Public Minutes Wednesday, July 30, 2008



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street Toronto M4W 2H2

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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 in the ground floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Catherine Wilkinson, Chair **Regrets:** Councillor Suzan Hall

present: Ms. Zahra Dhanani Councillor Paula Fletcher

Ms. Michelle Joseph Mr. David Mitchell Ms. Carol Osler

Directors Ms. Sheerin Sheikh

also present

Also Mr. Derek Ballantyne, Chief Executive Officer

present: Ms. Kemi Jacobs, Director, Community Housing - West

Ms. Kristin Jenkins, Vice President, Public Affairs and Communications

Mr. Hugh Lawson, Director, Corporate Governance

Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer Terry Skelton, Director, Community Safety

Mary Bouchell, Legal Counsel

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair requested members of the Communities Committee to indicate 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 by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

the Communities Committee requested that Items 2 and 4 be dealt with first on the Agenda.

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CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES **MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR APRIL 22, 2008**

Motion carried

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani:

the Communities Committee adopted the above captioned minutes.

The Chair requested that it be noted that the Committee received Communities 2007Activities chart and a draft of the 2008 workplan.

ITEM 1 COMMUNITY GARDENING REPORT

CC:2008-06

This Item was deferred

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (deferred from the April 22 meeting) (CC:2008-06) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE**:

The Communities Committee deferred the above-captioned Item to the September 19, 2008 meeting of the Committee.

ITEM 2 **CURBING GUN VIOLENCE**

CC:2008-09

Motions carried

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-09) referred to the Communities Committee from the Board of Directors meeting on June 9 for discussion and made the following recommendations to the Board of Directors:

- (1) call for a ban on hand guns and support the efforts of Mayor David Miller, the Province of Ontario and other community members to seek Federal action on the ban of handguns:
- (2) authorize staff to support advocacy efforts to curb gun violence and enhance community safety and ensure social justice for Toronto Community Housing Corporation tenants, through the

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Chair's and Chief Executive Officer's participation on the Mayor's Panel on Making a Safe City Safer;

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

The Communities Committee adopted the report and recommended it be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

Ms. Keiko Nakamura gave a presentation to the Board of Directors on Community Safety Approaches. The Committee acknowledged the tremendous efforts made by staff and the Chair on behalf of the Committee, thanked Ms. Nakamura for the presentation

ITEM 3 COMMUNITIES REPORT FOR THE 2nd QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

CC:2008-08

Motion carried

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-08) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Carol Osler, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell:

The Communities Committee received the report for information.

ITEM 4 ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION – CONSULTATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN RENTAL

CC:2008-10

Motion carried

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-10) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report and forward to the Board of Directors for information

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Carol Osler:

The Communities Committee received the report and

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recommended it be forwarded to the Board of Directors for information.

Ms. Sheerin Sheikh thanked staff for the update and commended staff for their consultation process with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Ms. Sheikh asked that staff be requested to invite a representative (Ms. Barbara Hall) from the Ontario Human Rights Commission to give a presentation to the Board of Directors.

ITEM 5 PROPOSED SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT FOR ONTARIO

CC:2008-11

This Item was deferred

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-11) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information

Motion carried

ON MOTION MADE:

The Communities Committee deferred the above-captioned Item to the September 19, 2008 meeting of Committee.

IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell:

The Communities Committee resolved to meet in camera to consider Item A.

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried

At 1:59 p.m. the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

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ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

The Communities Committee ratified Item A as authorized during the *in camera* meeting.

ADJOURNMENT	
	The meeting of the Communities Committee was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Secretary	Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair