

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

The Community Services Committee met on Wednesday, December 11, 2002, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present:	9:45 a.m.-12:40 p.m.	2:20 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Councillor Olivia Chow, Chair	X	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	X	X
Councillor Sherene Shaw	X	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X	
Councillor Michael Walker	X	X

Regrets:

Councillor Mario Silva

Also Present:

Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on November 7, 2002, were confirmed.

1.1 2003 Operating and Capital Budget Review.

The Committee had before it the Analyst Briefing Notes with respect to the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets under its purview:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Emergency Management Plan;
- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Children's Services;
- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support;
- Social Development and Administration; and
- Social Services.

The following persons made presentations to the Community Services Committee with respect to the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets under their purview:

Works and Emergency Services:

- Mr. Barry Gutteridge, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and provided an overview of the programs for review;
- Deputy Chief Rick Simpson, Toronto Fire Services; and
- Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- Mr. Eric Gam, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, and provided an overview of the programs for review;
- Mr. Phil Brown, General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division;
- Ms. Marna Ramsden-Urbanski, General Manager, Children's Services Division; and

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- Mr. Reg Paul, Director, Administration and Support Services, Homes for the Aged Division.

Due to time constraints, presentations were not heard from the Social Development and Administration Division and the Social Services Division.

The Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned staff presentations on the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets under its purview;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (2) directed that:

Works and Emergency Services:

- (a) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee:

Emergency Management Plan:

- (i) for its meeting on January 9 and 16, 2003, on the safety issues and equipment required in the event of a chemical biological, radiological or nuclear accident, and include a detailed breakdown of the EMT recommended funding of \$1.06 million in this regard;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

Emergency Medical Services:

- (ii) on the Emergency Medical Services' Public Access Defibrillation Program, both internally and in the private sector; and
- (iii) on the status of benchmarking and its relationship to Provincial Funding;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

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Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Children's Services:

(b) the following motions be tabled until the January 9 and 16, 2003, meeting of the Community Services Committee:

(i) Motion by Councillor Walker:

“That \$500,000.00 be added back to the 2003 Capital Budget of the Children's Services Division for upgrading playground equipment.”;

(ii) Motions by Councillor Chow:

“That the Province of Ontario again be requested to pay the actual cost of operating child care centres and, therefore, restore \$12.6 million in shortfall for child care; and further be requested to provide the required \$9.8 million in provincial subsidy in order to prevent the elimination of 1,616 child care spaces from the City of Toronto's Children's Services Operating Budget.”; and

“That the Province of Ontario be requested to restore the Ontario Works funding, in order to prevent the elimination of an additional 200 child care spaces.”;

Homes for the Aged:

(c) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to explore the option of providing the labour mediation and nursing salary adjustments through the Corporate Pay Equity Reserve Account;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (d) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide the Community Services Committee for its meeting on January 9 and 16, 2003:
- (i) with a revised chart under “Service Level Indicators”, contained in the 2003 Operating Budget presentation for Shelter, Housing and Support, detailing the following additional information under “New Affordable Housing Units”:
- the number of SCPI projects;
 - the number of Let’s Build projects;
 - how many of each were completed;
 - how many of each are in the planning phase; and
 - the targets for both SCPI and Let’s Build projects; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (ii) with a business case, cost-benefit analysis, and possible funding sources for the Central Family Intake Program.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(a), Report No. 1)

1.2 Progress Report on the Standardization of Emergency Fire Vehicles and Multi-Year Purchasing Contract.

The Committee had before it a joint report (November 26, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Fire Chief respecting the feasibility of standardizing emergency fire vehicles and developing a multi-year purchasing contract for Fire Services vehicles; and recommending that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and the Chief, Toronto Fire Services, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be authorized to issue tenders involving a three-year purchasing contract for Fire Service vehicles.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 1)

1.3 Update on Transfer of Care Delays Experienced by Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

The Committee had before it a report (November 26, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the waiting times for the transfer of patient care at Toronto area hospital emergency departments and on the steps being taken to address the problem; noting that in-hospital time over sixty minutes decreased significantly in October to 20.4 percent compared to 27.1 percent in September and 23.5 percent in August, and that new initiatives by Toronto EMS, in conjunction with Toronto area hospitals were largely responsible for this in-hospital time reduction; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned report; and further directed that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to:

- (1) include in future reports on the update on transfer of care delays experienced by Toronto Emergency Medical Services the service delay implications on hospitals; and

- (2) negotiate with the provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care a reduction in the response time for life threatening calls.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(b), Report No. 1)

1.4 Toronto-Scouts Canada Medical Venturer and Rover Program.

The Committee had before it a report (November 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on the Toronto EMS-Scouts Canada Medical Venturer and Rover Program youth initiative undertaken by Toronto EMS; indicating that this program has been a very successful community initiative, has created opportunities for youth and has enabled Toronto EMS to contribute to the community beyond its traditional mandate; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the
aforementioned report.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager,
Toronto Emergency Medical Services - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(c), Report No. 1)

1.5 Delegation of Authority to the City Solicitor to Commence Legal Proceedings to Recover Childcare Subsidy Overpayment.

The Committee had before it a report (November 26, 2002) from the City Solicitor respecting the need to commence legal proceedings against AD and ED to recover a childcare subsidy overpayment in the amount of \$23,580.73; and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to the City Solicitor, where it is deemed necessary, to commence legal proceedings, to appeal any decision where warranted, to discontinue or settle such claim or action where it is concluded that it is reasonable to do so and to execute any documents in furtherance thereof; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action

to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 1)

1.6 Funding for Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs.

The Committee had before it a report (November 27, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to the request of the Community Services Committee on November 7, 2002, to report on potential sources of short- and long-term funding for gang prevention and intervention programs and on whether other jurisdictions have received Federal or Provincial grants for such programs; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Task Force on Community Safety, its sub-committee and work groups to consider funding opportunities from senior levels of government; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee concurred in the aforementioned report, and directed that it be forwarded to the Task Force on Community Safety in accordance with the recommendation contained therein.

(Task Force on Community Safety; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Social Development and Administration - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(d), Report No. 1)

**1.7 Allocation of Ontario Works Incentive Funds for the
“Essential Items for Youth Seeking Employment”
Request for Grant Proposals.**

The Committee had before it a report (November 27, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation of Ontario Works Incentive Funds for the “Essential Items for Youth Seeking Employment” Request for Grant Proposals; and recommending that:

- (1) West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre receive a one-time grant allocation of \$250,000.00 to develop and implement the Essential Items for Youth Seeking Employment pilot project;
- (2) West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre develop a Community Advisory Committee with City-wide and youth representation on the Committee to assist in the development and long-term planning of the pilot project; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 1)

1.8 Redesignation of Albion Lodge as a Supportive Housing Site for Seniors.

The Committee had before it a report (November 27, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the redesignation of the existing Albion Lodge for use as a supportive housing site for seniors by January 2004; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council give support, in principle, to the redesignation of Albion Lodge as a supportive housing site for seniors in the North Etobicoke area of the City;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration of the 2003 budget;

- (3) the existing operating subsidy from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care be redirected to the Albion Lodge Supportive Housing Program to serve a maximum of 80 frail elderly clients; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (December 6, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on December 6, 2002, recommended that the Community Services Committee be advised of its support of the recommendations contained in the report dated November 27, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with respect to the redesignation of Albion Lodge as a Supportive Housing Site for seniors.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Policy and Finance Committee - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(e), Report No. 1)

1.9 Community-Based Services for Seniors.

The Committee had before it a report (November 26, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the need to direct funds available as a result of the review and reconciliation of the provincial subsidy settlement for the Homes for the Aged for prior years; indicating that these funds can be used to restore the grants funding to community agencies for homemaking services through a transition period, and to partially fund the capital cost of retrofitting Albion Lodge into a Supportive Housing site; and recommending that:

- (1) the over-estimated repayment of \$1,828,792.82 be directed as follows:
 - (a) \$1,700,000.00 be transferred to the Homes for the Aged Capital Reserve Fund and be used to partially fund the retrofitting of Albion Lodge into a supportive housing site in 2004 (subject to the approval of the Homes for the Aged 2003-2012 Capital Program); and

