



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

City Council Motion: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy

Date:	February 17, 2016
To:	Executive Committee, City of Toronto
From:	Andy Pringle, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive Committee with the Toronto Police Services Board's ("Board") response to City Council Motion "Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Executive Committee receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications related to the receipt of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on December 17, 2015, the Board was in receipt of City Council's Motion pertaining to Item 7.2 - "TO Prosperity Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy."

COMMENTS

Mr. Miguel Avila was in attendance and delivered a deputation to the Board with respect to this report.

The Board approved the following Motions:

1. THAT the Board establish a Working Group to be co-chaired by the Chair and the Chief, or their delegates, to review the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy for opportunities that the TPSB and TPS can contribute towards the City's goals for poverty reduction and to report to the KPMG Task Force in March 2016;

2. THAT the Working Group consist of Board members Marie Moliner and Ken Jeffers and others, including members outside of the TPS; and
3. THAT the Board receive the foregoing report and Mr. Avila's deputation.

CONCLUSION

A copy of Board Minute No. P301/15, in the form attached as Appendix "A", regarding this matter is provided for information.

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Andy Pringle
Chair

ATTACHMENT

Appendix A – Board Min No. P301/15

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Appendix “A”

THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2015

#P301 MOTION FROM TORONTO CITY COUNCIL – INTERIM POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

The Board was in receipt of the following report October 09, 2015 from Andy Pringle, Chair:

Subject: MOTION FROM TORONTO CITY COUNCIL – INTERIM POVERTY
REDUCTION STRATEGY

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board determine how it wishes to respond to the Council’s request that the Board consider service implications and roles in driving systemic change at the City to reduce poverty and report to the City Manager on these issues in time for inclusion into the final Poverty Reduction Strategy in Fall 2015.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Background/Purpose:

Toronto City Council, at its meeting of July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, adopted Item 7.2, “TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy.”

Discussion:

Toronto City Council has forwarded this item to the Board, among others, with the request that the Board consider service implications and roles in driving systemic change at the City to reduce poverty and to report to the City Manager on these issues in time for inclusion into the final Poverty Reduction Strategy in Fall 2015.

The report is attached for your information.

Conclusion:

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board determine how it wishes to respond to the Council’s request that the Board consider service implications and roles in driving systemic change at the City to reduce poverty and report to the City Manager on these issues in time for inclusion into the final Poverty Reduction Strategy in Fall 2015.

Staff report for action on Poverty Reduction

Mr. Miguel Avila was in attendance and delivered a deputation to the Board with respect to this report.

The Board approved the following Motions:

- 4. THAT the Board establish a Working Group to be co-chaired by the Chair and the Chief, or their delegates, to review the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy for opportunities that the TPSB and TPS can contribute towards the City's goals for poverty reduction and to report to the KPMG Task Force in March 2016 (Min. No. P300/15 refers);**
- 5. THAT the Working Group consist of Board members Marie Moliner and Ken Jeffers and others, including members outside of the TPS; and**
- 6. THAT the Board receive the foregoing report and Mr. Avila's deputation.**

Moved by: M. Moliner

A copy of the *TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy* is on file in the Board office.



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City Clerk

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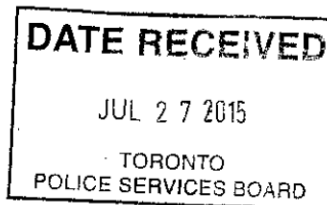
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July 20, 2015

Dr. Alok Mukherjee
Chair
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Dear Dr. Mukherjee:

**Subject: Executive Committee Item 7.2
TO Prosperity - Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy (Ward All)**

City Council on July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, adopted this Item as amended, and in so doing, has forwarded TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to the Toronto Police Services Board, with the request that the Board consider service implications and roles in driving systemic change at the City to reduce poverty and to report to the City Manager on these issues in time for inclusion into the final Poverty Reduction Strategy in Fall 2015.

