
Community Development and Recreation Committee

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Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

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Confirmation of Minutes – April 2, 2007

Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Communications/Reports

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Presentation on the Jamestown Pilot Project**(Staff Presentation)****Summary**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on April 2, 2007, requested the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, to give a presentation to the Committee on May 7, 2007, on the Jamestown pilot project and to include information on the successes of the pilot project and how those successes can be transferred to the other challenged communities.

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Hatzoloh Toronto's Request to the Provincial Government to Permit Use of Green Lights when Responding to Emergency Calls

(April 19, 2007) report from Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts to the City of Toronto.

Summary

At its meeting of March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, City Council requested the Chief and General Manager, Emergency Medical Services report for information, on the matter of Hatzoloh Toronto's request to use green lights on their personal vehicles while responding to emergency calls.

Hatzoloh ("help" in Hebrew) is a voluntary, Emergency medical service organization serving the unique needs of the Orthodox Jewish community. Their request for the Provincial Government to permit use of green lights is regulated by the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) 1990, Part VI – Equipment, Vehicles of Firefighters. Currently, the HTA only permits firefighters and volunteer firefighters (only) to display a green light in their vehicles.

Expanding the use of green lights beyond what is permitted for firefighters is ultimately a matter for the Ministry of Transportation in consideration of community needs and overall road safety.

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3323.pdf>)

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Progress on the Implementation of a Program to Assist in Properly Installing Child Safety Car Restraints

(April 23, 2007) report from Fire Chief, Toronto Fire Services

Recommendations

The Fire Chief of Toronto Fire Services recommends that:

1. Toronto Fire Services staff be authorized to offer a program that assists in proper installation of Child Safety Car Restraints for citizens on a monthly basis in the East, South, North and West commands; and
2. the pilot program will commence in September 2007 and a review of the program will be reported to the Community Development and Recreation Program following the one year pilot.

Financial Impact

The total cost of this pilot project is \$11,550.00 including all taxes and charges. The cost to the City for externally contracted training services to St. John Ambulance is \$1,550.00 or \$1,462.26 net of GST. Approximately \$10,000.00 in internal costs will be needed for preparing project brochures. The funds for this initiative have been included within the Recommended 2007 Operating Budget of Toronto Fire Services.

Fire Services has already incurred costs of \$800.00 or \$742.72 net of GST for the training of 40 Fire Service staff participating in the child car safety restraint project (at \$20.00 per individual). There will be 5 additional staff trained as instructors at a cost of \$750.00 total gross or \$705.55 net of GST (\$150.00 per individual). The total externally contracted training cost is \$1,550.00 or \$1,462.26 net of GST, and will be funded from the Training and Development – External account in FR0027 – Training - Operations. The amount of approximately \$10,000.00 needed to prepare brochures for the announcement of the project will be funded through the Advertising and Promotions budget in FR006 – Fire Prevention. Toronto Fire Services will report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for consideration of a fee if the demand for car seats from the public expands the current capacity of the pilot project.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report updates Council on a Toronto Fire Services pilot program to install child safety car restraints on a monthly basis in the East, South, North and West commands. Toronto Fire Services (TFS) staff that are trained and certified by St. John Ambulance will be available to install car seats and meet the required standards.

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3271.pdf>)

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Authorization for Sole-Sourced Purchase of One Demonstrator Specialized Rescue Bronto Fire Apparatus for Emergency Rescues

(April 20, 2007) report from Fire Chief and Director, Purchasing and Materials Management

Recommendations

The Fire Chief and the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management Division recommend that authority be granted to award a sole source contract for the purchase of one(1) Bronto fire apparatus in the amount of \$1,247,500.00 net of GST (fire vehicles are P.S.T. exempt at source) to E-One Inc.

Financial Impact

The total cost for the purchase of one Bronto fire apparatus is \$1,322,350.00 including all taxes and charges (fire vehicles are P.S.T. exempt at source). The cost to the City net of GST is \$1,247,500.00. The funding for the purchase is available in the approved 2007 Fleet Services' Capital Budget in project CFL014-8 (Fleet Replacement Program-Fire Services-2007).

If TFS considers ordering a truck at today's prices that is not in inventory from E-One Inc. the quoted price for the equivalent Bronto vehicle before taxes is \$1,299,500.00 net of GST as opposed to the \$1,247,500.00 net of GST price for a demonstrator unit excluding taxes. Under the agreement, E-One Inc. is providing a per vehicle savings on the demonstrator of \$52,000.00 net of GST and the City avoids the usual lag time of up to 18 months between ordering and manufacturing of the vehicles. The demonstrator is not subject to any operational wear and tear prior to acquisition and is not subject to any additional operating or depreciation costs.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

Toronto Fire Services (TFS) seeks Council's approval for the sole source purchase of one demonstrator model specialized rescue Bronto fire apparatus from E-One Inc. that provides a telescopic articulating boom rescue platform (rescue basket) to assist with complex rescue incidents. The purchase of this Bronto would provide Fire Services with a total of 3 hydraulic telescopic rescue platforms to assist with complex rescue efforts of victims across the City.

