
Community Development and Recreation Committee

Meeting No.	23	Contact	Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Thursday, April 16, 2009	Phone	416-392-8032
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	cdrc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Janet Davis

Community Development and Recreation Committee		
Councillor Janet Davis, Chair	Councillor Paul Ainslie	Councillor Cliff Jenkins
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Vice-Chair	Councillor Maria Augimeri	Councillor John Parker

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Confirmation of Minutes – February 6, 2009

Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Communications/Reports

(Deferred from February 6, 2009 - 2009.CD22.5)

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Elimination of the State of Good Repair Backlogs for Parks, Forestry and Recreation's Indoor and Outdoor Ice and Swimming Pool Facilities

Origin

(January 21, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information on how to adjust the Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) Capital Plan in order to eliminate the state of good repair backlog for arenas, outdoor artificial ice rinks (AIRs) and indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The report will also provide basic costing information on the construction of any new ice and pool facilities.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

Background Information

Elimination of the State of Good Repair Backlogs for Parks, Forestry and Recreation's Indoor and Outdoor Ice and Swimming Pool Facilities - Staff Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18933.pdf>

(Referred from City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009 - MM30.20)

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Continued Operation and Maintenance of Toronto District School Board Pools

Origin

(January 29, 2009) Member Motion from City Council

Recommendations

Councillor Stintz, seconded by Councillor Saundercook, recommends that:

1. That the City of Toronto's aquatic strategy report be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee, so that public deputations can be held.

2. That the appropriate City staff prepare a report on how the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) can work together to keep our community pools operational.

Summary

School pools are an important part of Toronto's infrastructure and recreational programming. Toronto is unique in that historically the municipality combined resources with the school board to build pools for schools and community use. These assets support non-profit swim clubs, camps and community swim needs in addition to regular programming by the school board and the City.

On August 27, 2008 the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) moved the following motion:

143. Swimming Pools

- a. That the Board thank David Crombie for his work on finding possible funding sources to operate school swimming pools;
- b. That, based on the Provincial transition funding for pools announced on August 7, 2008:
 - (i) that the pools slated for decommissioning this fall remain open for the 2008-09 school year and that aquatics instructors and caretaking staff be hired as soon as possible, subject to confirmation that Provincial funding has been received by the TLC;
 - (ii) that the Board participate fully in the Toronto aquatic workgroup proposed by Mr. Crombie;
 - (iii) that the Toronto Lands Corporation be given responsibility for providing operational oversight and licensing/permitting services for the 39 pools that are currently unfunded; and
 - (iv) that the Director instruct staff to assist the Toronto Lands Corporation in collecting more precise data on the operating costs of individual pools.
- c. That the Chair of the Board forward a copy of the Board's decision and a copy of the letter from Mr. Crombie to the City of Toronto's Community and Social Services Committee for their possible review and comment.

(Submitted to City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009 as MM30.20)

Background Information

Transmitted from City Council - Referral of Member Motion MM30.20
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-19248.pdf>
 Attachment - Letter dated August 7, 2008 from David Crombie
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-19246.pdf>

(Deferred from February 6, 2009 - 2009.CD22.1)

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Hospital Offload Delay Status Update

Origin

(January 15, 2009) Report from Chief and General Manager, Toronto EMS

Summary

Hospital offload delay refers to the delay in transferring a patient's care from paramedics to the receiving hospital. The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the current status of hospital offload delay as it affects Toronto EMS and to provide an overview of the recent strategies undertaken by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC).

Hospital offload delay is the number one operating pressure for Toronto EMS. Paramedic crews are delayed in emergency departments for extended periods of time, caring for their patients while waiting for an available hospital stretcher. Toronto EMS in-hospital times have increased from an average of 35 minutes in 2000 to nearly 70 minutes, in April of 2008. This additional time has had a negative impact on EMS resources available to provide service to the community within appropriate and acceptable time frames. However, as a result of the offload nurse program, which hospitals began implementing in August 2008, hours lost as a result of offload delays has improved.

Financial Impact

There is no additional financial impact.

Background Information

Hospital Offload Delay Status Update - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrrd/backgroundfile-18932.pdf>

Communications

(January 21, 2009) letter from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence (CD.Main.CD23.3.1)

(February 5, 2009) letter from Tom Closson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Hospital Association (CD.Main.CD23.3.2)

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Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services

Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Origin

(February 27, 2009) Letter from Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services

Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services recommends that:

1. The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommend to City Council the appointment of the selected individual listed in a confidential report (February 12, 2009) from the General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services, to the Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services for a period of four years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference.
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
3. City Council authorize the City Clerk to make the appointee's name public once appointed by City Council.

Summary

The Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services on February 27, 2009, considered a confidential report (February 12, 2009) from the General Manager, Long-Term Care Homes and Services, entitled "Proposed New Member – Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services" and forwarded its recommendations to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

Letter from Advisory Committee on Long-Term Care Homes and Services
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20027.pdf>

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Cost Effective Ways for Parks, Forestry and Recreation to Finance Capital Projects**Origin**

(March 20, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information on cost effective ways the City of Toronto can finance the construction of new or expanded recreation facilities for multi-sports activities in a single facility and accelerate some of its state-of-good repair projects.

Many municipalities, including the City of Toronto, have been moving to multi-purpose recreation facilities instead of stand alone, single-purpose facilities. In such facilities, rinks, pools, gymnasiums and tracks may be accommodated in one single building, providing

economies of scale in terms of staffing, parking and utilities.

