



Community Development and Recreation Committee

Meeting No.	15	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, May 12, 2008	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	cdrc@toronto.ca
Location	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.*
- *Other action taken by the Committee on its own authority, which does not require Council’s approval, is listed in the decision document under the heading “Decision Advice and Other Information” .*
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Minutes Confirmed – February 21, 2008

CD15.1	Information	Received		
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Toronto EMS Achieves 'Centre of Excellence'

(April 16, 2008) Report from Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee received, for information, the report (April 16, 2008) from the Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, and expressed its congratulations to staff on receiving the following awards:

Employee of the Year Award: Peter Shirer;
 Paramedic of the Year Award: Shamez Kassam;
 Communicator of the Year Award: John Lynas;
 Toronto EMS Communications Centre Accreditation: Norm Lambert, Deputy Chief, David Laskovski, Nancy Vechiola and Bruce Farr, Chief, Toronto EMS.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts beyond what has already been approved in the current year’s budget. The CACC is 100% funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, but is operated by and on behalf of the City of Toronto.

Summary

On April 8, 2008, the Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) was informed that it has achieved the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch’s (IAED) coveted ‘Accredited Centre of Excellence’ (ACE).

Accreditation establishes the Toronto EMS CACC as having achieved an internationally benchmarked, high standard of patient care delivered by Emergency Medical Dispatchers. It assures the 911 calling public that they are receiving the most appropriate pre – hospital care at all times and that their request for service will be answered and managed with the same consistent and effective level of quality.

Background Information

cd15.1-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12674.pdf>

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2008 Graffiti Transformation Investment Program

(April 25, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. Graffiti Transformation Investment Program funding totalling \$340,230.00 be allocated to 20 community organizations as outlined in Appendix “A” of this report.
2. *Organizations be expected to work in partnership with the local councillor prior to sites being chosen.*
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 2008 Approved Operating Budget.

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

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 and makes recommendations for 2008 allocations.

Background Information

cd15.-2-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12675.pdf>

CD15.3	ACTION	Amended		
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Potential Issues Related to the Expansion of Corporate, For-Profit Child Care

(April 25, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The recommendations in the attached report, "*If it don't make dollars, does that mean it don't make sense? Commercial, Non-profit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto, A report to the Children's Services Division, City of Toronto*" be approved and that the General Manager, Children's Services, report back on strategies for implementation of the recommendations.
2. The General Manager of Children's Services Division develop a communications plan to disseminate the report on potential issues related to for-profit corporate child care to the Federal government, the Provincial government and to municipalities.
3. The General Manager of Children's Services Division report back on capital strategies to support development of non-profit child care programs consistent with the Council approved fee subsidy targets.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager, Children's Services, to:

1. undertake a communications strategy to disseminate the findings of this report, including distribution to other governments and interested organizations; and
2. report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the following:
 - a. the role of Federal government funding in developing non-profit child care;
 - b. options for encouraging the expansion of municipally-operated child care centres;
 - c. options for creating a capital fund for child care, including through the development process, such as TIEGs and Section 37 charges;
 - d. reaffirming the City of Toronto's commitment to child care as a core public service; and
 - e. City cost-sharing to achieve the approved service target for fee subsidies.

Financial Impact

This report has no immediate financial impact.

Summary

The attached discussion paper presents the issues related to the expansion of corporate, for-profit chain child care. It comments on what impact such service would have on the child care system in Toronto and makes recommendations. The report which was requested at Community Development and Recreation Committee on December 3, 2007 has been endorsed in its entirety by the Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC).

Background Information

cd15.3-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12676.pdf>

cd15.3-Attachment

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12677.pdf>

3a Commercial, Nonprofit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto

(April 23, 2008) Letter from Children's Services Advisory Committee

Summary

Advising that the Children's Services Advisory Committee on April 23, 2008, considered a report (April 2008) from Dr. Gordon Cleveland, Associate Chair and Senior Lecturer in

Economics, Department of Management, University of Toronto Scarborough, titled “Commercial, Nonprofit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto”, and submitted recommendations to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

cd15.3a-Letter from Children's Services Advisory Committee
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12679.pdf>

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Update on Child Care Projects with the Toronto District School Board

(April 25, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The number of child care projects being developed with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) be reduced from three new child care centres to two new child care centres by removing the Kennedy Public School.
2. *The General Manager, Children’s Services, be requested to seek out alternative locations for a Child Care Centre within the Steeles L’Amoreaux Priority Neighbourhood.*

Financial Impact

This report has no financial impact.

