

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 5

Monday, June 9, 2003

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, June 9, 2003, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:	9:40 a.m.-12:35 a.m.	2:15 p.m.-4:05 p.m.
Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X	X
Councillor Sherene Shaw	X	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X	
Councillor Michael Walker	X	X

Regrets:

Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Mario Silva

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on May 1, 2003, were confirmed.

5.1 Presentation on the Toronto Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team

The Committee had before it a joint report (May 15, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager providing a review and update on the function of the Toronto Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team at major emergencies; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Fire Chief and General Manager provided the Community Services Committee with a power point presentation on the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team; the role the Team played at the fire and explosion at 3885-3887 Bloor Street West on April 24, 2003, which destroyed the commercial/residential building; the equipment used to lift and move, breach and shore heavy objects and structural components; and on the training undertaken by the Team.

The Fire Chief demonstrated how the Thermal Imaging Camera and Search Cam are used in rescue operations; and introduced the following members of the Team:

- Captain L. Thomas, Toronto Fire Service;
- Mr. Alan Wingfield, Toronto EMS;
- Staff Sergeant Bill Neadles, Toronto Police Service; and
- Mr. Don Sorel, Works and Emergency Services Department.

The Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report and presentation; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Fire Chief and General Manager be requested to submit a report to the Community Services Committee on a mechanism (Memorandum of Understanding, etc.) to develop a mutual aid system, such system to be available for disasters that are on a national level, and where the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team may be helpful; and further that the report include a financial breakdown of the cost-sharing percentages with the provincial and federal governments.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc with amendment by Councillor Shaw)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief and General Manager; Acting Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS; Chief of Police - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(a), Report No. 5)

5.2 Toronto EMS Emergency Sole Source Purchases Related to SARS

The Committee had before it a revised report (May 29, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising of a SARS-related emergency sole source purchase on April 9, 2003, of protective medical equipment and supplies from Source Medical in the amount of \$1 million; and recommending that:

- (1) Council be aware that an emergency purchase of \$1 million gross and zero net in material purchases was authorized by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services in response to the SARS outbreak;
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report back as part of the 2003 Operating Budget 2nd Quarter Variance Report confirming receipt of the one-time Provincial funding of \$1 million for this SARS related item;
- (3) the technical adjustment for this unbudgeted item be conducted as part of the corporate adjustment being made for the SARS expenditures identified in the May 15, 2003, report reviewed by Council at its meeting of May 21, 22, and 23, 2003; 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. 1, Report No. 5)

5.3 2003 Service Cut and Revised Spending Strategy for Child Care Resulting from Provincial Underfunding

The Committee had before it the following report and communications:

- (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services confirming the 2003 provincial funding contribution to child care and proposing a service cut and revised spending strategy for child care that provides optimal use of committed City resources and respects historic commitments made to the community; and recommending that:
 - (1) the City's Child Care Campaign to keep licensed child care on the public agenda and to press the provincial government to pay its fair share of the costs be sustained;
 - (2) as a result of the provincial failure to provide sufficient funding for the child care system within Toronto, the City reduce its subsidy space ceiling by approximately 500 spaces through naturally occurring client turnover and in accordance with the equity provisions of the Child Care Service Plan;
 - (3) the City's portion of this year's instalment on the phased return to the payment of child care operators' actual costs approved in the 2003 operating budget, (\$666.7 thousand) be paid in an equitable manner to child care programs under contract with the City;
 - (4) at calendar year end, any underexpenditure of the City's portion of the approved 2003 Children's Services budget be reallocated to provide one-time minor capital funding for unmet health and safety needs in child care programs under contract with the City;
 - (5) the Department report at the next Community Services Committee meeting on a process to prepare a new five-year Service Plan for Child Care that will address key policy issues confronting child care including the payment of actual costs, sustaining subsidized service levels, improving the equity of access to licensed care and developing an integrated approach to managing the child care service system within Toronto; and
 - (6) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

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- (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, during consideration of a report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “2003 Service Cut and Revised Spending Strategy for Child Care Resulting from Provincial Underfunding”, recommended that the following motion by Ms. Fiona Nelson be adopted:

“WHEREAS tax rebates and cuts by the Ontario government have seriously jeopardized the support of child care and other services to children; and

WHEREAS the provincial share of federal funds intended for child care has not been forwarded to Toronto to a total of \$31.7 million;

THEREFORE, the Children and Youth Action Committee recommends that City Council vote, as an emergency measure, that \$7.9 million be drawn from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund to prevent the cut of child care services to 500 children, to pay the inflation cost of running child care services in Toronto, and restore health and safety funding.”; and

- (June 9, 2003) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, urging the Community Services Committee to reject the recommendation to cut 500 spaces and to direct City Council to provide the funding needed to retain them.

