

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, July 3, 2003

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, July 3, 2003, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:44 a.m.

Members Present:	9:40 a.m.-10:40 a.m.	11:12 a.m.-12:27 p.m.
Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair	x	x
Councillor Maria Augimeri	x	x
Councillor Raymond Cho	x	x
Councillor Michael Tziretas	x	x
Councillor Michael Walker	x	x

Regrets:

Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Sherene Shaw
Councillor Mario Silva

Also Present:

Councillor Anne Johnston
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Pam McConnell

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 June 9, 2003, were confirmed.

**6.1 Toronto EMS Fuel and Automotive Products Purchase
Contract - Request for Quotation No. 6902-03-3057**

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 18, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer advising of the results of the Request for Quotation issued for the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel and automotive products (windshield washer fluid and car washes) for Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS) fleet vehicles using vendor fuel cards required for a one (1) year period from the date of the award with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods (if terms, conditions and pricing are acceptable to both parties prior to renewal) in accordance with specifications as required by the Works and Emergency Services Department, Emergency Medical Services Division; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to award a Contract to Shell Canada Products for the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel and automotive products (windshield washer fluid and car washes) for Toronto EMS fleet vehicles for a one (1) year period estimated to cost \$425,000.00 including all taxes annually with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods (if terms, conditions and pricing are acceptable to both parties prior to renewal) at a total estimated cost of \$1,275,000.00 including all taxes and charges;
- (2) authority be granted to award a Contract to Petro Canada for the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel and automotive products (windshield washer fluid and car washes) for Toronto EMS fleet vehicles for a one (1) year period estimated to cost \$425,000.00 including all taxes and charges annually with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods (if terms, conditions and pricing are acceptable to both parties prior to renewal) at a total estimated cost of \$1,275,000.00 including all taxes and charges;
- (3) the option to renew the Contract with Shell Canada Products for the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel and automotive products in the amount of \$425,000.00 including all taxes and charges under the same terms and conditions, be reviewed by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services in co-operation with the Purchasing Agent, providing the previous year(s) of the contract were performed satisfactorily, to ensure it is feasible to extend the contract at the quoted prices and that funds are available in the Works and Emergency Services Department's Operational Budget for the renewal period;

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- (4) the option to renew the Contract with Petro Canada for the purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel and automotive products in the amount of \$425,000.00 including all taxes and charges under the same terms and conditions, be reviewed by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services in co-operation with the Purchasing Agent providing the previous year(s) of the contract were performed satisfactorily, to ensure it is feasible to extend the contract at the quoted prices and that funds are available in the Works and Emergency Services Operational Budget for the renewal period;
- (5) provided that there is a favourable review, in accordance with Recommendations Nos. (3) and (4), the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be delegated the authority to exercise the options on the terms and conditions set out above and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary Contract Orders; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 6)

**6.2 “Tending the Garden - Final Report on Implementing
‘The Growing Season’ and Recommended Next Steps”**

The Committee had before it the following reports:

- (June 19, 2003) from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee recommending that:
 - (1) City Council adopt the recommendations of the attached report, entitled “Tending the Garden: Final Report on Implementing ‘The Growing Season’ and Recommended Next Steps,” specifically:
 - (a) that \$1 million in new funding for Community and Neighbourhood Services be approved to establish a permanent food security grants program;

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- (b) that the Food and Hunger Action Committee continue as a special committee reporting to the Community Services Committee to:
 - (i) actively advocate on the links between food security and income security and affordable housing;
 - (ii) promote awareness of food security issues at City Council and its committees; and
 - (iii) continue to work with City staff and community partners to integrate the principles of the Toronto Food Charter into City of Toronto initiatives;
 - (c) that one full-time City staff position be dedicated to co-ordinate the portfolio of activities related to the Food and Hunger Action Committee;
 - (d) that the Food and Hunger Interdepartmental Staff Committee continue to meet to identify new opportunities and partnerships to expand food security policies and programs within the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (June 17, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:
- (1) should the Community Services Committee support the establishment of a permanent food security program, as described in this report, staff be directed to include new funding requests for \$1,000,000.00 in the 2004 Consolidated Grants Budget submission and the required staffing and administration costs, not to exceed \$150,000.00 in the 2004 Community and Neighbourhood Services Departmental budget request;
 - (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process; and