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3272.pdf>)

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Graffiti Transformation Investment Program - 2007 Allocations

(April 23, 2007) report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, recommends that:

1. Graffiti Transformation Investment Program funding totalling \$309,330.00 be allocated to 19 community organizations as outlined in Appendix “A” of this report;
2. recommendations for allocation of the remaining \$30,900.00 of the 2007 budget be the subject of a further report based on a call for applicants targeted to those serving the inner suburbs with demonstrated capacity in youth programming and employment; and
3. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

Summary

The Graffiti Transformation Investment Program (GT) is an annual funding program within the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) budget. The program addresses youth unemployment and neighbourhood beautification by enabling local organizations to hire youth to remove graffiti and resurface walls with attractive murals. This report provides an overview of the GT Program, including its purpose, past results and funding, and makes recommendations for 2007 allocations.

Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrrd/backgroundfile-3273.pdf>

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Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and City of Toronto - 2007 Letter of Understanding for the City's Use of TDSB Pools

(April 23, 2007) report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends the approval of the 2007 Letter of Understanding between the City of Toronto and the TDSB for Parks, Forestry and Recreation's use of Toronto District School Board (TDSB) pools for aquatic programs.

Financial Impact

For the use of 41 TDSB pools, the proposed cost increase is from \$5,597,996 in 2006 to \$5,926,048 in 2007, for an escalation of \$328,052 or 5.9% for 4 years.

With the relocation of programming from 6 TDSB pools, the 2007 operating expenses for the remaining 35 TDSB pools to be utilized is \$5,329,046, for savings of \$597,002. However, the 2007 operating expenses budget for the 35 TDSB pools, including a cost escalation estimate of \$250,000, is only \$5,250,996. This results in an unfavourable variance of \$78,050.

The TDSB has retroactively invoiced the City \$956,511 to cover escalation costs over the period from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006. This amount was negotiated based on Article 22 of the Letter of Understanding between PFR and the TDSB dated October 2, 2003. A \$1.2 M accrual for Aquatics and Gym escalation was processed at the end of 2006. We expect the actual escalation for the non-aquatics portion to create a favourable variance for 2007 that will offset the \$78,050 noted above.

The escalation increase from 2006 to 2007 will have an impact on 2008 and future budgets. The city can also expect the TDSB to request additional escalation increases in 2008 in addition to the 2007 rates.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

Prior to amalgamation, the former municipalities' use of their respective School Boards' pools were governed by different models including shared use agreements where no payment was exchanged with the School Board. The charges for the use of all Toronto District School Board (TDSB) facilities started after amalgamation and were driven by the Provincial funding formula applicable to TDSB, which does not cover the cost of operating and maintaining the pools.

In 2006, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division (PFR) delivered aquatic services in 71 locations: 30 City Pools and 41 of the TDSB's 83 indoor pools. Pending the approval of 2007 Operating Budget, aquatics services delivered in 6 TDSB Pools will be relocated to other facilities in 2007.

The most recent Letter of Understanding, dated October 1, 2003, expired on December 31, 2006 (Attachment 2). The Letter of Understanding required Parks, Forestry and Recreation to provide for the full operating cost and TDSB to provide for the capital maintenance costs of TDSB Pools utilized. From 2004 to 2006, PFR contributed \$5.6 million annually plus a 2006 adjustment of \$956,511 for escalation during the term of the agreement towards the operational costs of the 41 TDSB pools.

PFR is working on an Aquatics Strategy to be finalized within 2007. Therefore, the 2007 Letter of Understanding and the table of charges for 2007 (Attachment 1), which is presented herein for approval, is for a one year term. In 2008, a new Agreement that will align TDSB pool utilization with the PFR Aquatics Strategy will be negotiated.

Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3293.pdf>

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3295.pdf>

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Volleyball Programs in Scarborough

(April 17, 2007) report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

An article in the Toronto Sun indicated that the number of volleyball programs in the Scarborough District has declined since amalgamation. Volleyball programs have increased in the District, but have fewer participants. It should be noted that less than 10 participants remain on the waitlist for the programs.