Yours truly,

for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: Budget Committee
 Community Development and Recreation Committee
 Economic Development Committee
 Government Management Committee
 Licensing and Standards Committee
 Parks and Environment Committee
 Planning and Growth Management Committee
 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
 Board of Health
 City Librarian, Toronto Public Library
 Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission
 Chair, Toronto Police Services Board
 Medical Officer of Health
 All Interested Parties

c. City Manager

Executive Committee

EX7.2		Amended		Ward: All
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TO Prosperity - Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy

City Council Decision

City Council on July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, adopted the following:

1. City Council endorse as a moral imperative the goal of preventing and reducing poverty and ensuring that we allocate the resources to achieve these goals.
2. City Council adopt the vision and objectives for TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
3. City Council adopt in principle the interim strategy, TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
4. City Council request the City Manager to:
 - a. consult with communities most affected by poverty and key partners in community agencies, business and labour, and other institutions on TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
 - b. refine the Actions in the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy with progress measures, action leads, timeframes and financial implications; and
 - c. report back to City Council, through the Executive Committee, with a finalized Poverty Reduction Strategy, including implementation details, in the Fall of 2015.
5. City Council forward TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to the Board of Health, Toronto Public Library Board, Toronto Transit Commission Board and Toronto Police Services Board, with the request that they consider service implications and roles in driving systemic change at the City to reduce poverty and to report to the City Manager on these issues in time for inclusion into the final Poverty Reduction Strategy in Fall 2015.

6. City Council forward TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to the Standing Committees and the Budget Committee for additional consideration of service level implications for the 2016 Capital and Operating Budget and for subsequent years' budgets.
7. City Council request the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to report to the Economic Development Committee, in September 2015, together with the report previously requested in Item ED30.6 on re-designing the vacant commercial and industrial tax relief program to stimulate economic growth, on the legislative and financial implications of eliminating vacancy tax rebates and any required amendments to the Assessment Act as a result.
8. City Council direct the City Manager to forward the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services; the Ministry of Community and Social Services; the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure; the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities; Citizenship and Immigration Canada; Employment and Social Development Canada; and the Privy Council Office for consideration on program and funding alignments.
9. City Council request the City Manager to explore partnership opportunities with the private sector related to poverty reduction and report back Community Development and Recreation Committee alongside the final Poverty Reduction Strategy in Fall 2015.
10. City Council request the City Manager to report with an overview of what the City, its divisions and corporations are currently doing to combat poverty including budget impacts; such review to be reported to the Community Development and Recreation Committee alongside the final Poverty Reduction Strategy.
11. City Council request the Medical Officer of Health, through the Board of Health, to report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on opportunities and costs for providing eye examinations for school age children in Strong and Emerging neighbourhoods; such report to also include current optometry programs operated by the Toronto Foundation for Student Success and any opportunities for expansion.

Committee Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. City Council endorse as a moral imperative the goal of preventing and reducing poverty and ensuring that we allocate the resources to achieve these goals.
2. City Council adopt the vision and objectives for TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

3. City Council adopt in principle the interim strategy, TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy, as outlined in Attachment A to the report (June 16, 2015) from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
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Committee Decision Advice and Other Information

Councillor Pam McConnell and the Director, Social Policy, Analysis and Research, Social Development, Finance and Administration gave a presentation on TO Prosperity - Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Origin

(June 16, 2015) Report from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial

Officer

Summary

Recognized internationally as a vibrant and prosperous city of opportunity, Toronto is consistently ranked as a global leader across a range of indicators from competitiveness to livability. However, not all residents enjoy these benefits. Toronto is also the national capital of working poverty, and the provincial capital of income inequality. Despite a number of City strategies, and a range of programs and services, poverty persists and is worsening for many Toronto residents. This trend threatens the long-term success of the city.

In April 2014, City Council unanimously directed the City Manager to develop a Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy through broad public consultation. Between November 2014 and April 2015, staff and community partners co-led a full-day multi-sector stakeholder dialogue, 10 Days of Dialogue, 101 Community Conversations, and three roundtable discussions with sector experts, which were complemented with two online questionnaires. Torontonians sent one clear message: the conventional pathway to prosperity is broken. Education increasingly does not lead to good jobs, the growing number of precarious jobs do not guarantee stable lives, social services need to adapt to meet people's needs, and eroded income supports do not cover basic necessities.

This report provides an overview of poverty in Toronto, describes the development of the strategy, and outlines a vision, objectives, recommendations and actions. There are limits to how much the City and its local partners can do to address poverty. Nevertheless, this strategy is an unprecedented opportunity to find new ways to do more to alleviate, reduce, and begin to eradicate poverty in Toronto. With this aim, TO Prosperity sets out three complementary objectives: (1) Address Immediate Needs, (2) Create Pathways to Prosperity, and (3) Drive Systemic Change. Actions focus on six areas prioritized by residents in the public consultations: Housing Stability, Access to Services, Food Access, Transportation, Quality Jobs and Living Wages, and Institutional Change.