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

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

- Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee;
- Ms. Kim Breland, Parkdale-Liberty Economic Development Co-op;
- Mr. Hugh Birch, The Stop Community Food Centre;
- Ms. Zora Ignjatovic and Ms. Laura Berman, FoodShare Toronto Community Garden Centre;
- Ms. Jennifer Reynolds, Toronto Food Policy Council; and
- Ms. Debbie Field, FoodShare.

The Committee:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:
- (i) the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1)(a), (b), (d) and (2) of the Food and Hunger Action Committee, contained in the aforementioned joint report from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, viz:
 - “(1) City Council adopt the recommendations of the attached report, entitled “Tending the Garden: Final Report on Implementing The Growing Season and Recommended Next Steps,” specifically:
 - (a) that \$1 million in new funding for Community and Neighbourhood Services be approved to establish a permanent food security grants

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program;

- (b) that the Food and Hunger Action Committee continue as a special committee reporting to the Community Services Committee to:
 - (i) actively advocate on the links between food security and income security and affordable housing;
 - (ii) promote awareness of food security issues at City Council and its committees; and
 - (iii) continue to work with City staff and community partners to integrate the principles of the Toronto Food Charter into City of Toronto initiatives; and
 - (d) that the Food and Hunger Interdepartmental Staff Committee continue to meet to identify new opportunities and partnerships to expand food security policies and programs within the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (ii) that the following Recommendation No. 1(c) of the Food and Hunger Action Committee be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process:

“(1)(c) that one full-time City staff position be dedicated to

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co-ordinate the portfolio of activities related to the Food and Hunger Action Committee;” and

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (iii) the adoption of the report dated June 17, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1), so that the recommendations now read as follows:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the establishment of a permanent food security program, as described in this report, and that staff be directed to include new funding requests for \$1,000,000.00 in the 2004 Consolidated Grants Budget submission and the required staffing and administration costs, not to exceed \$150,000.00 in the 2004 Community and Neighbourhood Services Departmental budget request;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for 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.”; and

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (B) directed that the Medical Officer of Health be requested to change the by-law that governs food vending in the City of Toronto to allow diversity of food, such as corn, to be served; and further that the Toronto Food Policy Council and FoodShare be invited to comment on such change. **(Motion**

by Councillor Chow)

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health; Councillor Pam McConnell; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski; All Interested Parties - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(a), Report No. 6)

6.3 Roof Gardens in the City of Toronto

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 19, 2003) from Councillor Pam McConnell and Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Co-Chairs, Food and Hunger Action Committee, advising that the Committee on June 4, 2003, received a joint report from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing a status report on roof gardens in the City of Toronto; and directed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Pam McConnell; Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(b), Report No. 6)

6.4 Recommendations for City Expenditures on Seniors' Services in 2004

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2003) from Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, respecting recommendations for City expenditures on seniors' services in 2004; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Works and Emergency Services, as well as the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission consider the

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recommendations for funding contained in this report and include budget recommendations for maintaining current budget levels and/or enhancing departmental budgets in 2004 for services offered to Toronto senior citizens, in their budget submissions for 2004;

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee, for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (July 3, 2003) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, respecting harmonization of Toronto Public Health's dental screening programs for seniors, support programs for vulnerable adults and frail elderly, and in opposition to recreation fees for seniors.

Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Committee:

- (1) concurred in the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report from Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors Advocate; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Community Services Committee for its meeting to be held on September 8, 2003, providing a summary of all budgetary requests from the various reporting Advisory Committees, Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces pertaining to seniors, children and youth, grants, Food and Hunger, tenants, housing and homelessness, etc.