Summary

This report seeks authority to reduce the number of child care projects that are being developed with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) from three to two.

Background Information

cd15.4-Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12680.pdf>

Communications

(May 5, 2008) letter from Councillor Mike Del Grande, Ward 39 - Scarborough-Agincourt (CD.New.15.4.1)

CD15.5	ACTION	Amended		
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Appointment of Community Development and Recreation Committee Member to the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee

(April 11, 2008) Report from City Clerk

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. Councillor Brian Ashton be appointed to the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee for a term of office ending December 31, 2008, and until a successor is appointed.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Summary

This report forwards information and a list of Members' preferences for appointment to the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee so that the Community Development and Recreation Committee may nominate a Member for appointment by Council.

Background Information

cd15.5-Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12681.pdf>)

CD15.6	Information	Received		
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Ontario Child Benefit

(April 28, 2008) Briefing Note from General Manager, Social Services

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee received, for information, the briefing note (April 28, 2008) from the General Manager, Social Services.

Summary

Providing an overview of the key characteristics of the Ontario Child Benefit (OCB), implications the OCB will have on Ontario Works families in Toronto as well as the steps being taken to ensure a smooth transition for these families.

Background Information

cd15.6-Briefing Note

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12682.pdf>)

CD15.7	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 25
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Tenants' Application in respect of 150 Finch Avenue West

(January 22, 2008) Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that the four tenants involved in the Tribunal applications at 150 Finch Avenue West be provided a grant from the Tenant Support Grants Program of the Tenant Defence Fund equally up to a maximum of \$4,000.00, subject to their identities being confirmed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Shelter, Support, and Housing Administration.

Summary

Advising that the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on January 22, 2008, considered a report (January 11, 2008) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, regarding Tenant Request for Funding in respect of 150 Finch Avenue West (Ward 25 – Don Valley West), and submitted a recommendation to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

cd15.7-Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12683.pdf>)

cd15.7-Attachment Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12684.pdf>)

cd15.7-Attachment Chronology of Events

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12685.pdf>)

cd15.7-Attachment Report from City Solicitor

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12686.pdf>)

cd15.7-Letter from Councillor Cliff Jenkins

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12687.pdf>)

7a Tenant Request for Funding in Respect of Applications made in 2003 and 2004 at 150 Finch Avenue West

(April 28, 2008) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Financial Impact

There is no new financial impact beyond what will be approved in the 2008 Tenant Defence Fund Program.

Summary

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended that funding be provided to the four former tenants of 150 Finch Avenue West for legal expenses resulting from Tribunal applications they made in 2003 and 2004, subject to staff confirming the identity of those tenants. This recommendation of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee will be before the Community Development and Recreation Committee as an action item via a separate communication to the Committee, and this report provides information for the action item, including confirming the identities of the tenants. Funds would come from the Tenant Support Grants Program of the Tenant Defence Fund.

Background Information

cd15.7a-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12688.pdf>

cd15.7a-Attachment Memorandum from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12689.pdf>

CD15.8	ACTION	Adopted		
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Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs

(February 11, 2008) Letter from Budget Committee

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee approved the following resolution from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair:

“WHEREAS the number of children and youth participating in the Student Nutrition Program has increased from 35,000 in 1998 to over 90,000 in 2008;

WHEREAS the cost of healthy eating has increased 24.5% since 1999;

WHEREAS the City’s contribution to the Student Nutrition Program has decreased to 12.9% of total program costs;

WHEREAS the City’s goal is to serve culturally-appropriate nutritious food to 1 in 3 children in elementary schools.

WHEREAS school food programs are cost-shared between the province, the city, donations and volunteers;

AND WHEREAS hunger continues to be a major issue faced by school-aged children;

AND WHEREAS the province recently has added \$32 million over 3 years for school food programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy City Manager Sue Corke and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to report to the Board of Health and the Budget Committee during the 2009 budget process with a new five-year plan to update the City’s participation in the student nutrition program.”

Summary

Advising that the Budget Committee on February 11, 2008, referred Item CD3.5 to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for consideration.

Background Information

cd15.8-Letter from Budget Committee

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12690.pdf>

cd15.8-Letter from City Council to Budget Committee

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12691.pdf>

cd15.8-Attachment - Item CD3.6

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12692.pdf>

cd15.8-Letter from Board of Health

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12702.pdf>

cd15.8- Letter from Councillor Paul Ainslie

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12693.pdf>

CD15.9	ACTION	Adopted		
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Withdrawal Management (Detox) Services in Toronto

(April 28, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The City of Toronto urge the provincial government to increase funding for addiction treatment services in Toronto, including more resources for the full range of withdrawal management services and community and day treatment services, in particular for street-involved drug users, youth, women with children, aboriginal people and ethno-cultural communities.

2. The City of Toronto work with the Central Toronto Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to expand withdrawal management capacity as part of a comprehensive city-wide crisis response system for people with alcohol and other drug issues.
3. The City of Toronto urge the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to develop a comprehensive and co-ordinated strategy for people who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness and have issues associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs that includes:
 - a. Funding for rent supplements to ensure access to stable, affordable housing, and funding for associated health, social and addiction supports to help people maintain their housing;
 - b. Funding for a community-based Addiction Follow-up Worker pilot project to provide case management support for people on the street, leaving shelters, withdrawal management services, correctional facilities, etc, to improve long-term housing stability and facilitate co-ordinated access to health, social and addiction services. And, further that some of the case managers have expertise working with specific populations such as youth, women with children and ethno-cultural communities; and
 - c. Reinstatement of addiction as an eligible disability under the Ontario Disability Support Program.
4. The City of Toronto continue to develop strategies to increase access for people who are homeless to recreation programs as one measure to help people make positive changes and stabilize their lives.

Summary

Notice of Motion by Councillor Perks, seconded by Councillor Carroll, forwarding recommendations from the Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel meeting held March 20, 2008, for consideration by the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

cd15.9-Notice of Motion

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12694.pdf>

Communications

(May 12, 2008) Submission from Jim O'Neill, Executive Director, Community and Health Services Partnerships and Director, Inner City Health Programs, St. Michael's Hospital (CD.New.15.9.1)

(May 12, 2008) Submission from Anne Longair, Director, Hostel Services, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (CD.New.15.9.2)

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Principles for a Poverty Reduction Strategy

(May 1, 2008) Letter from Councillor Joe Mihevc

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. City Council endorse the principles for a poverty reduction strategy contained in the 25-in-5 Declaration, specifically:
 - a. Sustaining employment means assuring a living standard above poverty for any adult who works full time throughout the year. It means fair pay, increasing the minimum wage and stable working conditions for all Ontarians;
 - b. Liveable incomes mean dignity for all Ontarians – including those unable to work; and
 - c. Strong and supportive communities mean affordable housing, early learning and child care, public education and community programs that help people connect.
2. The General Manager of Toronto Social Services, as part of her report on the implementation of the Action Plan for Social Assistance in the City of Toronto to Community Development and Recreation Committee, identify ways in which the City of Toronto can advance the poverty reduction initiatives outlined in the 25-in-5 Declaration.
3. *The City of Toronto enable community engagement in the development of a poverty reduction strategy by facilitating public opportunities for Toronto residents to express their views on ways poverty can be reduced.*
4. The City of Toronto share this report with its partners in other municipalities and the Province.

Summary

Letter (May 1, 2008) from Councillor Joe Mihevc submitting recommendations regarding the principles outlined in the founding declaration of the 25-in-5: Network for Poverty Reduction.

Background Information

cd15.10-Letter from Councillor Joe Mihevc

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12695.pdf>

cd15.10-Attachment: 25-in-5 Founding Declaration

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12696.pdf>

Meeting Sessions

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2008-05-12	Morning	9:40 AM	11:55 AM	Public