



## Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee

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The Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee (“CSAC”) of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (“TCHC”) held a virtual Public meeting on March 24, 2022, via WebEx, commencing at 10:11 a.m.

**CSAC Directors Present:** Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair  
Marcel Charlebois  
Debbie Douglas  
Councillor Frances Nunziata

**CSAC Directors Absent:** Ubah Farah

**Management Present:** Jag Sharma, President and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”)  
Sheila Penny, Chief Operating Officer (“COO”)  
Darragh Meagher, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary  
Nadia Gouveia, Director, Programs and Partnerships  
Evelyn Amponsah, Director, Centre for Advancing the Interests of Black People  
Paula Knight, Vice President, Strategic Planning & Communications  
Allan Britton, Senior Director, Community Safety Unit  
Richard Grotsch, Acting Senior Director, Business Operations  
Mona Bottoni, Acting Senior Manager, Corporate Services, Community Safety Unit  
Julio Rigores, Manager, Engagement Refresh  
Christine Yan, Acting Assistant Corporate Secretary

**Guests Present:** Scott McKean, Manager, Community Development, City of Toronto

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Wyndham Bettencourt-McCarthy, Housing  
Consultant, City of Toronto

A quorum being present, Councillor Fletcher, serving as Chair, called the meeting to order, and Ms. Yan served as recording secretary.

**ITEM 1 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee ("CSAC") meeting.

On behalf of the CSAC, the Chair thanked retiring Chief Operating Officer Sheila Penny for her dedication in leading the important work of reducing violence and building safe communities in Toronto Community Housing.

**DEPUTATIONS**

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The Chair polled for any depositions to be heard at the meeting. No written depositions were received. The following verbal deposition was presented:

- Item 4 – Violence Reduction Program Update – Q4 2021 (*Miguel Avila-Velarde*)

**ITEM 2A APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

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*Motion carried*      **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Mr. Charlebois, seconded by Ms. Douglas and carried, the CSAC approved the Public meeting agenda for the March 24, 2022 meeting.

**ITEM 2B CHAIR'S POLL RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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The Chair requested members of the CSAC to indicate any agenda item in which they had a conflict of interest, together with the nature of the interest.  
**No conflicts were declared.**

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**ITEM 2C      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC CSAC**  
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*Motion carried*      **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Ms. Douglas and carried, the CSAC confirmed the above-captioned minutes without amendments.

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**ITEM 3      BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**AND ACTION ITEMS UPDATE**

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*Motion carried*      **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Ms. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Charlebois and carried, the CSAC received the matters reported as Business Arising from the Public Meeting Minutes and Action Items Update for information.

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**ITEM 4      VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM**  
**UPDATE – Q4, 2021** CSAC:2022-03

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The above-captioned report (CSAC:2022-03) was circulated to CSAC members prior to the meeting.

A verbal deputation from Miguel Avila-Velarde was received with respect to this item.

Ms. Penny provided an overview of the report and was available to answer questions of the CSAC. Highlights of the discussion include:

- It was further provided that the Community Service Coordinators (“CSC”) referred in the report are contract staff attained through the Summer Safety Enhancement Plan to provide community and social supports to tenants in the regions. TCHC will look at whether these positions need to be made permanent. There are currently 8 CSCs and they report to the regional management not the CSU.
- The CSAC had a discussion regarding Table 2A: Shootings that were known to be retaliatory (2019-2020) in the VRP sites. Staff provided

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that the data was extracted from the CSU's records management system. The table does not include information from Toronto Police. Toronto Police would not provide the data to TCHC as the disclosure of retaliatory shooting information may affect ongoing police investigations.

- Action Item: management to provide to the CSAC a list of shooting events in the VRP sites from 2018, broken down by event type and by month, to identify if a pattern exists in those communities.

*Motion carried*      **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Mr. Charlebois and carried, the CSAC received Report CSAC:2022-03, being the Violence Reduction Program Update – Q4, 2021 report, for its information and forwarded it to the Tenant Services Committee (“TSC”) for information.

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**TERMINATION**

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A Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Councillor Nunziata and seconded by Mr. Charlebois.

The CSAC resolved to terminate the Public meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chair, Community Safety Advisory  
Sub-Committee