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- (b) the balance of \$128,792.82 be used to provide transition funding to community agencies for homemaking services within the Community Services envelope in the Consolidated Grants budget in 2003; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Mr. Chris Brillinger, Director, Social Development and Administration - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(f), Report No. 1)

1.10 Flyer Regarding School Funding.

The Committee had before it a report (December 2, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer responding to the request of the Community Services Committee to prepare a fact sheet on the impacts of the proposed education cuts, both service-wise and financially, to communities in the City of Toronto; attaching a flyer in this regard; advising that it will cost approximately \$8,000.00 to produce and mail the flyer, and further, in light of Supervisor Paul Christie's recent announcement it no longer seems timely; suggesting that in order to meet the Committee's direction, staff are proposing that the flyer be posted on the City's website and electronically delivered to the named organizations, where possible; and recommending that the report be received for information.

The Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that an amount not exceeding \$8,000.00, if necessary, be approved to produce the proposed flyer outlining educational issues and impact of cuts;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (2) directed that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to:
- (a) report to the Policy and Finance Committee on a funding source for this expenditure;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (b) report directly to the Policy and Finance Committee for its meeting on January 23, 2003, or Council for its meeting on February 4, 2003, providing an update on the recommendations contained in the report on Ontario's school funding formula by Mordechai Rozanski;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (c) update and circulate the flyer to all Members of Council prior to ascertaining the number of flyers required by each Councillor for distribution within their Wards; and

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (d) make the flyer available in an e-mail format and also on the City's web site.

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

(Chief Administrative Officer; Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(g), Report No. 1)

1.11 "Toronto's Quiet Crises - The Case for Social and Community Infrastructure Investment".

The Committee had before it a communication (December 4, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on December 2, 2002, received a verbal presentation from Councillor Chow on a report, entitled "Toronto's Quiet Crisis: The Case for Social and Community Infrastructure Investment", by Mr. Peter Clutterbuck and

Mr. Rob Howarth, and directed that such report be forwarded to relevant agencies, boards and commissions and committees in December 2002 for their consideration and information.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for a report thereon to the Community Services Committee during the budget process.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(h), Report No. 1)

1.12 Allocation from Ontario Works Incentive Funds in 2003.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 4, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on December 2, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee that, should there be an allocation from Ontario Works Incentive Funds in 2003, 50 percent of that allocation be directed to existing City grants programs.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services with a request that he work towards achieving additional funding for community-based organizations, and report thereon to the Community Services Committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(i), Report No. 1)

1.13 Request for Castlerview Wychwood Towers to Participate in the "Pilot Project on Critical Path for the Management of Type 2 Diabetes in Long-Term Care Centres".

The Committee had before it a communication (December 6, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on December 6, 2002, recommended to the Community Services Committee the adoption of a report (December 5, 2002) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, wherein it recommended that:

- (1) approval be given for Castlevew-Wychwood Towers to participate in the 12-month pilot project, entitled "Pilot Project on Critical Path for the Management of Type 2 Diabetes in Long Term Care Centres";
- (2) all resident and/or family member involvement be through informed consent only, utilizing a consent form and process that complies with the requirements of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA);
- (3) participants' privacy be fully protected, as outlined in this report;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged contained in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 1)

1.14 Community Involvement by Management Staff of the Homes for the Aged.

The Committee had before it a communication (December 6, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged on December 6, 2002, received a report (December 4, 2002) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged advising of the amount of community development work undertaken by members of the Homes for the Aged Division's management group, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Community Services Committee, and Council, for information.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; General Manager, Homes for the Aged - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(j), Report No. 1)

1.15 Expression of Appreciation to Ms. Winnie Eynstone.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Committee directed that its appreciation be expressed to Ms. Winnie Eynstone, Committee Secretary, City Clerk's Office, for her outstanding public service and loyalty to the City of Toronto over the past 21 years; and extended its best wishes for a very happy retirement.

(Ms. Winnie Eynstone - December 11, 2002)

(Clause No. 5(k), Report No. 1)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Chair.