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

- Ms. Leona Dombrowsky, MPP, Liberal Critic for Community, Family and Children’s Services;
- Ms. Shelley Martel, MPP, NDP Children’s Issues Critic, and submitted material in regard thereto;
- Ms. Sharon Filger, Chair, Child Care Advisory Committee;
- Ms. Alejandra Bravo, Chair of the Davenport School/Parent Council;

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- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Colin Hughes, Toronto Campaign 2000, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Carol Smith on behalf of Not Your Average Daycare, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Fiona Nelson, Children and Youth Action Committee; and
- Ms. Janet Davis.

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

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

- (i) the adoption of the following recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the communication dated May 30, 2003, from the City Clerk:

“WHEREAS tax rebates and cuts by the Ontario government have seriously jeopardized the support of child care and other services to children; and

WHEREAS the provincial share of federal funds intended for child care has not been forwarded to Toronto to a total of \$31.7 million;

THEREFORE, the Children and Youth Action Committee recommends that City Council vote, as an emergency measure, that \$7.9 million be drawn from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund to prevent the cut of child care services to 500 children, to pay the inflation cost of running child care services in Toronto, and restore health and safety funding.”;

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(ii) the adoption of the report dated May 21, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to:

(a) amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding thereto the following words:

“and further that the parents on the waiting list be notified of the crisis facing the child care system and the cause and solution to resolve the crisis;” and

(b) deleting Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3), and renumbering the balance of the recommendations accordingly, so that such recommendations now read as follows:

“It is recommended that:

(1) the City’s Child Care Campaign to keep licensed child care on the public agenda and to press the provincial government to pay its fair share of the costs be sustained; and further that the parents on the waiting list be notified of the crisis facing the child care system and the cause and solution to resolve the crisis;

(2) at calendar year end, any underexpenditure of the City’s portion of the approved 2003 Children’s Services budget be reallocated to provide one-time minor capital funding for unmet health and safety needs in child care programs under contract with the City;

(3) the Department report at the next Community Services Committee meeting on a process to prepare a new five-year Service Plan for Child Care that will address key policy issues confronting child care including the payment of actual costs, sustaining subsidized service levels, improving the equity of access to licensed care and developing an integrated approach to managing the child care service system within Toronto; and

- (4) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”,

which was **carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Cho, Chow, Mihevc, Shaw, Tziretas and Walker

AGAINST: None

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Children’s Services - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(b), Report No. 5)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

5.4 The Child Care Policy Platforms of the Three Provincial Political Parties and Their Implications for Toronto’s Child Care System

The Committee had before it the following report and communication:

- (May 15, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services comparing the key components of the child care policy platforms of the three provincial political parties and considering the future implications for Toronto’s child care system; and recommending that:
 - (1) the City continue the “Toronto Child Care Campaign” to keep the issue of adequately funded licensed child care on the public agenda;
 - (2) during the next provincial election, the City seek the commitment of all provincial parties to stabilize, restore and support the City’s licensed child care system by committing to the speedy implementation of the 8-point short-term strategy for child care outlined in this report;
 - (3) the City seek clarification from all political parties concerning the details of

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- their platforms for child care to better analyze the impact of any future child care reform strategies on the City's current child care system; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, during consideration of the report (May 15, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "The Child Care Policy Platforms of the Three Provincial Political Parties and Their Implications for Toronto's Child Care System", recommended that:
- (1) the report of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be adopted; and
- (2) a high-profile campaign to press for the direct flow-through of Federal funds for child care be approved.

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

- Ms. Leona Dombrowsky, MPP, Liberal Critic for Community, Family and Children's Services;
- Ms. Shelley Martel, MPP, NDP Children's Issues Critic, and submitted material in regard thereto;
- Ms. Sharon Filger, Chair, Child Care Advisory Committee;
- Ms. Alejandra Bravo, Chair of the Davenport School/Parent Council;
- Ms. Jane Mercer, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Colin Hughes, Toronto Campaign 2000, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Carol Smith on behalf of Not Your Average Daycare, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Fiona Nelson, Children and Youth Action Committee; and
- Ms. Janet Davis.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated May 15, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)
 - (b) the adoption of the following recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee contained in the communication dated May 30, 2003, from the City Clerk:

“that a high-profile campaign to press for the direct flow-through of Federal funds for child care be approved”;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)
 - (c) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to pursue the option of using City supported TTC shelter advertising space to keep the issue of licensed child care on the public agenda;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)
 - (d) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to send copies of the brochure “A New Deal for Child Care in Toronto” to parents with children on the waiting list for a subsidized child care space in Toronto”;
and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)
 - (e) that Members of Council be encouraged to become actively engaged in spreading the message of the Toronto Child Care Campaign and use materials developed to speak with parents and colleagues at the provincial and federal levels of government; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide Members of Council with short articles that could be used in their newsletters.

(Motion by Councillor Shaw)

which was **carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Cho, Chow, Mihevc, Shaw, Tziretas and Walker

AGAINST: None

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

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 5)

5.5 Impact of the Implementation of the Ontario Early Years Centres on the Child Care System in Toronto

The Committee had before it a report (May 15, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the implementation of the Ontario Early Years Centres and summarizing the financial and service implications for the City and its child care system; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a communication (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, received the report (May 15, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Impact of the Implementation of the Ontario Early Years Centres on the Child Care System in Toronto".

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

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

(Clause No. 18(c), Report No. 5)

**5.6 Construction of a Child Care Centre at 610 Jane Street -
Tender No. 54-2003 (Ward 13 - Parkdale-High Park)**

The Committee had before it a revised joint report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the total capital budget for the construction of a Child Care Centre at 610 Jane Street be increased by \$180,000.00 to \$1,130,000.00 and that the necessary amount be funded from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund;
- (2) Tender No. 54-2003 for the Construction of the Child Care Centre at 610 Jane Street, be awarded to Brown Daniels & Associates in the amount of \$952,670.00 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest acceptable tender received; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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(Clause No. 18(d), Report No. 5)

**5.7 Occupancy Cost Agreements for Child Care Between the
City and the Toronto District School Board and the
Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud**

The Committee had before it a report (May 12, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to amend the current agreement between the City and the Toronto District School Board, and to enter into an agreement with the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud for the payment of occupancy costs for child care programs located in their facilities; and recommending that:

- (1) the City make remittances to the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud at a rate of \$10.00 per month per child under the age of 3.8 enrolled in licensed child care spaces operated in their facilities;
- (2) payments to the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud be made using an appropriate transfer mechanism as determined by the Commissioner of

Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Solicitor;

- (3) the City make remittances to the Toronto District School Board at the rate of \$6.50 per square foot for exclusive space used to provide child care services effective January 1, 2003;
- (4) actual payments be tied to approved square footage in accordance with the Child Care Service Plan; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 5)

5.8 Dissemination of Information to Parents Regarding the Child Tax Benefit and National Child Benefits Supplement

The Committee had before it a report (May 10, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to a recommendation of the Children and Youth Action Committee from its meeting on April 24, 2002, regarding the dissemination of information to parents regarding the Child Tax Benefit and the National Child Benefit Supplement; and recommending that:

- (1) starting in September 2003, for a three-month trial period, individual postcards with appropriate, brief information regarding the Child Tax Benefit and National Child Benefit Supplement (CTB and NCBS), in languages consistent with the City's multilingual policy and with instructions to call 211 for further information, be distributed to child care centres, recreation centres, libraries, neighbourhood centres, settlement houses, family shelters and public health programs in sufficient numbers to distribute to parents;
- (2) funding for the postcards not exceed \$2,500.00 and be allocated from the budget of the Children and Youth Action Committee and that the Community Information Toronto 211 call centre resource the trial period from existing resources;
- (3) if the trial period indicates that additional resources are necessary to continue the initiative, staff include the appropriate request in the 2004 budget submission; and

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

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

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Children and Youth Action Committee for information.

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(Clause No. 4, Report No. 5)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

5.9 Community Services Grants Program - 2003 Allocations and Appeals

The Committee had before it a communication (May 14, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 14, 2003, had before it reports dated February 5, 2003, headed "Ineligible Applicants to the 2003 Community Services Grants Program", and April 23, 2003, headed "Community Services Grants Program - 2003 Allocations", from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and that the Sub-Committee:

- (i) recommended to the Community Services Committee:
- (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report dated February 5, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Ineligible Applicants to the 2003 Community Services Grants Program";
 - (b) the adoption of the aforementioned report dated April 23, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Community Services Grants Program – 2003 Allocations";
- (ii) referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee:
- Africans in Partnership Against AIDS (Organization No. 9);

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- Canadian Ecuadorian Foundation of Social Development (Organization No. 35);
 - Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (Organization No. 57);
 - Community Information Centre for the City of York (Organization No. 61);
 - Community Social Planning Council of Toronto (Organization No. 64);
 - Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (Organization No. 91);
 - Flemingdon Neighbourhood Services (Organization No. 103);
 - For You Telecare Family Service Inc. (formerly Korean-Canadian Telecare Life Line Inc.) (Organization No. 134);
 - Literature for Life (Organization No. 142);
 - Somali Canadian Mothers for Youth (Organization No. 210);
 - St. Stephen's Community House (Organization No. 228);
 - Toronto People with AIDS Foundation (Organization No. 250);
 - Tropicana Community Services Organization (Organization No. 252);
 - West Hill Community Services (Organization No. 270); and
 - West Toronto Support Services for Senior Citizens & the Disabled (Organization No. 273); and
- (iii) referred the appeal from the North Chinese Community of Canada (Organization No. 167), together with the recommendation that a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 be allocated to the organization, to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee.

The Committee also had before it a report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 2003 Community Services Grants Program appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 14, 2003; and recommending that:

- (1) the appeal funds of \$25,404.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Rob Howarth, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Committee:

- (i) recommend to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated February 5, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “Ineligible Applicants to the 2003 Community Services Grants Program”;
 - (b) the adoption of the report dated April 23, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “Community Services Grants Program – 2003 Allocations”; and
 - (c) the adoption of the report dated May 21, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “Community Services Grants Program - 2003 Appeals Report”;
- (ii) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the Community Services Grants Program receive yearly increases minimally equivalent to the same “economic factor” that is applied to City departments for any given budget year; and
- (iii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) submit a 2004 Community Services Grants Program budget request that includes an increase of \$1,209,449.00, so that “high priority” new programs (such as those identified in the 2003 allocations report) can be funded in 2004; and
 - (b) report to the Community Services Committee on how the proposed \$66,500.00 in research costs to review community social planning in Toronto will be used.

Councillor Shaw moved that part (iii) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mihevc be amended to provide that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to include in the report a mechanism to include new groups in the entire grants process.

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

Councillor Chow moved that part (i)(b) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mihevc be amended by adding thereto the following:

“and further that the Canadian Cambodian Association of Ontario (Organization No. 33) be requested to work with the Chinese Cambodian Association and assist in its activities”.

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of parts (ii) and (iii) of the foregoing motions by Councillor Mihevc, with amendment to part (iii) by Councillor Shaw, it was **carried on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Cho, Chow, Mihevc, Shaw And Walker - 5

AGAINST: Councillor Tziretas - 1

Upon the question of the adoption of part (i) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Mihevc, with amendment to part (i)(b) by Councillor Chow, it was **carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillor Cho, Chow, Mihevc, Shaw, Tziretas and Walker

AGAINST: None

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

“The Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the report dated February 5, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “Ineligible Applicants to the 2003 Community Services Grants Program”, wherein it recommended that:

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- (1) the 36 new and returning applicants determined to be ineligible at this stage of the assessment process be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2003 Community Services Grants Program; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (b) the adoption of the report dated April 23, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “Community Services Grants Program – 2003 Allocations”, wherein it recommended that:
- (1) the 2003 Community Services Grants Program allocations totalling \$9,555,974.00 for 493 programs in 238 organizations as described in Appendices “A” and “E” be approved; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- and further that the Canadian Cambodian Association of Ontario (Organization No. 33) be requested to work with the Chinese Cambodian Association and assist in its activities; and
- (c) the adoption of the report dated May 21, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed “Community Services Grants Program - 2003 Appeals Report”, wherein it recommended that:
- (1) the appeal funds of \$25,404.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report;
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (ii) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the Community Services Grants Program receive yearly increases minimally equivalent to the same “economic factor” that is applied to City departments for any given budget year; and

- (iii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) submit a 2004 Community Services Grants Program budget request that includes an increase of \$1,209,449.00, so that “high priority” new programs (such as those identified in the 2003 allocations report) can be funded in 2004;
 - (b) report to the Community Services Committee on:
 - (1) a mechanism to include new groups in the entire grants process; and
 - (2) how the proposed \$66,500.00 in research costs to review community social planning in Toronto will be used.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Budget Advisory Committee; Mr. Rob Howarth, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres; c. Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Community Resources - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 5)

**5.10 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program -
2003 Allocations and Appeals**

The Committee had before it the following reports and communications:

- (May 16, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:
 - (1) Breaking the Cycle of Violence grant program allocations, totalling \$649,820.00 to 45 applicants as recommended in Appendices A and B of this report be approved; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

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- (May 27, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 27, 2003:
 - (i) recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of the report dated May 16, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program allocations; and
 - (ii) referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon to the meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held on June 9, 2003, with a request that special consideration be given to the organizations that met the criteria under the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program:
 - African Resource Centre (Organization No. 6);
 - Apostles Revelation Society-Society for the Living (Organization No. 10);
 - Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada (Organization No. 14);
 - Auberge d'Accueil Francophone et Services Aux Refugee (Organization No. 15);
 - Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (Organization No. 17);
 - La Casa Dona Juana (Organization No. 23);
 - FAS World Toronto (Organization No. 44);
 - For Youth Initiative in Toronto (Organization No. 45);
 - The Gatehouse Child Abuse Advocacy Centre (Organization No. 47);
 - Health and Equity Research Committee (Organization No. 49);
 - Hungarian Canadian Community Services (Organization No. 50);
 - Lakeshore Area Multi-Service Project (LAMP) (Organization No. 58);

