

December 5, 2013

To: Budget Committee

From: Community Development and Recreation Committee

Subject: Recreation Services for Youth: Expansion of Youth Spaces

**Committee Decision:**

**The Community Development and Recreation Committee:**

1. Referred the report (November 20, 2013) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to the Budget Committee for their consideration on the implementation of 10 new youth lounges based on the model proposed by St. Stephen's Community House and Community Recreation for All, with the option to use 2014 budget allocation to also enhance existing lounges based on the same proposed model, to begin operation by June 1, 2014; and
2. Subject to funding being approved in Recommendation 1, the Community and Recreation Committee requested that:
  - a. implementation include an appropriately resourced Advisory Committee comprised of staff and community members representing youth workers, youth serving agencies, parents, youth and Community Recreation for All and other appropriate organizations, to provide ongoing input on start up and operation of youth spaces;
  - b. the Advisory Committee provide input and assist in evaluation for potential neighbourhoods for new and enhanced centres, including locations in Rexdale, Kingston-Galloway, Jane and Finch, Central Etobicoke (East and West Malls), Mount Dennis, Weston and Lawrence, and Kipling and Dixon; and
  - c. staff report on the current youth programs and the role of the Advisory Committee in 2014;
  - d. staff report to Community Development and Recreation Committee on the start up and operation of the new programs no later than first quarter of 2015.

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee also:

1. Requested Deputy City Manager, Cluster A to develop and maintain a youth-friendly website to improve virtual access to available youth recreation services, programs and initiatives in the City

### Background Information

(November 20, 2013) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on Recreation Services for Youth: Expansion of Youth Spaces

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-63962.pdf>)

(November 20, 2013) Appendix A - Map of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Youth Program Locations

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-64424.pdf>)

(November 20, 2013) Appendix B - Parks, Forestry and Recreation Youth Lounges Fall 2013

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-64425.pdf>)

(November 20, 2013) Appendix C - Map of City of Toronto Youth Population Density and Low Income Census Tracts

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-64426.pdf>)

### Communications

(December 3, 2013) E-mail from Nicola Holness, Community Outreach Councillor, Community & Legal Aid Services Programme, Adjunct Faculty, Osgoode Hall Law School York University (CD.New.CD25.6.1)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/comm/communicationfile-42064.pdf>)

(December 4, 2013) Letter from Community Recreation for All (CD.New.CD25.6.2)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/comm/communicationfile-42025.pdf>)

(December 4, 2013) Letter from Tim Maguire, President, CUPE Local 79 (CD.New.CD25.6.3)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/comm/communicationfile-42066.pdf>)

(December 4, 2013) Submission from Nation Cheong (On File with City Clerk's Office) (CD.New.CD25.6.4)

(December 5, 2013) Submission from Judith Otto (CD.New.CD25.6.5)

### Speakers

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Judith Otto (Submission Filed)

Lekan Olawoye (Submission Filed)

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Attachments