



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street
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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Monday, October 19, 2009 in the Ground Floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, at 9:43 a.m.

Directors present: Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair
Ms. Zahra Dhanani
Councillor Paula Fletcher
Councillor Suzan Hall
Ms. Carol Osler

Regrets: Ms. Michelle Joseph
Mr. David Mitchell

Also present: Mr. Dan King, Board Member
Mr. Brian Davis, Manager Social Inclusion
Mr. Steve Floros, A/Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Wanda Evans, Program Coordinator
Ms. Evelyn Murialdo, Director, Strategic Alliances
Ms. Alina Chatterjee, Director, Community Health
Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Strategic Safety Analyst
Ms. Martha Smith, Manager, Program Services

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.

DEPUTATIONS:

Ms. Grace Pluchino, Downsview Legal and Ms. Daphne Williamson, ACTO respecting Item 2 – Q3 Communities Performance Report (Evictions).

The Chair, on behalf of the Communities Committee thanked Mr. Singh and congratulated staff and youth at Blake Boulton.

ITEM 1a PRESENTATION – BLAKE BOULTBEE KaBOOM Presentation

Motion carried Ms. Laura Notton, Health Promotion Officer (Central), gave the Committee a brief history of the Blake Boulton community. In partnership with KaBOOM (a USA based corporation) and the Home Depot, tenants, community members, Councillor and agencies set out to build a playground in one day. Children in the community were involved in the design of the playground. It was a successful tenant led, democratic decision making process, made possible with fundraising and partnership support. It proved to be a very rewarding experience for all involved.

ON MOTION MADE:

the Communities Committee received the presentation for information.

The Chair, on behalf of the Communities Committee thanked Ms. Notton for her presentation and congratulated everyone involved in this initiative. The Committee looks forward to hearing about more partnerships with KaBOOM in the future.

ITEM 2 COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE 3rd QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 CC:2009-28

Motions carried as amended The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2009-28) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Susan Hall and Ms. Zahra Dahnani:

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Ms. Catherine Wilkinson the Communities Committee made a further motion (1) as follows:

“(1) that the Board support the staff decision to undertake an internal review and suspend arrears related evictions in progress for seniors and other vulnerable tenants while the internal review is being undertaken. Staff will report back to the Board of Directors on the findings of the internal review.”

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall the Communities Committee made a further motion(2) as follows:

“(2) that staff be directed to perform an urgent review of the Seniors Operating Model with respect to customer service and eviction prevention for seniors and report back to the Board of Directors.”

Adopted as amended

DEPUTATIONS RESPECTING ITEM 2:

Ms. Grace Pluchino, Downsview Legal, respecting Mr. Prete, TCHC tenant.

Ms. Daphne Williamson, B.A., L.L.B (ACTO) – (written deputation October 19) respecting the eviction of Mr. Al Gossling.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked the deputants.

ITEM 3 BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND CONTRACTOR QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM CC:2009-27

Motion carried

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2009-27) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Zahra Dhanani seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher:

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

ITEM 4 CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT CC:2009-26

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2009-26) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

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

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

ITEM 5 C2D2 CONFERENCE – VERBAL UPDATE Verbal

Ms. Evelyn Murialdo gave the Committee a brief overview of the Canadian Community for Dialogue and Deliberation 2009 Conference, to be held from October 22-25. Toronto Community Housing Corporation is co-hosting the event. Derek Ballantyne, senior staff and TCHC tenants will be giving workshops and there will be a photo exhibition by our youth. Ms. Catherine Wilkinson is a keynote speaker at the event.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked Ms. Murialdo for her overview.

IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

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

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

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried At 12:20 pm the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Suzan Hall:

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 12:21 p.m.

Secretary

Catherine Wilkinson, Chair