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Medical Officer of Health; Chief General Manager, TTC; Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate; Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79 - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(c), Report No. 6)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

6.5 Toronto Seniors' Assembly Advocating for Seniors' Rights

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2003) from Councillor Anne Johnston Seniors' Advocate, advising that the Toronto Seniors' Assembly on April 2, 2003, held a human rights forum "It's About Rights"; indicating that the concerns raised at the forum have implications for all three levels of government; noting that the financial implications arising from the recommendations contained in the report will need to be identified by the affected program areas as they report through the 2004 budget process; and recommending that:

- (1) the Toronto Board of Health consider and include in its budget submission for 2004 the re-establishment of a City complaint hotline for retirement homes and an increase in funding to the vulnerable adults and frail elderly program;
- (2) the City urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to increase its funding for long-term care facilities in order to improve the quality of care for residents, and urge the Ministry of Housing to develop and implement regulations for retirement homes; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee:

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- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) contained in the aforementioned communication from the Seniors' Advocate; and
- (2) referred Recommendation No. (1) to the Board of Health for consideration.

(Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 6)

6.6 Five-Year Service Plan for Child Care

The Committee had before it a report (June 18, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Five-Year Service Plan for Child Care; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to initiate the development of the next five-year Service Plan for Child Care covering the period 2004 to 2008;
- (2) this Service Plan for Child Care be developed within the framework of the City's Children's Strategy and in keeping with the principles of equity, accountability and high quality service outlined in this report;
- (3) this Service Plan for Child Care be broad enough in scope to meet the provincial requirements as outlined in "The Ontario Child Care Service Management Guidelines" and also to address issues arising out of Council approved and funded initiatives supporting child care;
- (4) this Service Plan be developed in accordance with the process and timeline outlined in this report and in such a way that full opportunity for community engagement and involvement is provided; and
- (5) 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.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 6)

6.7 Child Care Capital Reserve Fund Approvals

The Committee had before it a report (June 18, 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 \$500,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund to support the renovation costs associated with the relocation and expansion of Child's Space Child Care Centre within St. Patrick's Catholic High School;
- (2) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to negotiate the provision of an interest free repayable loan of up to \$300,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Reserve for Woodgreen Community Centre to support the construction of the Woodgreen's new child care located at 249 Cosburn Avenue;
- (3) authority be granted to adjust the Children's Services 2003 operating budget by adding \$500,000.00 to the gross budget and offsetting \$500,000.00 to the revenue budget; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

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(Clause No. 20(d), Report No. 6)

6.8 Delegation of Authority to the City Solicitor to Commence

Legal Proceedings to Recover Child Care Subsidy Overpayment

The Committee had before it a report (June 12, 2003) from the City Solicitor respecting a child care subsidy overpayment of \$25,742.78 by I.I.; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to commence legal proceedings, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle such claim or action where it is concluded that it is reasonable to do so and to execute any documents in furtherance thereof; 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. 3, Report No. 6)

6.9 Delegation of Authority to the City Solicitor to Commence Legal Proceedings to Recover Child Care Subsidy Overpayment

The Committee had before it a report (June 12, 2003) from the City Solicitor respecting a child care subsidy overpayment of \$32,525.20 by E.P.; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to commence legal proceedings, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle such claim or action where it is concluded that it is reasonable to do so and to execute any documents in furtherance thereof; 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. 4, Report No. 6)

**6.10 Delegation of Authority to the City Solicitor to Commence
Legal Proceedings to Recover Child Care Subsidy Overpayment**

The Committee had before it a report (June 12, 2003) from the City Solicitor respecting a child care subsidy overpayment of \$6,749.98 by L.R.; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to commence legal proceedings, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle such claim or action where it is concluded that it is reasonable to do so and to execute any documents in furtherance thereof; 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. 5, Report No. 6)

**6.11 Research Proposal “Environmental Support Through Art and Design” -
Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and True Davidson Acres**

The Committee had before it a communication (June 13, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on June 13, 2003, recommended the adoption of a report (May 29, 2003) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged wherein it recommended that:

- (1) approval be given for True Davidson Acres (TDA West) to participate in the research project “Environmental Support Through Art and Design”, sponsored by the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee; 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 recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 6)

