

**Communities Committee**  
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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 in the Ground Floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street.

Members Present:

Ms. Penny Milton, Chair  
Ms. Mariam Adam  
Mr. Cliff Martin

Regrets:

Councillor Olivia Chow  
Councillor Paula Fletcher  
Mr. David Mitchell

Also Present:

Ms. Eileen Carroll, VP Corporate Planning & Performance  
Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Terry Skelton, Director of Community Safety and Security

Ms. Penny Milton assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Elora Nichols served as recording secretary.

***Declarations of Interest in Matters before the Board***

None were declared.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:**

The Chair welcomed members of (T.H.A.T.) Toronto Housing Association of Tenants and confirmed that their deputation would be dealt with first on the Agenda. Mr. Clifford Martin requested that Item 2 be dealt with *in camera*. The agenda was approved as so amended.

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**Confirmation of Minutes September 9, 2005**

**ON MOTION MADE** by Mr. Cliff Martin,  
seconded by Ms. Mariam Adam, the  
Communities Committee received the minutes  
for information.  
Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Mr. Larry Heitner President/Chair, T.H.A.T.**

*Mr. Heitner addressed the Committee on behalf of "T.H.A.T." and wished to present their members' views in respect to the September 12 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.*

*Mr. Heitner referred to the deputations submitted for the September 12, 2005 Board meeting and confirmed the same aspects of the written submission. In addition, T.H.A.T. felt that tenants were not given adequate notice of the Special meeting or access to materials on the Agenda.*

*T.H.A.T wants to make sure that tenants have access to materials before they depute. They are concerned with the deputation policy and suggest TCHC look into revising the policy. Mr. Heitner suggested that managers and Health Promotion Officers be trained to teach tenants how to make deputations.*

**Ms. Linda Coltman, Vice President, T.H.A.T.**

*Ms. Coltman thanked the Chair for the concession made to T.H.A.T in respect to providing an opportunity to personally depute at the Communities Committee. Ms. Coltman feels that the notification for the meeting did not get out to tenants in a timely manner to come to the meeting and therefore tenants were not given a chance to depute or make arrangements to attend.*

*Ms. Coltman identified that on September 12, 2005, T.H.A.T provided three deputations to the Board of Directors. In summary, T.H.A.T. members did not like the term "priority neighborhoods" because they want all neighborhoods to be a priority.*

*T.H.A.T. felt that the report was reactive with a short term solution. T.H.A.T is doing their own outreach and their opinion is that tenants want to see action to security issues since security should be the number one issue across the portfolio.*

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The Chair thanked T.H.A.T. and agreed that the exchange of information was valuable. The Chair requested staff to bring forward the Deputation Policy to the next Board of Directors meeting for discussion.

**ITEM 1      THIRD QUARTER REPORT (CC:2005-14)**

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2005-14) from the Chief Executive Officer, recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

Ms. Eileen Carroll presented the Committee with the key accomplishments of the Communities component of the report and gave a brief verbal update.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Mr. Cliff Martin, seconded by Ms. Mariam Adam, the Communities Committee received the report for information.

***IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS:***

**ON MOTION MADE**, by Mr. Cliff Martin, seconded by Ms. Mariam Adam, the Communities Committee resolved to meet *in camera* to consider item 2.

**PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS:**

At 6:05 pm. the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Mariam Adam, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin, the Communities Committee ratified the actions authorized during the "*in camera*" meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting of the Communities Committee was adjourned at 6:06 pm.

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Secretary

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Chair