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- Latin American Coalition to End Violence Against Women and Children (Organization No. 60);
 - Northwood Neighbourhood Services (Organization No. 75);
 - Ontario Association of the Deaf (Organization No. 77);
 - Parkdale Community Legal Services Inc. (Organization No. 82);
 - Riverdale Housing Animation Program (Organization No. 91);
 - Scadding Court Community Centre (Organization No. 94);
 - Somali Immigrant Aid Organization (Organization No. 98);
 - St. Stephen's Community House (Organization No. 103);
 - Vision Africana 2000 Cultural Groupe (Organization No. 114); and
 - Youth Assisting Youth (Organization No. 124); and
- (June 2, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 2003 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program appeals heard by the Community Services Grants Appeals Sub-Committee on May 27, 2003; and recommending that:
- (1) the appeal fund of \$20,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 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:

- (a) the adoption of the report dated May 16, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program - 2003 Allocations", wherein it recommended that:

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- (1) Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program allocations, totalling \$649,820.00 to 45 applicants as recommended in Appendices A and B of this report be approved; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (b) the adoption of the report dated June 2, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, headed "Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program - 2003 Appeals Report", wherein it recommended that:
- (1) the appeal fund of \$20,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 5)

5.11 The Potential for Tripartite Agreements to Support Toronto's Social Infrastructure

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the recommendation by the Toronto City Summit Alliance relating to support for social infrastructure and to update City Council on the use of tripartite agreements as a potential source of funding; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in collaboration with the Chief Administrator's Office and the United Way of Greater Toronto, explore opportunities with provincial and federal officials for achieving tripartite agreements to support the City's social infrastructure and report back to Council early in 2004; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to effect thereto.

Mr. John Doherty, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

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

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

- (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:
 - “(1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in collaboration with the Chief Administrator’s Office, the United Way of Greater Toronto, and other appropriate stakeholders, explore opportunities with provincial and federal officials for achieving tripartite agreements to support the City’s social infrastructure and provide an interim report to the September meeting of the Community Services Committee on the progress of this initiative and the result of the July 15, 2003, deadline set by the Toronto City Summit;” and
- (b) that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be urged to resubmit the request for social infrastructure funding in its submission to the upcoming Federal budget.

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 5)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

**5.12 Report on the Administration of the Toronto Youth
Job Corps and Youth Employment Toronto Programs**

The Committee had before it a report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to enter into a funding agreement with Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) and Youth Employment Toronto (YET) programs and to renew the purchase of service agreements with the community-based delivery agencies for TYJC; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to sign agreements with HRDC to receive funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,495,392.00 as its share of program costs for TYJC and YET;

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to renew agreements with St. Christopher House, West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre and Youth Clinical Services to deliver the TYJC program on the proviso that:
- (a) the delivery agencies of the TYJC program comply with all applicable requirements under the purchase of service agreement;
 - (b) the agreements shall be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and contain such other items and conditions as he may deem advisable; and
 - (c) the agreements are within the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services delegated approval limits; and
- (3) 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. 10, Report No. 5)

5.13 “The Shelter Inspection Report - A Report of Conditions in Toronto’s Shelter System”

The Committee had before the following communications:

- (i) (May 9, 2003) from Ms. Cathy Crowe, RN submitting a copy of the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee report, entitled “The Shelter Inspection Report - A Report of Conditions in Toronto’s Shelter System”, dated May 2003, and requesting the opportunity to appear before the Community Services Committee with respect to the report; and

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- (ii) (May 21, 2003) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Committee on May 9, 2003, heard a presentation from the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee on its recently released report, entitled “The Shelter Inspection Report - A Report of Conditions in Toronto’s Shelter System”, and further endorsed the reports and recommendations contained therein; and requesting that the Community Services Committee also adopt the recommendations and further forward the following recommendations to the officials noted for review and comment:
- Recommendation No. (3) to the Chief Administrative Officer;
 - Recommendation Nos. (7)-(15) to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; and
 - Recommendations Nos. (16) and (17) to the Medical Officer of Health.

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

- Mr. Dion Oxford, The Salvation Army - The Gateway, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Barb Craig, Street Health, and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Rick Wallace;
- Ms. Bonnie Briggs; and
- Mr. Scott Guzman.

The Committee:

- (1) referred the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee’s report, entitled “The Shelter Inspection Report – A Report of Conditions in Toronto’s Shelter System”, and the communication dated May 21, 2003, from the Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Medical Officer of Health, for consideration and report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report annually on the degree of compliance by the shelter system with respect to the City's approved shelter standards, and any actions required to achieve compliance,

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

which was **carried unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Councillors Cho, Chow, Mihevc, Shaw and Walker

AGAINST: None

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Administrative Officer; Medical Officer of Health; All Interested Parties; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(e), Report No. 5)

5.14 Shelter Standards - Confidentiality

The Committee had before it a report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the new Shelter Standards and responding to the proposed amendment by City Council on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, to section 6.6, entitled "Confidentiality", and particularly with respect to the sub-section entitled "Sharing of Resident Information"; advising that the Corporate Access and Privacy Unit has reviewed the proposed amendment to that sub-section of section 6.6 and has advised that it is not consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

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

(Clause No. 18(f), Report No. 5)

5.15 Housing and the Moss Park Armoury

The Committee had before it a communication (May 21, 2003) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on May 9, 2003, discussed a proposal from the community-based group “Homes Not Bombs” seeking to have the Moss Park Armoury turned into affordable housing; and recommended that the Community Services Committee endorse the following motion:

“That City Council ask the federal government to declare the Moss Park Armoury surplus, and, as part of its commitment to contribute federal lands for housing, to turn the property over to the City of Toronto to work with community groups to develop non-profit, affordable housing on the site.”