Course fees have increased, as have costs to operate the programs. These factors include part time staff wages, charges to utilize school facilities and the creation of a standardized user fee model for the City of Toronto.

Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3281.pdf>

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Carefree Lodge Accreditation Results

(March 23, 2007) letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged:

1. referred the report (March 8, 2007) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for their information; and
2. recommended that the management, staff and volunteers at Carefree Lodge be congratulated on this exceptional achievement.

Summary

Letter from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged providing information on the accreditation results from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation for Carefree Lodge.

Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3282.pdf>

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3288.pdf>

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Hot Weather Response Plan Update

(April 16, 2007) letter from Board of Health

Recommendations

The Board of Health, on April 16, 2007, recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that:

1. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to allocate up to \$200,000 gross (\$50,000 net) to implement the 2007 extended summer hours drop-in program;
2. Shelter, Support and Housing Administration increase the number of cooling centres operated during Extreme Heat Alerts from four to five, the fifth site to be in Scarborough;

3. the extended drop-in hours at the cooling centres begin on May 12 or May 19, 2007; and
4. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be requested to search for a more acceptable and appropriate cooling centre to replace Metro Hall as the 24-hour cooling site.

Summary

Letter from the Board of Health forwarding recommendations from its meeting on April 16, 2007, together with a copy of the report (April 10, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health on the "Hot Weather Response Plan Update."

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3285.pdf>)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3286.pdf>)

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Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

(April 17, 2007) letter from City Clerk

Summary

Letter from the City Clerk advising that City Council on March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted Executive Committee Item 4.1 respecting "Advisory Bodies and Working Committees" as amended, and in so doing directed that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee continue to operate with its current terms of reference, reporting through the Community Development and Recreation Committee, until future requirements are determined by the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

The City Clerk will canvass Members of Council for their interest in being appointed to the current vacancies on the Sub-Committee.

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3296.pdf>)

CD4.11	ACTION		Transactional	
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Ineligible Applicants to the 2007 Community Service Partnerships

(April 16, 2007) report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, addressed to the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, recommends that:

1. the following 15 new applicants determined to be ineligible at this stage of the assessment process be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2007 Community Service Partnerships (CSP):
 - a. Africanadian Mediation and Community Services;
 - b. Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre;
 - c. Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care;
 - d. Best Buddies-Vrais Copains Canada;
 - e. Black Youth Helpline, Inc.;
 - f. Canadian Centre for Women's Education & Development;
 - g. East Area Women's Mental Health of Toronto (Margaret Frazer House);
 - h. First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre;
 - i. Heritage Skills Development Centre (HSDC);
 - j. Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P Flag Toronto);
 - k. Somaliland Community Services of East Africa;
 - l. St. Jamestown Festival, Inc.;
 - m. Thistletown Community Services Unit;
 - n. Vasantham - A Tamil Seniors Wellness Centre Inc.; and
 - o. West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services;

2. the following 2 returning late applicants be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2007 Community Service Partnerships (CSP):
 - p. Canadian Mental Health Association Metropolitan Toronto Branch; and
 - q. Mood Disorders Association of Ontario & Metropolitan Toronto;

3. the following 6 new applicants determined to be eligible proceed to the assessment review:
 - r. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto;
 - s. Dixon Community Services;
 - t. Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto;
 - u. Horn Of Africa Community Development;
 - v. Islamic Social Services and Resources Association; and
 - w. Promoting Economic Action and Community Health (PEACH);

4. this report be forwarded to the Community Development and Recreation Committee; and
5. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report presents the results of the eligibility assessment of 248 applicants under the 2007 Community Service Partnerships (CSP).

A total of 21 new applicants applied for funding under the 2007 CSP. Based on screening using the CSP eligibility criteria, it is recommended that of these new applicants, 15 do not proceed to the assessment phase of the 2007 CSP allocations process.

A total of 227 returning organizations submitted applications to the 2007 CSP. Of these, 2 applicants submitted their proposal after the CSP deadline. To ensure the fair treatment of those organizations that met the application deadline, it is recommended that these organizations not receive further consideration during the 2007 CSP allocations process.

Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3290.pdf>

11a Ineligible Applicants to the 2007 Community Service Partnerships

(April 26, 2007) letter from Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 16, 2007) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, subject to amending Recommendation 2 to read as follows:

“(2) the following two returning late applicants proceed to the assessment review:

- (p) Canadian Mental Health Association Metropolitan Toronto Branch; and
- (q) Mood Disorders Association of Ontario and Metropolitan Toronto.”

Summary

Letter from the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee respecting the results of the eligibility assessment of 248 applicant under the 2007 Community Service Partnerships (CSP).

Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-3325.pdf>