

## Community Development and Recreation Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	14	<b>Contact</b>	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday, February 21, 2008	<b>Phone</b>	416-392-8032
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	cdrc@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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- *Recommendations of the Committee to City Council appear after the item heading*
- *Any amendments by Committee to recommendations appearing in a staff report are italicized.*
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*Minutes Confirmed – January 14, 2008 and January 23, 2008*

**(Deferred from January 14, 2008 - 2007.CD12.7)**

CD14.1	ACTION	Referred		
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### **Improving Access to Recreation: "Everybody Gets to Play"**

(December 28, 2007) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee referred the recommendations contained in the Improving Access to Recreation: "Everybody Gets to Play" report (December 28, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, together with all

submissions received, back to the appropriate staff for reconsideration, and a further report on policy options for extending access to recreation programs and increasing participation.

### **Financial Impact**

The policy and program directions recommended in this report will increase program expenditures gradually over the next several years. The main areas of increased expenditure are:

- universal free instruction programs;
- addition and expansion of drop-in programs; and
- increases to the recreation subsidy (Welcome Policy).

These increases will be funded through increases in user fees over the next 7 years.

The following table provides an overview of the incremental expenditures for Access to Recreation and the revenue from increased cost recovery.

(\$ 000's)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Incremental Expenditure	1,490	3,447	3,627	1,997	631	694	439
Incremental Revenue	5,714	5,079	4,069	4,242	4,106	3,502	3,645
Incremental Net	(4,224)	(1,632)	(442)	(2,245)	(3,475)	(2,808)	(3,206)

The incremental net revenue from increased cost recovery will be allocated towards cost pressures in Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The incremental net revenue of \$5.714 million is included in the 2008 Parks Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget recommended for Council consideration.

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

### **Summary**

The intent of this report is to propose program and policy directions that will increase participation in recreation activities by Toronto residents and to ensure equitable access to services provided by Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The major outcomes expected from the recommended changes will enhance and improve recreation in Toronto for all residents by:

- Creating one window of access for individuals who require financial assistance by improving and realigning the recreation program fee subsidy program.
- Protecting and enhancing existing free leisure and drop in programs that are offered across the City – leisure swim, skate, summer playground programs, and drop-in offerings.

- Positioning Toronto as a leader in Canada by focusing on free targeted skill-based instructional programs through a new bundle of age/grade specific instructional programs:
  - Swim Skills – Grade 4;
  - Skating Skills – Grade 5; and
  - Youth Cooperative Leadership – Grade 8/9.
- Establishing a pricing policy that will achieve an average recovery of 50% direct costs over a timeframe of 7 years that will be used to reinvest in subsidy and access programs and allocated to developing a solid financial footing for Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
- Ensuring programs and services are responsive to local needs through service planning and outreach to the community.

### **Background Information**

cd14.1-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11089.pdf>

### **1a Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups**

(April 25, 2007) Letter from Board of Health

#### **Summary**

Letter from the Board of Health (April 16, 2007) forwarding a report (April 10, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health, regarding the Impact of Poverty on the Health of Children from Racialized Groups and the recommendations of the Board of Health on this matter.

### **Background Information**

cd14.1a-Letter from the Board of Health

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11090.pdf>

cd14.1a-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11091.pdf>

### **1b Improving Access to Recreation: "Everybody Gets to Play"**

(January 14, 2008) Letter from Community Development and Recreation Committee

#### **Summary**

Advising that the Community Development and Recreation Committee on January 14, 2008, amongst other things:

- deferred hearing speakers on this item to a special meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee to be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.;
- deferred Recommendations 1 to 4 in the report (December 28, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to the February 21, 2008, meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee; and
- requested additional reports to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

### **Background Information**

cd14.1b-Letter from the Community Development and Recreation Committee  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11092.pdf>)

### **1c Improving Access to Recreation: Supplementary Report**

(February 14, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke

#### **Financial Impact**

This report has no direct financial implications.

#### **Summary**

This report describes the feedback received from the community consultations on the Everybody Gets to Play – Access to Recreation policy recommended in a previous report, dated December 28, 2007, to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

The consultations demonstrated there is a high level of public support for recreation programs, as well as, concern about how to make them more accessible to a broader cross-section of the community and about how to reach out to vulnerable populations to encourage their use.

This report states that the immediate budget pressures associated with funding recreation programs are now being addressed through the 2008 operating budget process. If approved by City Council, an increase in program and permit fees would protect existing recreation programs and help begin putting the division on a more stable financial footing. The report recommends that staff report back to Community Development and Recreation Committee on policy options for extending access to recreation programs and increasing participation.

