11 Financial Pressures Related to Local Service Realignment of Child Care, Social Housing and Ontario Works.

The Committee had before it a report (December 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an overview of the financial pressures the City faces in child care, social housing and Ontario Works as a result of the Local Services Realignment; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded

to Council for information; and

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) report directly to Council for its meeting on February 4, 2003, on the risks to Toronto's child care system and the opportunities and strategies for obtaining increased funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments; and
 - (b) report to the Community Services Committee on the implications of the platforms of all three provincial parties with respect to child care in Toronto.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 2)

2.12 Final Allocations for the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative Funding.

The Committee had before it a report (December 17, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submitting for approval the allocations required to fully commit the federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) funding, which either build on previously approved successful SCPI funded activity, address system-wide capacity building efforts, or assist the City and the community in preparing for the second phase of SCPI funding; and recommending that:

- (1) the Street Involved Youth Project (SIYP), operated by Youthlink, have its SCPI contract extended for a six-month period from March 31, 2003 to September 30, 2003, to a funding level not to exceed \$275,060.00;
- (2) the Partners in Access and Identification Project (PAID), operated by Neighbourhood Link, have its SCPI contract extended for a six-month period from March 31, 2003 to September 30, 2003, to a funding level not to exceed \$279,802.00;
- (3) up to \$30,000.00 be allocated through a Request for Proposals process for an evaluation of the PAID project;

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- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to approve contract extensions to September 30, 2003, for existing SCPI projects funded under the "Homeless Programs and Services" envelope, which meet specific criteria and which are recommended to him by staff; such contract extensions not to exceed a total of \$500,000.00;
- (5) up to \$100,000.00 be allocated to the United Way to support the continuance of the Community Economic Development project, which is currently co-funded by the City of Toronto, Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services (MCFCS), and the United Way of Greater Toronto;
- (6) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to approve project development funding to a maximum total of \$300,000.00 for the purposes of developing business plans for transitional and supportive housing projects;
- (7) up to \$350,000.00 be allocated to two agencies for previously approved transitional housing projects (Trellis Gardens Housing Initiatives Incorporated and Fred Victor Mission) to cover additional unforeseen costs;
- (8) funding of up to \$75,000.00 be directed towards small capital improvements of three specific shelters to bring them into compliance with the new shelter standards related to the minimum requirements for toilets, washbasins and showers;
- (9) funding of up to \$300,000.00 be provided to undertake a facilities audit of hostels, through an RFP process;
- (10) funding of up to \$400,000.00 be provided towards implementation of the mandatory training requirements of the recently approved shelter standards; the funds will be used for both the delivery of the training through the Hostels Training Centre and to assist agencies in covering the costs of backfill for staff attending training;
- (11) funding of up to \$30,000.00 to undertake a consultation process in other than the shelter sector, and to develop a comprehensive training plan that incorporates the training needs of all sectors of service to homeless people;
- (12) additional funding of up to \$200,000.00 be allocated to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) projects, previously approved by Council at \$1,398,428.00 to address the expanded scope of work entailed and provide a contingency to address

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construction costs that may arise;

- (13) funding of up to \$70,000.00 be directed at an evaluation of the Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project;
- (14) up to \$40,000.00 be allocated for an evaluation of the implementation of the SCPI program in Toronto, through a request for proposals process; and
- (15) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Joe Mihevc declared his interest in the foregoing matter having regard that his wife may be employed by one the sub-groups within one of the funding envelopes under the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative projects.

Councillor Augimeri moved that the report be amended by deleting Recommendation No. (6).

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

Councillor Chow moved that Recommendation No. (6) be amended by adding thereto the words “and that such business plan does not indicate approval of the project”.

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

Councillor Walker moved that the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Augimeri, it was **lost**.

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

The foregoing motion by Councillor Chow was not put to a vote.

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

“The Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.”