6.12 Community Information Toronto (CIT) - Service Agreement

The Committee had before it a report (June 18, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the current service agreement between the City of Toronto and the Community Information Toronto (CIT) be revised to give authority to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to renew it for each of three years, ending in December 2005, pending approval of the annual operating budget;
- (2) the 2003 service agreement at a total value of \$333,970.00 be approved;
- (3) the CIT budget request of an additional \$250,000.00 to support the on-line component of "211" (www.211toronto.ca) be considered during the 2004 budget process; 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. 8, Report No. 6)

**6.13 Review of University Settlement and
University Settlement Recreation Centre**

The Committee had before it a report (June 16, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the purpose, process and outcomes of the interdepartmental review of the University Settlement Recreation Centre (a board of management of Toronto City

Council) and University Settlement (an incorporated not-for-profit agency operating programs in the University Settlement Recreation Centre Building; and recommending that:

- (1) the review report contained in Appendix 1 be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the University Settlement for their review and implementation;
- (2) ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the review recommendations be carried out as recommended in review report;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the Community Services Committee in July 2004 with respect to the implementation of the recommendations; 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. 9, Report No. 6)

6.14 Review of Community Planning

The Committee had before it a report (June 16, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing proposed objectives and timelines for a review of community-based planning activities in the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the review of community-based planning as described in this report be approved;
- (2) \$40,000.00 be used to hire a consultant to conduct the review;
- (3) \$26,500.00 be used to provide financial support to enable community-based planning groups to consult with their target communities as described in this report; 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. 10, Report No. 6)

6.15 Allocation of Ontario Works Targets Incentive Funds - 2004-2005

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of Ontario Works Targets Incentive Funds - 2004-2005; and recommending that:

- (1) funding of \$5.1 million from the Ontario Works incentive funds included in Toronto Social Services' 2003 Operating Budget be transferred to the Ontario Works Reserve Fund to fund 85 projects and a central project management function over the two-year period 2004 to 2005 (as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report), designed to address the needs of at risk youth populations, and related food and hunger and safety issues in disadvantaged communities;
- (2) funding of \$5.1 million for the projects be accessed by the appropriate operating divisions and boards via the City's Inter-departmental Charge (IDC) mechanism, on a half-yearly basis, or other frequency as approved by Toronto Social Services;
- (3) the appropriate operating divisions and boards, with the support of central project management, be responsible for the management and administration of the projects;
- (4) as part of Toronto Social Services' accountability to the Province for the Ontario Works incentive funds, the operating divisions' and boards' project management and administration be consistent with the requirements in this report under the heading "Project Administration," and any other requirements that the Toronto Social Services Division determines to be necessary during the course of the projects;
- (5) the appropriate operating divisions and boards be requested to submit status reports on the projects to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to be incorporated in the Commissioner's report to the Community Services Committee during the first quarter of 2005 on the progress of the projects and during 2006 on their final

outcomes; and

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

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 6)

6.16 Update on the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 18, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a status report on the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and the long-term impact of withdrawals of monies from the Fund to offset operating deficits in the Social Housing Program; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(e), Report No. 6)

6.17 Affordable Ownership Housing Demonstration Project: Proposed Feasibility Study on a City-Owned Property at Manse Road - (Ward 44, Scarborough East)

The Committee had before it a report (June 18, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting a proposed affordable ownership housing demonstration

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project on City-owned property located at Manse Road, near Lawrence Avenue East; and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse conducting a feasibility study with respect to implementing an affordable ownership demonstration project on a City-owned property located at Manse Road, near Lawrence Avenue East, and report back on the results thereon;
- (2) authority be granted to enter into a Due Diligence Agreement with WRP Neighbourhood Housing to conduct the feasibility study as outlined in this report, in conjunction with the *Let's Build* program in Shelter, Housing and Support, to develop an affordable ownership demonstration project on the City-owned property at Manse Road, near Lawrence Avenue East through a sole source arrangement;
- (3) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to negotiate and to execute a Due Diligence Agreement with WRP Neighbourhood Housing and any other related agreements deemed appropriate upon such terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, all in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (4) appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to assist in the affordable ownership demonstration project feasibility study as required; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (June 23, 2003) from Mr. Robert J. Cutler, Bousfield, Dale-Harris, Cutler & Smith Inc., planning consultants to WRP Neighbourhood Housing;
- (June 25, 2003) from Rabbi Arthur Bielfield, Co-Chair, Campaign Against Child Poverty;
- (June 25, 2003) from Mr. A.J. Diamond, Diamond and Schmitt Architects Incorporated; and
- (July 2, 2003) from Ms. Leona Savoie, The Daniels Corporation.