### **Background Information**

cd14.1c-Staff Report  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11168.pdf>)

## Communications

- (January 22, 2008) e-mail from Robert Miller (CD.Main.CD14.1.1)
- (February 21, 2008) Submission from Alan Burke (CD.Main.CD14.1.2)
- (February 21, 2008) Submission from Mark Ucieklak (CD.Main.CD14.1.3)
- (January 22, 2008) e-mail from Margaret Ciupa (CD.Main.CD14.1.4)
- (January 23, 2008) e-mail from Mrs. Kapogines (CD.Main.CD14.1.5)
- (February 1, 2008) e-mail from Julia Barnett and Sandra Van (CD.Main.CD14.1.6)

**(Deferred from December 3, 2007 - 2007.CD11.2)**

<b>CD14.2</b>	ACTION	Amended		
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## 2008 Per Diem Rates for the Purchase of Service Shelter System and Related Matters

(December 3, 2007) Letter from Community Development and Recreation Committee

### Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. Council approve the recommended per diem rates, bed capacities and personal needs allowances rates for the shelter system as set out in Appendix A subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget.

### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to:

1. consider alternate funding models in lieu of per diem rates which provide core funding to purchase of service shelter providers;
2. establish a working group with shelter providers to obtain their input on the City's ability to support their organizations; and
3. submit his recommendations on Items 1. and 2. above to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in six months.

### Summary

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on December 3, 2007:

- a. deferred consideration of the following Recommendation 1 in the report (November 19,2007) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to the meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee to be held on February 21, 2008:

- "1. Council approve the recommended per diem rates, bed capacities and personal needs allowances rates for the shelter system as set out in Appendix A subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget;" and
- b. requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to:
  - i. meet with the Youth Shelter Interagency Network to discuss their issues with them and to invite a representative from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to attend this meeting; and
  - ii. invite representatives from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to attend the Community Development and Recreation Committee meeting on February 21, 2008.

### **Background Information**

cd14.2- Letter from the Community Development and Recreation Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11107.pdf>)

cd14.2-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11093.pdf>)

cd14.1-Appendix A

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11094.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix B

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11095.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix C

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11096.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix D

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11097.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix E

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11098.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix F

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11099.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix G

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11100.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix H

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11101.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix I

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11102.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix J

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11103.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix K

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11104.pdf>)

cd14.2-Appendix L

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11105.pdf>)

### **Communications**

(February 21, 2008) Submission from Erika Khandor (CD.Main.CD14.2.1)

CD14.3	ACTION	Amended		
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### **Adequacy of Child Care Funding and Service Levels**

(February 5, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

#### **Committee Recommendations**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The 2010 – 2015 Child Care Service Plan outline the annual service growth necessary to achieve equitable distribution of child care fee subsidies and licensed child care spaces by 2015 *and that this service level target be included in the draft "Toronto Children's Plan"*.

#### **Financial Impact**

This report has no immediate financial impact.

#### **Summary**

This report describes the current funding for child care services in Toronto and discusses the adequacy of both the funding and the current service levels.

#### **Background Information**

cd14.3-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11106.pdf>

CD14.4	ACTION	Amended		
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### **Informing the Development of a Full Day Program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten**

(February 5, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

#### **Committee Recommendations**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. This report along with the research findings from Toronto First Duty be forwarded to Dr. Charles Pascal, Special Advisor to the Premier on full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds; and

2. The City of Toronto ask to participate in consultations on full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds to inform the strategy development.

### **Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee:

1. referred the following to the General Manager, Children's Services, for consideration in the development of the City's position on this matter:
  - a. proposed new Recommendation 3. from the Children's Services Advisory Committee:
    - “3. recommend to the Province of Ontario that a moratorium be imposed immediately by the Province on all school closures, and facility limiting decisions, based on funding formula shortfalls, or capital budget deficiencies resulting from excess spare calculations, so as to prevent a shortage of early childhood capacity in the school system prior to the introduction of this policy, and that the Province fund the cost of this moratorium; and that this be communicated to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;”; and
  - b. motion by Councillor Shiner:
    - “That while we support the initiative of the full day learning program, City Council urge the Province to ensure adequate funding to support the City’s Child Care system, such that the City is able to meet the child care needs of its residents.”; and
2. requested the General Manager, Children's Services to report to the Children's Services Advisory Committee on a process for providing input into the policy on full-day learning for four- and five-year olds, such process to ensure input from other community stakeholders.

### **Financial Impact**

This report has no immediate financial impact.

### **Summary**

This report summarizes the research findings and best practices from Toronto First Duty in order to inform the development of a full day program for junior and senior kindergarten in the Province. It recommends that the report along with the research reports from Toronto First Duty (TFD) be sent to the Special Advisor to the Premier on full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds.



## Background Information

cd14.4-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11108.pdf>

### 4a Informing the Development of a Full Day Program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten

(February 19, 2008) Letter from Children's Services Advisory Committee

#### Summary

Letter (February 19, 2008) from Children's Services Advisory Committee advising that the Advisory Committee on February 15, 2008, considered the report from the General Manager, Children's Services, entitled "Informing the Development of a Full Day Program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten" and forwarded its recommendations to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

#### Background Information

CD14.4a-Letter from the Children's Services Advisory Committee

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11348.pdf>

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### Resources Required to Conduct an Inventory of Youth Opportunities

(February 6, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

#### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee received, for information, the report (February 6, 2008) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration.

#### Financial Impact

This report has no financial impact.