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)

**2.13 Proposal for Affordable Housing and Childcare Centre
on the City-owned Bergamot Property and Results of
Community Meeting (Ward 2 - Etobicoke North).**

The Committee had before it a report (December 14, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the proposal for an affordable housing and child care centre on City-owned property at Bergamot Avenue; advising that, as directed, a community meeting was held on December 5, 2002, and recommending that:

- (1) the proposed 68-unit affordable rental housing development to be developed and provided on the Bergamot Property:
 - (a) pending confirmation of acceptable development and operating costs and subject to required development approvals by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the business case submitted by Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan Toronto ("YWCA"), or another entity associated and controlled by it and acceptable to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, collectively YWCA, be accepted under the Let's Build program as an Affordable Housing Project for the development of approximately 68 affordable rental housing units to be built at a City-owned property located on Bergamot Avenue, west of Islington Avenue, City of Toronto;
 - (b) for the purpose of securing such affordable rental housing, authority be granted to the Commissioner, to negotiate and provide a grant by way of a forgivable loan of up to \$1,250,000.00 and a non-interest bearing loan of up to \$1,250,000.00 or any combination thereof deemed appropriate, to YWCA from the Capital Revolving Fund ("CRF") for Affordable Housing for the duration of the long-term lease of the Bergamot Property, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
 - (c) for the purpose of securing such affordable housing, authority be granted to the Commissioner to negotiate and provide a grant by way of a forgivable loan of up to \$25,000.00 per unit from any federal/provincial Affordable Rental Housing Program funding that may subsequently become available (the "federal/provincial Affordable Rental Housing Program funding") for the duration of the long-term lease of the Bergamot Property, subject to such funds becoming available on a timely basis and the YWCA proposal for the Bergamot Project being eligible under the terms and conditions of such

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program and the terms and conditions of such funding being satisfactory to the Commissioner, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor. Any such funding would replace, in whole or in part, the CRF grant of \$1,250,000.00 described in Recommendation No. (1)(b);

- (d) for the purpose of securing such affordable housing, authority be granted to the Commissioner to negotiate and provide a grant of up to \$25,000.00 to the YWCA by way of a forgivable loan (the "Bergamot Pre-Development Grant") from the CRF grant of \$1,250,000.00 described in Recommendation No. (1)(b), secured only by a Pre-Development Agreement, subject to the Bergamot Pre-Development Grant being incorporated as part of the funds provided by the City from such CRF grant and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor. The Pre-Development Agreement will, amongst other matters, identify the due diligence activities and other Bergamot Project related matters that must be completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner in consultation with the City Solicitor;
 - (e) such loans and grants be deemed to be in the interests of the municipality;
 - (f) for the purposes of securing such affordable housing, that portion of the Bergamot Property located on the north side of Bergamot Avenue, west of Islington Avenue in the City of Toronto (Assessment Roll No. 191904287001750) which is used to provide affordable housing, be exempt from property taxation, for a period commencing at the date of first occupancy of the Bergamot Project and subject to the agreements for the Bergamot Project, referred to in Recommendation No. (3)(a), terminating 15 years thereafter;
- (2) in regard to the proposed childcare facility on the Bergamot Property:
- (a) authority be granted to the Commissioner to negotiate and provide a start up grant of up to \$120,000.00 and an interest bearing loan of up to \$1,083,580.00 from the Child Care Reserve Fund, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate, to the YWCA for the duration of the long-term lease of the Bergamot Property, to facilitate the development and provision of the childcare facility described in this report within the Bergamot Project, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and
 - (b) such loan and grant are deemed to be in the interests of the municipality;

