

December 3, 2007

To: Community Development and Recreation Committee

From: Community Development and Recreation Committee

Subject: 2008 Per Diem Rates for the Purchase of Service Shelter System and Related Matters

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee:

- 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:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on December 3, 2007, considered a report (November 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration entitled "2008 Per Diem Rates for the Purchase of Service Shelter System and Related Matters".

Recommendations:

The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, 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;
2. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and/or his designate be authorized to:
 - a. enter into purchase of service agreements with community agencies and motel operators for the provision of shelter services and the issuance of personal needs allowance, up to the maximum contract values as outlined in Appendix A, subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget;
 - b. contract with and issue payments of up to \$8.506 million(gross)/\$1.703 million (net) to Mental Health Program Services of Metropolitan Toronto (Habitat Services) for the provision of housing and supports for psychiatric consumer survivors living in Habitat contracted boarding or rooming houses subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget;
 - c. contract with and issue payments to the Toronto Hostels Training Centre for the administration and provision of training for shelter staff up to a maximum amount of \$198,000 subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget; and
 - d. purchase up to \$42,000 in training for staff of the directly operated shelters from the Toronto Hostel Training Centre in order to meet the training requirements laid out in the Council approved Toronto Shelter Standards, subject to the approval of the 2008 Operating Budget;
3. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, undertake a consultation process with relevant stakeholders, shelter providers and other service providers which will be used to evaluate options related to the future funding direction for shelter services which includes integration of a strategy to support people who are homeless to access and maintain permanent housing in the funding structure, and report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee in 2008;
4. the General Manager, Shelter, Support, and Housing Administration, be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Province, should they wish to continue a project such as Hostels to Homes, which uses per diem funding in a flexible manner to support people who are homeless to access and maintain permanent housing, provided that the funding and payments do not exceed the Annual Approved Operating Budget; and

5. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, directly invoice the Province at 100 per cent of what the Province funds for Violence Against Women Shelters, for the length of time women and children fleeing abuse stay in the City's shelter system.

City Clerk

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Item CD11.2

Attachment

Sent to: Community Development and Recreation Committee
General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration