



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street
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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the Ground Floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, at 9:37 a.m.

Directors present: Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair
Ms. Zahra Dhanani
Mr. David Mitchell
Ms. Michelle Joseph
Councillor Paula Fletcher
Councillor Suzan Hall

Regrets: Ms. Carol Osler

Also present: Ms. Marta Asturi, Legal Counsel
Mr. Steve Floros, A/Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Mwarigha, Director Seniors Housing and Single Family Homes
Ms. Beatriz Tabak, Project Manager, Senior's Strategy
Ms. Anne McGregor, Children & Youth Team Manager, Community Health
Ms. Julet Allen, Supervisor, Access Program, Community Health
Ms. Nadia Gouveia, Social Investment Fund Coordinator, Community Health

The Chair, Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, called the meeting to order, and Liz Dizig served as recording secretary.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair requested that members of the Communities Committee advise of any agenda item in which they had a conflict of interest, together with the nature of the interest. None were declared.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

ON MOTION MADE:

The Agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES **CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 11, 2010**

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell, the Communities Committee received the above captioned minutes.

ITEM 1 **PRESENTATION – SENIOR’S UPDATE** **Presentation**

Motion carried Mr. Mwarigha (Community Housing Director, Seniors Housing and Single Family Homes) and Ms. Beatriz Tabak (Project Manager, Senior’s Strategy) provided an update of the Senior’s Strategy to the Committee.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, the Communities Committee received the presentation for information.

During the Committee discussion, the following points were made:

With the changing demographics, how does Toronto Community Housing ensure service equity and linkages to services in seniors designated buildings and other buildings in which seniors reside?

The committee acknowledged that seniors have specific needs when it comes to transfers and suggested that staff consider this in the tenant transfer policy.

Committee members requested that staff forward the link to the Seniors Policy Lens Toolkit for information.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked staff for their excellent presentation.

ITEM 2 **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TENANT
ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS IN THE
SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING PORTFOLIO** **CC:2010-08**

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2010-08) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Michelle Joseph, seconded by Councillor

Suzan Hall, the Communities Committee received the report for information.

During the Committee discussion, the following requests were made:

A report back to the committee – related to the efficiency and effectiveness repair systems. The committee would like verification that both systems (repairs by superintendents and repairs by HSI) are working effectively.

Director of Seniors Housing and Single Family Homes portfolio requested to provide an update on repair schedules for single family homes and the types of repairs.

Committee suggested that the Single Family Homes Advisory Group meet with TERC before presenting various engagement models at the Tenant Forum.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked staff for the good news of engaging tenants and making positive change.

ITEM 3	CHILDREN AND YOUTH STRATEGY – STATUS UPDATE	CC:2010-06
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Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2010-06) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, the Communities Committee received the report for information.

The Chair requested a breakdown of youth employed through Toronto Community Housing by employment program type, i.e. summer employment for students or employment that will transition young people into sustainable jobs.

Committee requests that staff extend invitations to the various green initiative events to committee members.

Committee requests that staff provide information to Councillor Davis related to status of children's program divestments at 444 Lumsden.

The Chair congratulated staff and the Committee for the work being done.

IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Councillor Suzan Hall , seconded by Ms. Michelle Joseph, the Communities Committee resolved to meet in camera to consider Items A and B.

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried At 11:10 a.m. the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Suzan Hall, seconded by Ms. Michelle Joseph, the Communities Committee ratified Items A and B as authorized during the *in camera* meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Communities Committee was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Secretary

Catherine Wilkinson, Chair