

Community Development and Recreation Committee

Meeting No.	1	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Acting Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, January 22, 2007	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	9:45 AM	E-mail	cdavidov@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room No. 1, City Hall		

Attendance

Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section headed "Meeting Sessions", which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Norm Kelly	X
Councillor Frances Nunziata	X
Councillor David Shiner	X

CD1.1	Information		Delegated	
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Election of Vice-Chair

Summary

Election of Vice Chair.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Chair called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair of the Community Development and Recreation Committee for the term of office expiring on December 31, 2008.

Councillor Mihevc nominated Councillor Maria Augimeri and Councillor Janet Davis as Vice-Chairs of the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Councillors Augimeri and Davis both accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared Councillor Maria Augimeri and Councillor Janet Davis elected as Vice-Chairs of the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

CD1.2	Information		Delegated	
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Orientation/Presentations for the Community Development and Recreation Committee

Summary

Deputy City Manager Sue Corke and the Division Heads reporting to the Community Development and Recreation Committee to give an orientation and presentations on strategic issues pertaining to their Divisions.

The following staff gave powerpoint presentations on the strategic issues pertaining to their Divisions and filed copies of their presentation materials:

- William Stewart, Fire Chief;
- Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Children's Services;
- Bruce Farr, Chief and General Manager, Emergency Medical Services;
- Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged;
- Brenda Librecz, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
- Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration;
- Nancy Matthews, Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration; and
- Heather MacVicar, General Manager, Social Services.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Nunziata, the Community Development and Recreation Committee:

- i. received the presentations; and
- ii. requested the Fire Chief to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, in the next three months, on the issue of mandating fire sprinklers in Toronto Community Housing Company facilities.

CD1.3	ACTION		Transactional	
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Proposed 2007 Rate Increase for Homemaking Agencies Contracted by the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (HMNS)

(December 19, 2006) report from General Manager, Homes for the Aged

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. the rate paid to community service agencies contracted by HMNS, including those community service agencies who provide service under the “Special Needs Fund” of HMNS be increased from \$16.83 to \$20.65 effective January 1, 2007;
2. the rate of \$20.65 be deemed to be an all-inclusive rate, covering the costs associated with hourly service provision, pay equity and travel, as outlined in this report;
3. the General Manager of Homes for the Aged be authorized to negotiate annual rate increases in 2008, 2009 and 2010 that do not exceed the rate of inflation and are within the Division’s approved base program budget; and
4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising out of this report. The homemaking services will continue to be cost-shared between the Province and the City on an 80:20 basis as outlined in the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act*, and the rate increase will be managed within the divisional 2007 operating budget.

Summary

The Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (HMNS) contracts with eleven (11) community service agencies to provide in-home support (light housekeeping, laundry, assistance with meal preparation, etc.) to clients of the City’s HMNS (i.e. seniors, the frail elderly, persons with disabilities) to support these City residents to remain in their own homes and age in place. The rates paid to the eleven agencies are specified in annual service agreements with the City, but the actual rates have not been increased since 2004. This has created hardship to some contracted community service agencies as they have incurred wage increases of between two to three percent annually.

In addition, there was a historic approach adopted by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the City's HMNS to pay the contracted community service agencies for their service to clients by flowing funding in three separate "streams" or "components", namely the hourly rate, the pay equity rate and the rate paid for travel time between clients. The MOHLTC has changed its own approach to funding the City's HMNS program and now considers all three components to be part of the base funding, making it possible for the City to initiate a blended rate for all three components, resulting in administrative efficiency within HMNS.

The HMNS is a cost shared program (80:20), although the pay equity component was previously 100 percent funded by the MOHLTC. The proposed rate increase and the proposed blended rate will be absorbed within the approved operating budget for HMNS.

Background Information

2007-cd1-3

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-984.pdf>

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Community Development and Recreation Committee recommended that:

1. the rate paid to community service agencies contracted by HMNS, including those community service agencies who provide service under the "Special Needs Fund" of HMNS be increased from \$16.83 to \$20.65 effective January 1, 2007;
2. the rate of \$20.65 be deemed to be an all-inclusive rate, covering the costs associated with hourly service provision, pay equity and travel, as outlined in this report;
3. for those contracted agencies whose current rate of payment exceeds the recommended blended rate, that the rates paid to these agencies be grandparented until the current funding discussions with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care are finalized; and if these discussions do not result in increased funding to the City then the blended rate be implemented for the agencies at that time;
4. the General Manager of Homes for the Aged be authorized to negotiate annual rate increases in 2008, 2009 and 2010 that do not exceed the rate of inflation and are within the Division's approved base program budget; and
5. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to submit a briefing note to City Council on February 5, 2006, providing the following information:

- i. the funding increase being sought by Toronto Homes for the Aged from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care with respect to the Homemakers and Nurses Services Program (HMNS);
- ii. the reduction in volume of service that would need to be implemented if the rate paid to contracted agencies is approved as outlined in this report, without a corresponding increase in Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding; and
- iii. the hourly wage rates paid by the Community Care Access Centres.

CD1.4	ACTION		Transactional	
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**Membership – Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged –
Mr. Jack Harmer**

(December 15, 2006) letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that:

1. Jack Harmer be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
2. the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Appointment to Membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

Background Information

2007-cd1-4

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-644.pdf>)

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Community Development and Recreation Committee recommended that:

1. Jack Harmer be appointed to membership on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
2. the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

CD1.5	ACTION		Transactional	
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**Membership – Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged –
Ms. Beth Morum**

(November 17, 2006) letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that:

1. Ms. Beth Morum be appointed to the membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Appointment to Membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

Background Information

2007-cd1-5

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-643.pdf>

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Development and Recreation Committee recommended that:

1. Ms. Beth Morum be appointed to the membership of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three (3) years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and

2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

CD1.6	ACTION		Policy	
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Ensuring Parents are Provided with Assistance in Properly Installing Child Safety Car Restraints

(October 6, 2006) letter from City Clerk forwarding a motion moved by Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor Augimeri, recommending that the Fire Chief report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the implementation of a program by the end of 2008 to provide assistance to parents in properly installing safety car restraints by trained firefighters at each fire hall.

Recommendations

1. That the City of Toronto provide assistance in safely installing child car restraint systems and that it be done through local fire halls;
2. That the Fire Chief incorporate, into all training and refresher training courses for Toronto firefighters, a program to teach them how to properly install infant and toddler car seats;
3. That by the end of 2008, each fire hall have on duty at least one firefighter, so that residents can attend any fire hall and have someone available that can assist with the safe installation of a child car seat or who can check an installation to ensure that it has been properly done; and
4. That this matter be referred to the Fire Chief for a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Summary

City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, referred a motion respecting the proper installation of child safety car restraints to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

2007-cd1-6

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-645.pdf>

Speakers

Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 – Eglinton-Lawrence

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommended that:

1. the Fire Chief initiate a program within six to nine months within some fire halls where at least one firefighter on duty will be available to assist with the safe installation of a child car seat or who can check an installation to ensure that it has been done properly; and

(Motion by Councillor Shiner)

2. the Fire Chief report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in three months on the progress made to implement this program, and incorporating, in his report, comments from the City Solicitor on any issues of liability with respect to this program.

(Motion by Councillor Shiner, as amended by Councillor Kelly)**Decision Advice and Other Information**

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Community Development and Recreation Committee referred the motion outlined in the communication (October 6, 2006) from the City Clerk to the Fire Chief for a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

CD1.7	Information		Transactional	
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Impact of Poverty on Children's Current and Future Health

(September 15, 2006) letter from Board of Health

Recommendations

Submitting, for information, a report (August 28, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the impact of poverty on children's current and future health.

Summary

Providing an overview of the impact of poverty on children's current and future health.

Background Information

2007-cd1-7

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrrd/backgroundfile-646.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Davis, the Community Development and Recreation Committee deferred consideration of the communication (September 15, 2006) from the Board of Health to its next meeting on February 19, 2006, for public presentations and debate.

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Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-01-22	Morning	9:45 AM	12:35 PM	Public

Chair