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

- Mr. Matthew Behrens, Homes Not Bombs, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Mr. Brian Burch, St. Clare’s Multifaith Housing Society, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

Councillor Shaw moved that the communication from Councillor Pitfield be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee; and that Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Kyle Rae be consulted in regard thereto, **which was lost.**

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

Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons contained in the aforementioned communication from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair; and

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- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, following consultation with Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Kyle Rae, be requested to report directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on June 24, 2003, on the proposal to turn Moss Park Armoury into affordable housing; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee for its meeting on September 8, 2003, on the response received from the Federal Government with respect to the Moss Park Armoury site,

which was carried.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. Matthew Behrens; Mr. Brian Burch; Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons; Councillor Pam McConnell; Councillor Kyle Rae; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 5)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

**5.16 Community Rental Housing Program -
Pilot Project Component**

The Committee had before it a report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing information on the "Pilot Project Component" of Ontario's federally-funded Community Rental Housing Program; and recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the City's participation in the Pilot Project Component of the Community Rental Housing Program;
- (2) to that end, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized and directed to:
 - (a) execute on behalf of the City an Administration Agreement between the Province and the City as Service Manager, substantially in the form attached

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to this report, with such modifications as are agreeable to the Province and satisfactory to the Commissioner and the City Solicitor;

- (b) carry out, in conjunction with other departments, any Service Manager activities under the Administration Agreement and Instruction Guide which may be needed in implementing the Pilot Project Component, except those decisions requiring specific Council approval;
 - (c) select projects to recommend to Council for approval, through a process substantially as set out in Appendix "A" to this report, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee; and
 - (d) implement and apply to the Pilot Project Component the Local Standards set out in Appendix "B" to this report, including an affordability period of 20 years plus five-year phase-out and other provisions;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to receive an administration fee of \$125,000.00 or such other amount as the Province may pay, and be requested to report back on budget implications;
- (4) Council, in advocacy on overall Community Rental Housing Program funding:
- (a) commend the federal and provincial governments for responding to City and others' concerns by initiating the Pilot Project proposed by AMO;
 - (b) again urge the Province of Ontario to provide rent supplement for at least one-third of the units developed under the program, as a primary form of matching funding;
 - (c) urge the Government of Canada to ensure that the additional \$320 million announced in the recent federal budget enables the program to serve low-income households and is delivered in Ontario through a program framework agreeable to municipalities; and
 - (d) authorize and request the Chair of the Community Services Committee, on Council's behalf, to follow up with the relevant Ministers regarding these requests; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 5)

5.17 Response to a Report of the Homeless/Corrections Working Group of the Board of Health's Tuberculosis Sub-Committee

The Committee had before it a report (May 20, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the income, shelter, and housing recommendations contained in the October 3, 2002, report of the Homeless/Corrections Working Group of the Board of Health's Tuberculosis TB Sub-Committee; and recommending that:

- (1) Council urge the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services to expedite access to the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) for individuals with active Tuberculosis for the duration of their treatment;
- (2) Council ask the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services to undertake a review of the application process for social assistance, especially ODSP, to identify and address any barriers individuals experience in accessing these programs;
- (3) Council urge the Province to meet its commitment to provide land to develop 500 new units of affordable housing in the Greater Toronto Area;
- (4) Council urge the Province to match the federal funding levels as part of its contribution to the Community Rental Housing Program and that the funding be directed to increasing the affordability of the units developed;
- (5) Council urge the Province to increase funding for the New Tomorrow Rent Supplement Program as part of its contribution to the development of truly affordable units under the Community Rental Housing Program;
- (6) Council again urge the provincial government to increase funding for supportive housing, and the associated support programs in Toronto; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health with a request that it provide its comments thereon directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on June 24, 2003.

(Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 5)

**5.18 Harm Reduction Programs Targeting
Drug Users in the City of Toronto**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 13, 2003) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board on May 12, 2003, had before it a report (April 28, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health outlining various harm reduction programs in the City of Toronto that target drug users; and that the Board recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report back to the Board of Health and Community Services Committee on a process, including possible sources of funding, to initiate a municipal drug framework and strategy for the City of Toronto based on the four pillars of prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction;
- (2) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to consult with the Toronto Police Service during the development of the municipal drug framework and strategy;
- (3) the final report include comment on the amount of funds spent by the City on drug-related initiatives and the number of programs through which the funds are being diffused at present and to include the estimated amounts of funding for each of the four pillars of prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Dr. Patricia G. Erickson, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and submitted a brief in regard thereto; and
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park.