#### Summary

This report was requested by the Community Development and Recreation Committee at its September 12, 2007 meeting. The Committee considered a communication from the Youth Strategy Panel's July 12, 2007 meeting requesting that staff begin work on an inventory of all youth programs, services, facilities and engagement processes being done through all Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions on a neighbourhood by neighbourhood basis. The Committee referred the communication to Deputy City Manager Sue Corke for a report on the costs, staff hours and resources required to develop an inventory of City programs, services facilities and engagement opportunities.

This report describes an inventory process already underway as a part of the ongoing provision of municipal youth services, and provides an estimate of the resources required to extend this inventory process to prepare the inventory requested by the Youth Strategy Panel.

### Background Information

cd14.5-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11109.pdf>)

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### Service Canada Funding Renewal for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Program

(February 4, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

### Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, be authorized to sign a renewal agreement with Service Canada for the TYJC program for up to \$1,754,716.00 gross and \$225,453.00 net, dependent on City and federal budget approval processes.

### Financial Impact

The 2008/09 renewal agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps program has a total value of up to \$1,754,716 gross and \$225,453 net for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The 2008 (April 1 – December 31) impact of \$1,316,037 gross and \$169,090 net is included in the 2008 recommended budget. The 2009 (January 1 – March 31) impact of \$438,679 gross and \$56,363 net will be included in the 2009 operating budget submission for the Social Development Finance and Administration Division.

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

### Summary

To seek authorization to renew an agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) program for an amount of up to \$1,754,716 gross and \$225,453 (12.8%) net.

The TYJC program is an on-going cost shared program providing pre-employment preparation and subsidized job placements to unemployed, out of school youth 16 to 29 years of age. The current contract with Service Canada for the TYJC program ends on March. 31, 2008.

### Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11110.pdf>

CD14.7	ACTION	Amended		
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## Ineligible Applicants to the 2008 Community Service Partnerships

(January 24, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

### Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. *The following 5 new applicants determined to be ineligible at this stage of the assessment process be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2008 Community Service Partnerships (CSP):*
  - a. *Africanadian Mediation and Community Services;*
  - b. *Chinese Professional Women of Canada;*
  - c. *East Area Women's Mental Health of Toronto (Margaret Frazer House);*
  - d. *Madbakh Women's Initiative, Inc.; and*
  - e. *Metro Street Focus Organization.*
  
2. The following 7 new applicants determined to be eligible proceed to the assessment review:
  - h. East Metro Youth Services;
  - i. East York East Toronto Family Resources;
  - j. Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto;
  - k. Franklin Horner Community Centre;
  - l. Humewood House Association;
  - m. Literature for Life; and
  - n. Youthlink.
  
3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee referred the applications from the Bangladeshi-Canadian Community Services and the First Portuguese Canadian Cultural Centre back to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, for reconsideration and a further report directly to City Council on March 3, 2008.

### 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 243 applicants under the 2008 Community Service Partnerships (CSP).

A total of 14 new applicants applied for funding under the 2008 CSP. Based on screening using the CSP eligibility criteria, it is recommended that 7 applicants do not proceed to the assessment phase of the 2008 CSP allocations process. A total of 229 returning organizations submitted applications to the 2008 CSP.

### Background Information

cd14.7-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11111.pdf>

### Communications

(February 21, 2008) Submission from Maria Tavares (CD.Main.CD14.7.1)

### Declared Interests (Committee)

Councillor Joe Mihevc - declared an interest in Item CD14.7 as it relates to the application by the East York East Toronto Family Resources, in that his spouse works with the East York East Toronto Family Resources.

CD14.8	ACTION	Adopted		
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### Request for Change of Name from Homes for the Aged Division to Long-Term Care Homes and Services Division

(January 28, 2008) Letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

### Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The name of the Homes for the Aged Division be changed to the Long-Term Care Homes and Services Division effective June 1, 2008.
2. Senior management develop both a communication plan and an implementation plan to support this change, thus ensuring that residents, clients, families, staff volunteers and the general public understand the change and the rationale for it.

### Summary

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, on January 25, 2008, considered a report (January 7, 2008) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, regarding a request for Change of Name from Homes for the Aged Division to Long-term Care Services Division.

## Background Information

cd14.8-Letter from Advisory Committee on Home for the Aged  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-10453.pdf>  
 cd14.8-Staff Report  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-10454.pdf>

CD14.9	ACTION	Received		
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## Losing Ground: The Persistent Growth of Family Poverty in Canada's Largest City

(January 21, 2008) Letter from Board of Health

## Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee received, for information, the letter (January 21, 2008) from the Board of Health.

## Summary

Advising that the Board of Health on January 21, 2008, amongst other things, forwarded the report (January 7, 2008) from the Medical Officer of Health, respecting the report released in November 2007 by the United Way of Greater Toronto entitled “Losing Ground: The Persistent Growth of Family Poverty in Canada’s Largest City”, to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for information.

## Background Information

cd14.9-Letter from the Board of Health  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11149.pdf>  
 cd14.9-Staff Report  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11150.pdf>

## Meeting Sessions

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