- (3) with respect to the foregoing:
- (a) authority be granted to the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into such Pre-Development Agreements, Affordable Housing Agreements, Grant and Loan Agreements, and Municipal Housing Project Agreements, as described in Recommendation No. (3)(b), and any other agreements, mortgages/charges and related or ancillary documentation, including general or specific security, deemed appropriate by the Commissioner, in his discretion, to give effect to the foregoing recommendations, including without limitation, to facilitate the development and provision of the Project, the construction and operation of the child care facility within the Project and the making of the respective grants and loans and other financial assistance referred to in this report, on terms and conditions and priority of registration satisfactory to the Commissioner, in consultation with the City Solicitor, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
 - (b) Council pass site specific by-laws under the Housing Facility By-law (By-law No. 282-2002) providing authority to enter into Municipal Housing Project Facility Agreements for the Project, and that authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto;
 - (c) after the respective Municipal Housing Project Facility Agreement referred to in Recommendation No. (3)(a) has been entered into, Council pass a by-law under the Housing Facilities By-law (By-law No. 282-2002), providing for the respective property tax exemption(s) referred to in Recommendation No. (1)(f), and that authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto;
 - (d) the disbursement of the respective funding and exemption from property taxation authorized hereunder be subject to the Bergamot Property being declared surplus to municipal requirements, and to the YMCA providing development budgets and operating costs, project mortgage financing commitment(s) and evidence of their respective project(s) having received all necessary or desirable planning and development and other approvals and, with the exception of the Pre-Development Grant to be secured only by a Pre-Development Agreement, subject also to the YWCA having entered into such long-term leases, and other such Bergamot Project related agreements and documentation or ancillary security thereto as described in this report which the Commissioner shall require, all of which shall be on terms and conditions, including priority of registration, satisfactory to the

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Commissioner, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;

- (e) the Commissioner be authorized at any time prior to commencement of construction of the respective project referred to in this report, to terminate any recommended funding, exemption from property taxation, agreements or related arrangements with YWCA, referred to in this report, as the case may be, if, in the Commissioner's opinion, changes in actual or projected costs could potentially prevent the achievement of a financially and socially sustainable project as outlined in the business plan or if other project-related matters, including mortgage financing commitments for the project and postponement and priority agreements with prior encumbrances, are not satisfactory to the Commissioner and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (4) save and except for the long-term ground lease of the Bergamot Avenue Property and the changes/mortgages as described in Recommendation No. (3)(a), the Commissioner and his or her successor or designate, if any, be authorized to administer and manage the remaining Bergamot Avenue Project Agreements as deemed necessary or desirable to give effect to the recommendations in this report and earlier Council authorizations, including the provision of any consents, approvals or other types of notices (including termination) as deemed appropriate, provided, however, that the Commissioner may always submit the question of giving such notice to Council for its determination;
- (5) this report be referred to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee;
- (6) a community working group be formed to work with the YWCA and City staff in relation to the proposed affordable housing and child care centre initiative on the Bergamot Avenue property; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect to all of these recommendations; and that authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill(s) in Council to give effect to the property tax exemptions referred to in Recommendation No. (3)(c).

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

- (i) in opposition to the proposed development for the Bergamot Avenue property, and in support of a seniors housing development on the property:
- (December 31, 2002) from Mr. Leo McKenna, Past Grand Knight, Humber Valley

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Council #3945 Knights of Columbus;

- (January 5, 2003) from Tom and Evelyn Graham;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Dolores Milligan;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Cindy Welton;
- (January 5, 2003) from Harry and Pat Coupland;
- (January 5, 2003) from Linda and Malcolm Kent;
- (December 24, 2002) from Ms. Carol Reilly;
- (January 6, 2003) from Mr. John Gallow;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Mary Cicinelli;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Lynette Trimble;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Dolores Gooch and Ms. Loretta Rolanty;
- (January 6, 2003) from Karin and Knute Berger;
- (January 6, 2003) from Shirley and Aubrey Gott;
- (January 6, 2003) from Margaret, Wayne and Vicki Eizerman;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Lisa Tomassetti and Mr. Frank Cocetta;
- (January 7, 2003) from Ms. Beth Potter;
- (January 6, 2003) from Ms. Helen Fujino, Accounting Administrator, Somerville National Leasing and Rentals Ltd.;
- (January 6, 2003) from Luciano and Elena Napolitano, and Antonio, Anna Maria and Paola Cornacchia;
- (January 7, 2003) from Silvio and Maria De Marchi;
- (January 7, 2003) from Ms. Iris Linton;

