



**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
DECISION DOCUMENT
MEETING 4**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2006
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
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Toronto, Ontario

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Minutes Confirmed – May 11, 2006

Communications/Reports:

1. **Toronto's Participation in the Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program**

Recommendations by the Committee:

The Affordable Housing Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that Council:

- A. **adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 24, 2006) from Sue Corke, Deputy City Manager, subject to adding three new**

recommendations (6), (7) and (8) and renumbering Recommendation (6) to (9), so that the recommendations now read:

"It is recommended that:

- (1) Council authorize Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to communicate to the Province the City's intention to participate in the Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program;
 - (2) Deputy City Manager Sue Corke discuss with the Province changes to the program that would improve its effectiveness in meeting the needs of moderate to low-income first time homeowners and provide funding to absorb the full administrative costs of this program;
 - (3) the Affordable Housing Office undertake a consultation with housing stakeholders, including TCHC, to determine their interest in administering the program on behalf of the City of Toronto;
 - (4) Deputy City Manager Sue Corke be authorized to provide the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, on behalf of the City, any needed supplementary information for the Housing Delivery Plan (2006 Action Plan for Affordable Housing Development) adopted by Council in January 2006;
 - (5) Council direct Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to report early in 2007 on a recommended strategic approach to the administration of the remaining funds;
 - (6) up to 25 percent of the City's allocation of 429 first time homeowner loans under the federal/provincial Affordable Housing Program be deployed to assist members of Toronto's Aboriginal community become homeowners;
 - (7) the Affordable Housing Office consult with representatives of Toronto's Aboriginal community on options for the delivery of the reserved Aboriginal first time homeownership program allocation;
 - (8) the Affordable Housing Office report to the Affordable Housing Committee and City Council on a recommended approach for delivery of the proposed Aboriginal first-time homeowner assistance initiative prior to implementation; and
 - (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and take the necessary action to give effect thereto."; and
- B. Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide capital funding to bring the former Ontario/MTHA Housing stock that was downloaded by the Province back to a state of good repair.

Action taken by the Committee

The Affordable Housing Committee requested the Deputy City Manager to report back to the Affordable Housing Committee on:

- (1) a retention policy on the first time Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing program;**
- (2) what kind of guidelines or protocol will be in place for the selection process; and**
- (3) what kind of mechanism will be in place to establish the City's interest in deploying the remaining allocation of \$3.734 million by ward across the City; or in consultation with Members of Council who are interested in the first time homeownership program.**

Report (May 24, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager seeking authorization from Council to participate in the Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program

Recommendations:

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- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2. Status of Affordable Housing and Shelter Initiatives – June 2006

Action taken by the Committee

The Affordable Housing Committee received the staff presentation.

Affordable Housing Office staff to give a presentation.