Sister Margaret Myatt, Sister Jeanine Scarfone, Mr. Sauro Buligan and Mr. John Meehan, WRP Neighbourhood Housing, appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter, and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

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

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 6)

**6.18 Native Men's Residence - Approval of Mortgages
14 Vaughan Road (Ward 21, St. Paul's East)**

The Committee had before it a report (June 18, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services 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 mortgaging, charging or encumbering of 14 Vaughan Road (otherwise known as the "Property") in connection with a second (\$400,000.00) conventional mortgage and a third (\$400,000.00) SCPI mortgage, (collectively, the "Mortgages") as required under the federal operating agreement being administered by the City of Toronto pursuant to the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* (the "SHRA");
- (2) the City accept the Minister's Conditions and that Council state that the purpose of granting aid to Na-me-Res by way of acceptance of the Minister's Conditions is, in the opinion of Council, in the interests of the municipality; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 6)

6.19 Long-Term Funding Guarantee for the Provincially Funded

“New Tomorrow Rent Supplement Program”

The Committee had before it a report (June 18, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Service advising Council on the Province’s budget announcement regarding the long-term funding guarantee for the “New Tomorrow Rent Supplement Program” (formerly known as the Homelessness Rent Supplement Program; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve further commitments of 210 regular rent supplement units to a maximum total of 2,051 units based on the Provincial Budget announcement of April 30, 2003;
- (2) Council approve the commitment of all 436 special needs rent supplement units based on the Provincial Budget announcement of April 30, 2003;
- (3) Council continue to advocate for long-term rent supplement funding including at least one-third of the units developed through the Community Rental Housing Program; 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. 16, Report No. 6)

**6.20 Toronto Community Housing Corporation - Redevelopment of
Regent Park - Approval Under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000
(Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the redevelopment by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation of Regent Park including the sale or lease of a portion or all of the housing project; and recommending that:

- (1) the redevelopment of Regent Park and the sale or lease of all or a portion of the housing project be approved by the City of Toronto, as Service Manager, under the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* ("SHRA");
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to submit a

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business case to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister"), on behalf of TCHC, to seek Ministerial approval for the redevelopment of and the sale or lease of a portion or all of the housing project according to Ministerial guidelines under the SHRA; and

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

The Committee also had before it a communication (July 3, 2003) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, in support of the revitalization of Regent Park, but urging the Community Services Committee to direct that any redevelopment plans include a commitment to keeping the management and administration of Regent Park in public hands; and further that, at the very least, current levels of Parks and Recreation facilities and services be maintained throughout the redevelopment process and after.

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

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79 - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(f), Report No. 6)

**6.21 Appointment of an Administrator for the Purposes
Under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000**

The Committee had before it a joint report (June 18, 2003) from the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, be appointed as Administrator under Section 15 of the *Social Housing Reform Act*;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, be appointed as Deputy Administrator, under Section 15 of the *Social Housing Reform Act*;
- (3) the Administrator be authorized to perform all of the duties and to exercise some of the

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powers of the City as Service Manager under the *Social Housing Reform Act* in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed from time to time by regulation under the *Social Housing Reform Act* and in accordance with the following additional conditions or restrictions:

