Public Minutes

Friday, July 17, 2009



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street Toronto M4W 2H2

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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Friday July 17, 2009 in the Ground Floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, at 9:35 a.m.

Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair **Regrets:** Ms. Michelle Joseph

Directors Ms. Zahra Dhanani

present: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Councillor Suzan Hall Mr. David Mitchell Ms. Carol Osler

Also Mr. Steve Floros, A/Chief Operating Officer present: Mr. Brian Davis, Manager, Social Inclusion

Ms. Kemi Jacobs, Director, Community Housing (West) Mr. Rajesh Kanhai, Manager, Community Engagement Mr. Hugh Lawson, Director, Corporate Governance

Ms. Tonika Morgan, Manager, Partnerships,

Ms. Evelyn Murialdo, Director, Community Health Unit

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:

The Agenda was modified to deal with Items 6, 1 and 3 first on the agenda.

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MINUTES	RATIFICATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE FOR JUNE 4, 2009
Motion carried	ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell:

the Communities Committee ratified the above captioned minutes.

Motion carried Mr. Rajesh Kanhai gave the above-captioned presentation on "2009 Tenant Elections: Shaping our Future Together" to the Communities Committee. ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell: the Communities Committee received the presentation for information.

The Chair, on behalf of the Communities Committee thanked Rajesh for his presentation and recommended that the video be shown at a future Board meeting.

DEPUTATION:

Ms. Susan Gapka gave a deputation to the Committee with respect to her letter (May 28, 2009) withdrawing her nomination for Tenant Representative for the 2009 election.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Ms. Gapka for her deputation.

ITEM 2	2009 TENANT ELECTIONS RESULTS	CC:2009-19
Motions carried as amended	The Communities Committee had before it the above- (CC:2009-19) from the A/Chief Executive Officer recorn Communities Committee receive the report for information	nmending that the
	ON MOTION MADE by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Dhanani:	oy Ms. Zahra

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the Communities Committee received the report for information and requested staff to provide:

1) a report on the implementation and success of the new Tenant Engagement Model, including an update on the engagement process for single family houses.

Motion carried.

The Chair thanked staff for their excellent work on the tenant elections.

COMMUNITIES PEFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE 2nd QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 ITEM 3

CC:2009-21

Motion carried

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2009-21) from the A/Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Suzan Hall, seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani:

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

The Committee requested a deeper discussion on Community Safety; staff will bring forward a more detailed Community Safety Report to the September 2009 meeting.

ITEM 4 RECLAIMING OUTDOOR SPACE INITIATIVES

CC:2009-16

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2009-16) from the A/Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

> ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Carol Osler, seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani:

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

In the next Reclaiming Outdoor Space Report, staff will provide an evaluation of

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the program, to include historical trends and community impacts.

ITEM 5 SOCIAL BENEFITS REFORM

CC:2009-20

Motion carried as amended

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report and briefing note (CC:2009-20) from the A/Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report and briefing note for information.

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

the Communities Committee received the briefing note and report for information; and made further recommendation as follows;

 that staff create a working group composed of staff and other relevant groups to discuss specific issues and how Toronto Community Housing Corporation can move forward on this initiative.

Motion carried.

ITEM 6 COMMUNITY GARDENING - UPDATE

CC:2009-17

Motion carried

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2009-17) from the A/Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Suzan Hall, seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani:

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

Councillor Fletcher requested that staff keep the Committee updated on Community Gardening initiatives to year end and going forward into 2010.

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IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Suzan Hall, seconded by Ms. Zahra Dhanani:

The Communities Committee resolved to meet in camera to consider Items A and B.

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried

At 11:43 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 Mr. David Mitchell:

The Communities Committee ratified Items A and B as authorized during the *in camera* meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Communities	Committee v	was adjourned a	at 11:44
a.m.			

Converte in .	Catharina Millianan Chair
Secretary	Catherine Wilkinson, Chair