

## **Community Development & Recreation Core Service Review Sub-Committee Hearings**

<b>Date:</b>	September 13, 2011
<b>To:</b>	Community Development and Recreation Committee
<b>From:</b>	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

### **SUMMARY**

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This report provides a summary of points made at the Core Service Review Sub-Committee's hearings held on September 12 and 13, 2011, to assist the Community Development and Recreation Committee's deliberations.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact associated with this report.

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### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its July 20, 2011 Special Meeting to consider the City Manager's report *CD6.1 Core Service Review*, the Community Development and Recreation Committee established a sub-committee to conduct a series of consultations "for the purpose of reviewing the recommendations of the Core Service Review, the City Manager's report on the Core Service Review and the User Fee Review" to "advise the Community Development and Recreation Committee on these matters." The Core Service Review Sub-Committee's mandate and terms of reference can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.CD6.1>

### **COMMENTS**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee's Core Service Review Sub-Committee was established to gather input from Toronto residents on the recommendations of the Core Service Review, the City Manager's Report on the Core

Service Review and the City's User Fee Review. Two meetings of the Sub-Committee were held on September 12 and 13, 2011 at the Scarborough and York Civic Centres respectively.

The Sub-Committee, comprised of Councillor Joe Mihevc, Councillor Janet Davis and Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, received deputations from 23 individuals representing themselves and/or on behalf of groups or organizations. These deputations covered the areas of children's services, social housing and homelessness programs, long-term care homes, recreation programming and community engagement. There was a strong commitment to maintain existing City roles in the provision of services and in the funding of services.

Deputants repeatedly spoke to the need for the City to maintain direct delivery of services, in particular child care services, long term care services and recreation programs. In addition, several spoke to maintaining subsidized child care spaces. Others noted the need for the City to seek alternative funding arrangements to address the financial limitations of the City, but expressed reservations on the use of public-private partnerships to provide services.

Deputants expressed concern that cuts to program areas, together with multiple funding cuts from other orders of government, collectively would have the greatest impact on Toronto's most vulnerable residents and neighbourhoods. Speakers stressed the need to maintain investments in youth, neighbourhoods that lack social infrastructure and in social supports that are critical to newcomers.

A number of deputants also emphasized the importance of ongoing consultation and communication with residents on the implementation of changes to program areas resulting from Council's consideration of the Core Service Review report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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