To: City Council

From: Mayor David Miller

Date: February 25, 2008

Subject: Appointment of Citizens to the Board of Directors of Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)

I am pleased to transmit and recommend adoption of the attached confidential report from the Chair of the Corporations Nominating Panel containing the Panel’s recommendations for the appointment of citizens to the Board of Directors of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

TCHC is an arm’s-length corporation established by the City under the Ontario Business Corporations Act whose mandate is to provide affordable housing for people with low and moderate incomes. TCHC owns and manages approximately 58,500 rental housing units in more than 2,000 buildings in 350 developments located across the City. Housing more than 164,000 tenants, TCHC is an important part of the City’s communities and service on its board is an important calling for the recommended candidates.

The Public Appointments Policy adopted by Council in September, 2006 provides that a Corporations Nominating Panel may be appointed by the Mayor to identify, recruit and recommend candidates to be considered by Council for the boards of corporations. The following persons were named to the Panel to recommend candidates for the TCHC Board of Directors:

- Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone (Chair) (Chair of the Striking Committee);
- Councillor Janet Davis (Chair of the Civic Appointments Committee);
- Ratna Omidvar, Executive Director, The Maytree Foundation; and
- Tom Heintzman, President, Bullfrog Power Inc.

The inclusion of citizens on the Panel with Council Members was an innovation intended to help bring different perspectives to the recruitment process as well as enhance civic engagement in the City.

I want to personally, and on behalf of City Council, thank the Panel, and particularly Ms. Omidvar and Mr. Heintzman, for their interest and diligence in working to help the City meet its governance and diversity objectives. Their contributions to this process are greatly appreciated.

Mayor David Miller