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

On motion by Councillor Chow, on behalf of Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Community Services Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health for a joint report thereon, in accordance with Recommendation No. (1); and further directed that:

- (a) the Youth Safety Sub-Committee of the Task Force on Community Safety be consulted in the preparation of the report; and
- (b) the report include statistics and an evaluation of the Harm Reduction Program.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Ward 14 - Parkdale-High Park; Dr. Patricia G. Erickson, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; c. Secretary, Board of Health - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(g), Report No. 5)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

5.19 Update on the Shelter, Housing and Support Response to SARS

The Committee had before it a report (May 21, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of Council on April 24, 2003, to submit a report concerning the spread of SARS in the homeless population; providing an update on a number of initiatives in the shelter system related to SARS; and recommending that:

- (1) staff proceed to establish a Community Reference Group to assist the City to develop an Infectious Disease Preparedness Protocol; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Judy Vellend, Homelessness Action Group, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

The Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by adding thereto the words “and submit a progress report thereon to the first meeting of the Community Services Committee in the new term of Council”, so that the recommendation now reads as follows:

“(1) staff proceed to establish a Community Reference Group to assist the City to develop an Infectious Disease Preparedness Protocol, and submit a progress report thereon to the first meeting of the Community Services Committee in the new term of Council; and”;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (b) that the City of Toronto supports the call for a public inquiry into the SARS crisis, with broad public input; and further that, if no action is taken by the provincial government, the City work with relevant stakeholders to conduct such an inquiry; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (ii) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting on June 24, 2003, regarding the status of the Employment Insurance eligibility and work share/top up program.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Judy Vellend; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support; General Manager, Social Services - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 5)

5.20 Social Housing Waiting List: Internal Review Process

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting an appeal process for applicants to the centralized waiting list and proposing an internal review process; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services establish the parameters for an internal review process for the centralized waiting list, in which social housing stakeholders are involved in conducting the reviews, subject to the confidentiality provisions of the SHRA and regulations and subject to the standards and criteria contained in the SHRA and regulations; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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The Committee recommended to Council:

- (a) the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:
 - “(1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in full consultation with all social housing stakeholders, establish the parameters for an internal review process for the centralized waiting list, in which social housing stakeholders are involved in conducting the reviews, subject to the confidentiality provisions of the SHRA and regulations, and subject to the standards and criteria contained in the SHRA and regulations; and”;
- (b) that a detailed, plainly worded policy on the Opportunity to Comment and the Internal Review Process, including time frames, be included or attached to the application form in order that applicants are made aware of their options ahead of time;
- (c) that the above information be made available in other languages;
- (d) that housing help centres, their addresses and telephone numbers be included or attached to the application form to ensure that housing applicants have access to external assistance, if needed;
- (e) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services provide the Community Services Committee each year with an evaluation of the Internal Review Process and suggested improvements; and

(Motions (a) to (e) by Councillor Mihevc)

- (f) that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services communicate with the people on the housing waiting lists on the crisis facing Toronto’s affordable housing system, its cause and the solution to resolve the crisis.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 5)

5.21 Update on Local Access Priorities for Social Housing Applicants

The Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on local access priorities for social housing applicants; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to report back to Council in the fall of 2004 on the results of an independent review of access to the geared-to-income social housing administered by the City, such review to be undertaken after May 1, 2004;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration during the 2004 budget process; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Ms. Pat McKendry, Housing Action Now, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee:

- (1) concurred in the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report, and referred such report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process; and
- (2) referred the brief from Ms. Pat McKendry, Housing Action Now, to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for consideration and report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Budget Advisory Committee; Ms. Pat McKendry, Housing Action Now; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(h), Report No. 5)

5.22 Citizen Nominees to the Toronto District Health Council

The Committee had before it a report (May 5, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to a request from the Toronto District Health Council to assist in the nomination of appropriate residents to the Toronto District Health Council; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services advise the Toronto District Health Council of City Council's endorsement of Anita Gittens and Vinay Fernandes as nominees for consideration by the Province of Ontario as citizen members of the Toronto District Health Council; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and further directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Board of Health with a request that it provide its input thereon directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on June 24, 2003.