Background Information (Committee)

(June 16, 2015) Report and Attachment B from the Acting City Manager, the Deputy City Manager Cluster A, the Acting Deputy City Manager Cluster B and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer on TO Prosperity - Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/bqrd/backgroundfile-81607.pdf>)
Attachment A - TO Prosperity: Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/bqrd/backgroundfile-81653.pdf>)
(June 30, 2015) Presentation on TO Prosperity - Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/bqrd/backgroundfile-81893.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(June 17, 2015) E-mail from Alfred Medeiros (EX.Main.EX7.2.1)
(June 19, 2015) E-mail from Peggy Needham (EX.Main.EX7.2.2)
(June 22, 2015) E-mail from Janet Elliott (EX.Main.EX7.2.3)
(June 22, 2015) E-mail from Joanne Cantrill (EX.Main.EX7.2.4)
(June 23, 2015) Letter from Members of the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy Advisory Group (EX.Supp.EX7.2.5) (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53741.pdf>)
(June 25, 2015) E-mail from Maleda Mulu (EX.Supp.EX7.2.6)
(June 25, 2015) E-mail from Katie Dorman (EX.Supp.EX7.2.7)
(June 25, 2015) E-mail from Najib Safieddine (EX.Supp.EX7.2.8)

(June 26, 2015) E-mail from Kelly Anne Cox (EX.Supp.EX7.2.9)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Elis Ziegler, Manager, Toronto Drop In Network (EX.Supp.EX7.2.10)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53771.pdf>
 (June 26, 2015) E-mail from Devi Joy Krieger (EX.Supp.EX7.2.11)
 (June 27, 2015) E-mail from Kevin Vuong (EX.Supp.EX7.2.12)
 (June 27, 2015) E-mail from Murray Lumley (EX.Supp.EX7.2.13)
 (June 28, 2015) E-mail from Valerie Hyman (EX.Supp.EX7.2.14)
 (June 26, 2015) Letter from Michael Rosenberg (EX.Supp.EX7.2.15)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Zuzana Betkova (EX.Supp.EX7.2.16)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Emily Paradis (EX.Supp.EX7.2.17)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Kathy Salisbury (EX.Supp.EX7.2.18)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Paul Clifford (EX.Supp.EX7.2.19)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Linda Chebichii Mackay (EX.Supp.EX7.2.20)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Brenda Thompson (EX.Supp.EX7.2.21)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Rebecca Phinnemore (EX.Supp.EX7.2.22)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Lillian Mendelsohn (EX.Supp.EX7.2.23)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Heather McPherson (EX.Supp.EX7.2.24)
 (June 29, 2015) Letter from Rachel Gray, Chair, Toronto Food Policy Council (EX.Supp.EX7.2.25)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53841.pdf>
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Rachel Gray, The Stop, Community Food Centre (EX.Supp.EX7.2.26)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53842.pdf>
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Eji Ehirim (EX.Supp.EX7.2.27)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Ryan Friedman (EX.Supp.EX7.2.28)
 (June 29, 2015) Submission from Leila Sarangi, Manager, Community Programs, Women's Habitat of Etobicoke (EX.Supp.EX7.2.29)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53845.pdf>
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Joan Anderson, Project Manager, Toronto HIV/AIDS Network (EX.Supp.EX7.2.30)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53847.pdf>
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Vivian Harrower (EX.Supp.EX7.2.31)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Joel Klassen (EX.Supp.EX7.2.32)
 (June 30, 2015) Letter from Tim Rourke (EX.New.EX7.2.33)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from Sherry Sui, Regent Park Community Food Centre (EX.New.EX7.2.34)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Tim Maguire (EX.New.EX7.2.35)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/comm/communicationfile-53835.pdf>
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Justine Barone (EX.New.EX7.2.36)
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 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Andrea Perry (EX.New.EX7.2.37)
 (June 29, 2015) E-mail from David Meyers (EX.New.EX7.2.38)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Brigitte Martin (EX.New.EX7.2.39)
 (June 30, 2015) Letter from Mary Wright (EX.New.EX7.2.40)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Aisha Khaja (EX.New.EX7.2.41)
 (June 30, 2015) Letter from Michael Kerr (EX.New.EX7.2.42)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Paul Codd (EX.New.EX7.2.43)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Pathmaleela Jekeswaran (EX.New.EX7.2.44)
 (June 30, 2015) E-mail from Sharon Yetman (EX.New.EX7.2.45)

Communications (City Council)

(July 6, 2015) E-mail from Sharon Yetman (CC.Supp.EX7.2.46)

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