- (a) the recommendations in Clause No. 2 of Report No. 4 of the Community Services Committee, titled "Social Housing Business Transfer Plan", as adopted by Council at its meeting held on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001;
 - (b) the recommendations in Clause No. 10 of Report No. 3 of the Community Services Committee, headed "Local Access Priorities for Geared-to-Income Units in Social Housing", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002; as further amended by the recommendations in Clause No. 8 of Report No. 10 of the Community Services Committee, titled "Local Occupancy Standards for Geared-To-Income Units in Social Housing", as adopted by Council at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002;
 - (c) the recommendations in Clause No. 9 of Report No. 10 of the Community Services Committee, titled "Mandates for Social Housing Providers", as adopted by Council at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002;
 - (d) the recommendations in Clause No. 7 of Report No. 10 of the Community Services Committee, titled "Centralized Waiting List Management for Social Housing Applicants" as adopted by Council at its regular meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002; and
 - (e) the powers of the Service Manager contained in paragraphs 5(1)(a) to (f) and 5(2), of the *Social Housing Reform Act* not be granted to the Administrator;
- (4) the Deputy Administrator be authorized to act as Administrator and to exercise all the duties and powers of the Administrator when the Administrator is absent or otherwise unable to act or when the office of the Administrator is vacant; and
 - (5) 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 joint report.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 6)

6.22 Cigarette Practices in City Shelters

The Committee had before it a report (June 19, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request to report on whether the practice of distributing free cigarettes at City Shelters should be discontinued as referred to in Recommendation No. 1 of Report No. 2 of the Board of Health, adopted by Council on April 14, 15 and 16, 2003; and recommending that the report be received for information.

Councillor Tziretas moved that:

- (1) the Committee recommended to Council that the City discontinue the practice of distributing City-bought cigarettes at City shelters; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back to the Community Services Committee on ways to utilize these savings to boost staffing levels within the City's shelter program.

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

FOR: Councillor Augimeri, Cho and Tziretas - 3

AGAINST: Councillors Chow and Walker - 2

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion by Councillor Tziretas, it was **carried on the following recorded vote**:

FOR: Councillors Augimeri, Cho and Tziretas - 3

AGAINST: Councillors Chow and Walker - 2

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Medical Officer of Health; c. General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 6)

6.23 Physical Activity and Public Health: A Call to Action

The Committee had before it the following communications:

- (June 19, 2003) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on June 16, 2003, had before it a report (June 4, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health regarding physical activity and public health, and in part:
 - (B)(1) endorsed the Medical Officer of Health's Call to Action and directed that this report be forwarded for information and appropriate action to the Community Services Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee, and Children and Youth Action Committee with a request that they submit their comments thereon directly to Council for consideration at its meeting on July 22, 2003; and
- (July 3, 2003) from Mr. Russ Armstrong, Acting President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, urging the Community Services Committee to advocate removing user fees to ensure that the benefits of physical activity are available for all.

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

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

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health's "Call to Action" be endorsed; and
- (2) the report be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Honourable Alan Rock, Federal Minister of Industry, in order to encourage the Federal Government to fund the social infrastructure request of \$40 million from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

(City Council; Medical Officer of Health; c. Secretary, Board of Health - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(g), Report No. 6)

Councillor Chow resumed the Chair.

6.24 2003 Report Card on Children

The Committee had before it a report (June 26, 2003) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate, respecting the 2003 Report Card on Children; and recommending that:

- (1) the Policy Sub-Committee meet over the summer, as needed, to provide input to the staff working group;
- (2) staff initiate the process of establishing benchmarks and measuring outcomes, as directed in the 2003 Action Plan; and
- (3) staff develop recommendations for the Action Plan as part of the CYAC's input into the 2004 budget process.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee concurred in the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate; c. General Manager, Children's Services
- July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(h), Report No. 6)

6.25 Funding for Community Agencies Experiencing Unusual One-Time Operating Expenses

The Committee had before it a report (June 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting authority to allocate funding to assist community agencies with unusual one time expenses that are incurred due to changes in operation or operating situations that impact upon the health and safety of clients and staff; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be delegated authority to

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allocate up to a total of \$100,000.00 from the 2003 Homeless Initiatives Fund within the Consolidated Grants Budget to agencies experiencing unusual one-time operating expenses that are incurred due to changes in operation or operating situations that impact upon the health and safety of staff and/or clients;

- (2) allocation of these funds may not exceed \$10,000.00 per agency and must meet the following criteria:
 - (a) programs/agencies must already be approved for funding through the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund;
 - (b) requests for funding must be provided in writing to the Shelter, Housing and Support Division and include information and documentation on the need for the grant and projected or incurred expenses;
 - (c) the grant must be for one-time costs only and cannot be for on-going operating costs;
 - (d) grants may not exceed \$10,000.00;
 - (e) agencies will report out to the Shelter, Housing and Support Division on the use of the funds; 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. 17, Report No. 6)

6.26 Raising the Profile of Tenant Issues in the Upcoming Provincial Election: A Public Education Campaign

The Committee had before it the following report and communication:

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- (June 26, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing a description of a public education campaign regarding tenant issues for the upcoming provincial election; and recommending that:
 - (1) Council approve a public education campaign to assist in bringing tenant issues to the forefront for the upcoming provincial election;
 - (2) up to \$75,000.00 be expended for the public education campaign from the 2003 Shelter, Housing and Support operating budget; and
 - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

- (June 23, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that at its meeting on June 19, 2003, the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee gave consideration to a communication (June 17, 2003) from Councillor Walker, regarding tenant issues in the upcoming Provincial election campaign; and recommended that:
 - (1) Toronto City Council prepare an education campaign for the upcoming provincial election to bring tenant issues to the forefront of the campaign; and
 - (2) Toronto City Council retain a communications consultant for the purposes of creating an information campaign for tenants and the general electorate about tenant issues and the Tenant Protection Act;

and that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit a two-paged report to the Community Services Committee meeting of July 3, 2003, on Councillor Walker's communication dated June 17, 2003; and that such report address the possible source of funding for this initiative.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report dated June 26, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Clause No. 19, Report No. 6)

6.27 Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

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The Committee had before it a communication (June 19, 2003) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health at its meeting on June 16, 2003, amended and adopted a report (May 29, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, and in so doing:

- (1) endorsed the “Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth” (April 25, 2003) and directed that a letter of endorsement be sent to the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario, with a copy to the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies;
- (2) directed that a letter in support of repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada be sent to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Honourable Martin Cauchon and the Minister of Health, the Honourable Anne McLellan, with a copy to the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies;
- (3) requested the Ontario Teachers’ Federation, School Board Associations in Ontario, the Jewish Children’s Aid Society, the Catholic Children’s Aid Society, and the Toronto Children’s Aid Society to endorse the repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Code;
- (4) directed that this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Children and Youth Action Committee, the Toronto District School Board, and the Toronto Catholic District School Board for their information; and
- (5) authorized and directed the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Board of Health contained in the aforementioned communication.

(Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Secretary, Board of Health - July 3, 2003)

(Clause No. 20(i), Report No. 6)

**6.28 NUC-TUCT Non-Profit Homes Corporation:
Community Rental Housing Program Pilot
Project Funding (Ward 24, Willowdale)**

The Committee had before it a report (July 2, 2003) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services requesting to designate the Council approved project by NUC-TUCT Non-Profit Homes Corporation as a pilot project under the Federal/Provincial Community Rental Housing Program and to authorize \$1,539,000.00 of Federal and Provincial funding for this initiative; and recommending that:

- (1) Council designate the Council approved project by NUC-TUCT Non-Profit Homes Corporation as a pilot project under the Community Rental Housing Program and authorize up to \$1,539,000.00 of Federal and Provincial funding for this initiative;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to submit any required documentation to the Province of Ontario, pursuant to the agreement to be entered into by the City and the Province for administration of the Community Rental Housing Program – Pilot Project Component;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with NUC-TUCT Non-Profit Homes Corporation, in a form to be determined and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, in respect of assistance to the project under the Community Rental Housing Program – Pilot Project Component; 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. 14, Report No. 6)

Councillor Walker requested that the roll be called prior to adjournment of the meeting.

Present: **Councillors Augimeri, Cho, Chow, Tziretas and Walker**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:27 p.m.

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Chair.