(Board of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
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(Clause No. 17, Report No. 5)

5.23 Accreditation Report - Bendale Acres

The Committee had before it a communication (May 16, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 16, 2003, adopted a report (May 6, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, providing a summary of the outcomes of the recent survey of Bendale Acres conducted by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation on March 9-11, 2003, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for its information; and
- (2) management, staff and volunteers of Bendale Acres be congratulated on this

significant achievement.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, and further directed that its congratulations be expressed to the management, staff and volunteers at Bendale Acres.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Administrator, Bendale Acres - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(i), Report No. 5)

5.24 Death of Mary Ellen Glover, Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged - Commemorative Plaque

The Committee had before it a communication (May 16, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on May 16, 2003, adopted a report (April 29, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, regarding the death of Advisory Committee member, Mary Ellen Glover; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee;
- (2) the Community Services Committee recognize the contribution made by Ms. Glover by presenting her family with a commemorative plaque; 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 adopted the recommendations contained in the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(j), Report No. 5)

**5.25 2003 Learning Forum on Rental Housing
and Landlord and Tenant Issues**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee, on May 2, 2003, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report dated November 8, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the 2003 Learning Forum on Rental Housing and Landlord and Tenant Issues, and wherein it recommended that:

- (1) the date, location, and format for the learning forum as set out in this report be approved, subject to funds being available in the approved 2003 Shelter, Housing and Support budget;
- (2) staff report back to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee with further details regarding the Learning Forum in early 2003; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

The Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned communication having regard that the forum was held on May 27 and 28, 2003; and

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (2) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on the feasibility of holding a Tenant Forum in September 2003, in the Council Chamber at Toronto City Hall, and inviting provincial representatives from the three political parties to address such a Forum.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

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

(Clause No. 18(k), Report No. 5)

5.26 Change to Membership - Children and Youth Action Committee

The Committee had before it a communication (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, recommended to the Community Services Committee, and Council, that the resignation of Ms. Sue Hunter, Toronto Child Abuse Centre, from the membership of the Children and Youth Action Committee, be accepted, and that Ms. Nicollette Archer, Coordinator, Policy Development and Community Relations, serve as her replacement.

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

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 5)

5.27 Update on Constitution - Toronto Youth Cabinet

The Committee had before it a communication (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, recommended that the updated constitution for the Toronto Youth Cabinet be endorsed.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 6)

**5.28 Children and Youth Action Committee -
Mandate and 2003 Workplan**

The Committee had before it a communication (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, endorsed the recommendations contained in the report (May 26, 2003) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate, respecting the Children and Youth Action Committee's mandate and 2003 workplan, and directed that such report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Children's Services - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(1), Report No. 5)

5.29 Housing for Youth

The Committee had before it a communication (May 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 27, 2003, received verbal presentations from Ms. Linsay MacPhee and Ms. Kelly Ferguson, West Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, regarding the need for transitional housing for youth in the western part of the City; that the Committee recognized the urgent need for affordable youth housing in the North-West quadrant of the City, and

- (1) recommended that the City take immediate action;
- (2) requested that a minimum of 10 percent of affordable housing developed under the auspices of the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) and the Capital Revolving Fund (CRF) be allocated to youth; and
- (3) received with thanks the verbal reports from Linsay MacPhee and Kelly Ferguson, West Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Linsay MacPhee and Ms. Kelly Ferguson, West Coalition on Housing and Homelessness; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - June 9, 2003)

(Clause No. 18(m), Report No. 5)

**5.30 Child Care Capital Reserve Fund
Approval for Plains Road Child Care**

The Committee had before it a report (June 5, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to negotiate with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and provide funding of up to \$750,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund to support the renovation costs of exclusive use space for Plains Road Child Care subject to meeting the requirements of the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund;
- (2) authority be granted to adjust the Children's Services 2003 operating budget by adding \$750,000.00 to the gross budget and an offsetting \$750,000.00 to the revenue budget; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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(Clause No. 18(n), Report No. 5)

5.31 Transfer of Operations of the Open Door Drop-In Centre

The Committee had before it a report (June 6, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the transfer of operations of the Open Door Drop-In Centre; and recommending that:

- (1) funding of \$46,800.00 be provided to All Saint's Church Community Centre to cover the operation of the drop-in program formerly operated by Open Door Centre for the period June 1–September 30, 2003;

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- (2) the \$46,800.00 in funding will be provided from the 2002 accruals in the Homeless Initiatives Fund within the 2002 Consolidated Grants budget (\$35,100.00) and from the Homeless Initiatives Fund in the 2003 Consolidated Grants Budget (\$11,700.00);
- (3) one-time funding of up to \$5,000.00 from the 2002 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives appeals fund within the Consolidated Grants budget be provided to All Saint's Church Community Centre for the purchase of Open Door Centre assets required to run the drop-in program;
- (4) one-time funding of up to \$20,000.00 be provided from the 2003 Shelter, Housing and Support operating budget to the Open Door Centre to assist with staffing costs associated with their withdrawal from operation of the drop-in program conditional on the provision by ODC to the City of an up-to-date financial statement; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 5)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Chair.