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- (January 7, 2003) from Ms. Margaret Wynne;
- (January 7, 2003) from Mr. Sean Wilmut;
- (January 7, 2003) from Doug and Jean Woods;
- (January 7, 2003) from Mr. Sam Wall;
- (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Lynne Gott and Mr. Brian Spurr;
- (January 8, 2003) from Rodney and Thelma Bain;
- (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Jana Konecny;
- (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Rose Damico;
- (January 7, 2003) from Ms. Vicky Strachan;
- (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Christine Allen;
- (January 7, 2003) from Ms. Elizabeth Strachan;
- (January 8, 2003) from Mr. and Mrs. J. Rouse;
- (January 8, 2003) from Mrs. Z. Savaryn;
- (January 8, 2003) from Natalino and Rina Pietrangelo;
- (January 8, 2003) from Rocco and Maria Pietrangelo;
- (January 8, 2003) from Mr. Walter Bertolacci;
- (January 9, 2003) from Mr. Joseph Muscat;
- (January 9, 2003) from Mr. Dave Capogna;
- (January 9, 2003) from Mr. Matthew Nikiforuk;
- (January 9, 2003) from Ms. Robbin Forbes;

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- (ii) in support of the YWCA proposal for the Bergamot Avenue property:
- (January 9, 2003) from Ms. Sarah Hayden, Communications Coordinator, Youth Without Shelter;
 - (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Barbara Hurd, Community Legal Worker, Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services;
 - (January 8, 2003) from Mr. Phil Nazar;
 - (January 8, 2003) from Mr. Graeme F. Bacque;
 - (January 8, 2003) from Mr. Tooker Gomberg;
 - (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Judy Clarke;
 - (January 8, 2003) from Ms. Sybille Hahn, Executive Director, CANES Home Support Services;
 - (January 9, 2003) from Ms. Margaret Vandenbroucke, Homelessness Action Group;
 - (January 9, 2003) from Ms. Semone N. Kassim;
 - (January 9, 2003) from Ms. Lucia Furgiuele, Executive Director, Stonegate Community Health Centre;
 - (January 9, 2003) from Ms. Margaret A. Oldfield; and
- (iii) respecting alternative proposals:
- (June 21, 2002) from The Rexdale Presbyterian Senior Citizens Corporation submitting a proposal for the development of affordable rental housing for seniors;
 - (December 30, 2002) from the Chairperson, Pelletier Homes for Youth, respecting their proposal for the Bergamot Avenue property; and
 - (January 7, 2003) from Ms. Eunice Grayson, Executive Director, Learning Enrichment Foundation, in support of the proposal by the Knights of Columbus.

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

- Ms. Judy Goldie and Ms. Catherine McEwen, YWCA of Greater Toronto, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Ella Jackson and Mr. Leo McKenna, Knights of Columbus, Humber Valley Council #3945, and Mr. Leonard Bellam, Affordable Housing Initiatives;
- Ms. Tanya Gulliver, Toronto CAN;
- Ms. Ann Fitzpatrick, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Tony Kastelic, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Sean Wilmut;
- Mr. Leila Monib, Co-ordinator, Rexdale Community Health Centre;
- Ms. Dekka Gilao and Ms. Filis Kadiye, on behalf of Somali Women, and Ms. Hawa Jilao, Somali Immigrant Women Association, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. John Cartwright, Toronto and York Region Labour Council;
- Ms. Rachel Singer, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Matthew Nikiforuk, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Maria Boada;
- Mr. George King, President, Ms. Nancy McDowell, Administrator, and Mr. Malcolm Frazer, Auditor, Rexdale Presbyterian Senior Citizens Corporation;
- Mr. Paul Raun and Ms. Stephanie Bourke;
- Mr. Jon Harstone, Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto; and
- Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North.

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Councillor Walker, on behalf of Councillor Ford, moved that:

- (1) the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be received, and the Bergamot property awarded to the Rexdale Presbyterian Senior Citizens Corporation for development of a senior citizens' facility; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to prepare the necessary report to give effect thereto; or
- (2) the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on March 27, 2003, in order to allow the local Councillor and staff the opportunity to develop a joint agreement to accommodate both the YWCA and the Rexdale Presbyterian Senior Citizens Corporation proposals; and that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report thereon to the Committee.

Councillor Walker further moved that:

- (3) the Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to share, in confidence, with Councillor Ford, and other interested Councillors, the grades resulting from the evaluation process of the projects submitted under the RFP proposal for an affordable housing and child care centre project on the City-owned Bergamot Avenue property.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, on behalf of Councillor Ford, **it was lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Cho and Tziretas - 2

AGAINST: Councillors Augimeri, Chow, Mihevc and Walker - 4

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, on behalf of Councillor Ford, **it was lost.**

Upon the question of the adoption of part (4) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, **it was carried.**

Upon the question of the adoption of part (3) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Walker, **it was carried on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillor Augimeri, Chow, Mihevc and Walker - 4

AGAINST: Councillors Cho and Tziretas - 2

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

“The Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report dated December 14, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Proposal for Affordable Housing and Childcare Centre on the City-Owned Bergamot Avenue Property and the Results of a Community Meeting (Ward 2 - Etobicoke North); and
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to share, in confidence, with Councillor Ford, and other interested Councillors, the grades resulting from the evaluation process of the projects submitted under the RFP proposal for an affordable housing and child care centre project on the City-owned Bergamot Avenue property.

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(e), Report No. 2)

**2.14 Affordable and Transitional Housing at
20 Sewells Road by Wigwamen Inc.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the development of a 92-unit affordable and transitional housing project at 20 Sewells Road (the "Sewells Project") by Wigwamen Inc.; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, or his designate, to approve, on behalf of the City of Toronto, as service manager, the sale by Wigwamen of up to six (6) scattered dwelling units, including 226 Bain Avenue, 114 Woodfield Road, 65 Hannaford Avenue, 192 Silverthorn Avenue and 222 Blackthorn Avenue, (collectively, the "Properties") as required under the federal operating agreements (the "Operating Agreements") being administered by the City of Toronto pursuant to the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* (the "SHRA"), subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister");
- (2) authority be given to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, or his designate, to seek the consent of the Minister, to the sale of the Properties pursuant to restrictions contained in Transfer Order No. 22-4/2001 (the "Transfer Order") made pursuant to the SHRA;
- (3) authority be given to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, or his designate, to amend the Operating Agreements and enter into any agreements and ancillary documentation deemed appropriate in connection with the sale of the Properties on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, or his designate; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 2)

2.15 New Federally Funded Community Rental Housing Program.

The Committee had before it a report (December 17, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the provincial framework for the new federally-funded "Affordable Housing Program - Community Rental Housing"; proposing a City approach to the program; and recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to enter into negotiations with the Province of Ontario on the administration (delivery) agreement, the form of project contribution agreements, and related arrangements for the Community Rental Housing Program, and report back to the Community Services Committee;
- (2) such agreement(s) enable the Community Rental Housing Program to dovetail as effectively as possible with the Let's Build program and ensure value for public money;
- (3) Council advocate for enhanced contributions to the program, including:
 - (a) urging the Province to provide long-term rent supplement funding for at least one-third of the units developed through the Community Rental Housing Program;
 - (b) urging the federal and provincial governments to increase capital funding for projects funded through the Community Rental Housing or related programs, and ensure efficient and speedy delivery;
- (4) Council continue advocacy to secure new federal and provincial support to meet affordable housing needs; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (i) the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (ii) that the Premier of the Province of Ontario be requested to match the Federal funding formula for the Community Rental Housing Program; and further that this request be forwarded to the Leaders of the provincial Opposition Parties.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 2)

2.16 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force, "Taking Responsibility for Homelessness: An Action Plan for Toronto".