As its infrastructure ages, Parks, Forestry and Recreation has already identified the need to develop and provide multi-use recreation facilities, both through the Capital Plan and through inter-divisional and private partnership opportunities, however, finding suitable sites and financing for these facilities remains an ongoing challenge for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

The Division will also be exploring infrastructure funding opportunities under the federal government's newly announced Recreational Infrastructure Canada Fund (RinC) program. The \$500 million national fund is scheduled for implementation over two years, starting this spring. At the time of this report, program details for this fund have not been disclosed, including eligibility and application criteria. However, the 2009 Federal Budget notes that the RinC program will be a fifty-fifty cost share initiative, to be administered through regional development agencies. The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will work closely with the City Manager's Office to explore funding opportunities under this program for priority recreational projects as soon as the federal government puts out a call for proposals.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

The financial impacts of future capital projects will be developed in context with the appropriate Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Plan.

Background Information

Cost Effective Ways for Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff Report to Finance Capital Projects - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20029.pdf>

CD23.6	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Incident at Hollis Resource Child Care Centre, 71 Guestville Avenue

Origin

(March 23, 2009) Letter from Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11 - York South-Weston

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata recommends that:

1. The General Manager of Children's Services be requested to report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the attendance policies and procedures in municipally operated child care centres, and the actions taken to ensure these policies and procedures are being followed.

Summary

Councillor Frances Nunziata expressing concerns regarding a recent incident at the Hollis

Resource Child Care Centre and recommending that staff submit a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

Letter from Councillor Frances Nunziata

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20030.pdf>)

CD23.7	ACTION			Ward: 12
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Board of Management Governance Model for the Operation of 1652 Keele Street Community Alliance

Origin

(March 25, 2009) Letter from Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11 - York South-Weston and Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, Ward 12 - York South-Weston

Recommendations

Councillors Frances Nunziata and Frank Di Giorgio recommend that:

1. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, be requested to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the possibility of a community-based Board of Management governance model for the operation of the community use portion of 1652 Keele Street.

Summary

Councillors Frances Nunziata and Frank Di Giorgio forwarding a recommendation regarding the establishment of a community-based Board of Management governance model for the operation of the community use portion of 1652 Keele Street.

Background Information

Letter from Councillors Frances Nunziata and Frank Di Giorgio

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20031.pdf>)

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Ontario Energy Board's Recent Decision on the Installation of Sub-meters in Residential Rental Units

Origin

(March 25, 2009) Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be requested to provide a Briefing Note to the Community Development and Recreation

Committee at its meeting on May 8, 2009 on the Ontario Energy Board's recent decision on the installation of Sub-meters in residential units.

Summary

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on March 25, 2009, discussed the fact that the Ontario Energy Board had recently made a decision on the installation of Sub-meters in residential rental units and forwarded its recommendation to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on Sub-Meters
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20036.pdf>

CD23.9	ACTION			Ward: 14
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The Residential Tenancies Act and the Tax Notification Program

Origin

(March 25, 2009) Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be requested to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee at its meeting on May 8, 2009 on recommended changes to the Residential Tenancies Act that would improve the notification program on tax decreases and rent reductions.

Summary

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on March 25, 2009, considered a communication (March 16, 2009) from Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park, entitled "The Residential Tenancies Act and the Tax Notification Program", and forwarded its recommendation to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee - 50 Rosehill Avenue
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20037.pdf>
 Attachment - Letter from Councillor Gord Perks
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20038.pdf>

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Tenants of 50 Rosehill Avenue – Request for Assistance to Defend Against Landlord’s Court Appeal

Origin

(March 25, 2009) Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee that the appropriate staff be requested to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee at its meeting on May 8, 2009, on the feasibility of the City providing a grant from the Tenant Defence Fund to the tenants of 50 Rosehill Avenue to pay the Landlord's legal costs should they lose the current Divisional Court Appeal by the Landlord of the Landlord and Tenant Board Decisions (April 5, 2007 and March 4, 2008) and the Divisional Court awards the legal costs to the Landlord against the tenants.

Summary

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on March 25, 2009, considered a communication (March 25, 2009) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22, St. Paul's, entitled "Tenants of 50 Rosehill Avenue - Request for Assistance to Defend Against Landlord's Court Appeal", and forwarded its recommendation to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Background Information

Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee re 50 Rosehill Avenue
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20041.pdf>
 Attachment - Letter from Councillor Michael Walker
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20042.pdf>

CD23.11	ACTION			Ward: All
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Mental Health Commission of Canada Research Demonstration Project: Request for Authority to Implement Toronto Site Project and Provide National Streets to Homes Training

Origin

(March 30, 2009) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Summary

This report advises that a subsequent report will be included on the Supplementary Agenda for the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee. The report will seek approval of a number of recommendations related to a Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) joint proposal with the Centre for Research on Inner City Health at St. Michael’s Hospital (CRICH) to undertake a research demonstration project, under

a national program of the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC).

Financial Impact

Entering into contribution agreements with the MHCC for administering funds for the Toronto Research Demonstration Project on Mental Health and Homelessness will have a \$0 net impact on the 2009 budget and on subsequent budgets.

Background Information

Mental Health Commission of Canada Research Demonstration Project - Staff Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-20069.pdf>)