The Committee had before it a report (December 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force documented in the report, "Taking Responsibility for Homelessness: An Action Plan for Toronto"; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - January 16, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(f), Report No. 2)

2.17 Status Report on the Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project.

The Committee had before it a report (December 20, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the Emergency Homelessness Pilot Project; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report; and

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to prepare, for signature by the Mayor and the Chair of the Community Services Committee, a letter expressing appreciation to the agency that assisted homeless persons from Tent City in their move into permanent housing.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(g), Report No. 2)

2.18 Funding to Relocate and Restore the Historically Designated Joy Oil Station and Increase in Project Funding to the Fred Victor Centre for Development of Affordable Housing at 1978-2000 Lake Shore Boulevard West - Ward 13 - Parkdale-High Park.

The Committee had before it a report (December 31, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting funding to relocate and restore the historically designated Joy Oil Station and an increase in project funding to the Fred Victor Centre for the development of affordable housing at 1978-2000 Lake Shore Boulevard West; and recommending that:

- (1) for the purpose of securing affordable and transitional housing, the repayable Capital Revolving Fund (CRF) loan of up to \$376,000.00 approved by City Council in its earlier authorization as described in this report be increased by an additional sum of \$175,000.00, to address cost increases for this Project, to a maximum CRF total loan funding level of \$551,000.00, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services (the "Commissioner");
- (2) for the purpose of securing affordable and transitional housing, the Commissioner be authorized to allocate and provide a further \$200,000.00 from the CRF to address the non-recoverable expenses of relocating and restoring the historically designated Joy Oil building and the decommissioning activities at the site as previously approved by City Council under Motion J(4), headed "Settlement Proposal –1978 Lake Shore Boulevard West", adopted, without amendment, by City Council at its meeting held on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002;

- (3) the Commissioner be authorized to disburse up to \$50,000.00 of the \$630,000.00 CRF grant previously approved by City Council to the Fred Victor Centre as a pre-development grant by way of forgivable loan for the Project, secured only by a pre-development agreement as previously approved by City Council. Such money is required to address those due diligence activities and other Project-related issues considered appropriate by the Commissioner, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to be carried out prior to the City advancing any other City grant or any loan monies for the Project;
- (4) such loan and grant be deemed to be in the best interests of the municipality;
- (5) the Commissioner or designate, if any, be authorized to administer and manage the pre-development agreement, the Affordable Housing Agreement, the Loan and Grant Agreement and other Project-related agreements and security approved by City Council in its earlier authorizations, including the provision of any consents, approvals or types of notices (including termination) as deemed appropriate, provided, however, that the Commissioner may always submit the question of giving such notice to City Council for its determination; and
- (6) 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 Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(h), Report No. 2)

2.19 Coroner's Inquest into the Deaths of Gillian and Ralph Hadley.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 18, 2002) from Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Vice-Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Toronto Police Services Board on November 21, 2002, had before it a report (October 11, 2002) from the Chief of Police responding to the jury recommendations from the Coroner's Inquest into the deaths of Gillian and Ralph Hadley, as requested by the Community Services Committee; and noting that the Board approved such report and agreed to forward a copy to both the Community Services Committee and the Chief Coroner for Ontario.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned report, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Task Force on Community Safety and the Woman Abuse Council for information.

(Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Task Force on Community Safety; Ms. V. Green, Woman Abuse Council; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(i), Report No. 2)

**2.20 Recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest
into the Death of Kimberly Rogers.**

The Committee had before it a report (December 19, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services summarizing the recommendations contained in the December 19, 2002, verdict of the Coroner's Jury into the death of Kimberly Rogers; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report on the implications of the recommendations of the Coroner's Jury into the death of Kimberly Rogers for the delivery of social assistance in Toronto; 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 concurred in the recommendation contained in the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Social Services Division - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 13(j), Report No. 2)

2.21 Donation of Ambulance Vehicles.

The Committee had before it a report (January 6, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the donation of one early model ambulance vehicle to Toronto Emergency Services' White Knights and one to Toronto Fire Services Christmas Tree Foundation; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be given the authority to give effect thereto.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and **(Motion by Councillor Tziretas)**
- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee on the feasibility of donating surplus ambulances to charitable organizations, both locally and internationally. **(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)**

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - January 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Chair.