# Public Minutes Monday, October 19, 2009



## **Communities Committee**

931 Yonge Street Toronto M4W 2H2

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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** Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair **Regrets:** Ms. Michelle Joseph **present:** Ms. Zahra Dhanani Mr. David Mitchell

Councillor Paula Fletcher Councillor Suzan Hall

Ms. Carol Osler

Also Mr. Dan King, Board Member

present: 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).

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## **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

## ON MOTION MADE:

The Agenda was modified with the addition of Item 5 (Update on C2D2 Conference) and Item B to the "In Camera" Agenda and confirmed as amended.

## MINUTES

# CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

Motion carried

**ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Ms. Catherine Wilkinson:

the Communities Committee received the above captioned minutes.

## ITEM 1 PRESENTATION – BLAKE BOULTBEE YOUTH INITIATIVE 2009

Presentation

## Motion carried

Mr. Gurmeet Singh gave the Committee an overview of the Youth Initiative at Blake Boultbee. Youths were educated and trained on CPTED concepts and principles, how to conduct and lead a safety audit and were given a perspective of safety awareness within their community. A total of 16 youths from ages 12 to 22 years participated in training, that included classroom and practical exercises. All 16 youth graduated in September, and conducted a Safety Audit of Blake Boultbee. A total of about 60 people, including tenants, police, Councillor, agencies and CSU staff participated in the Audit, which was very successful in engaging tenants and the local community. Participants Neeka and Jessie spoke of the positive experience they had in participating in the program

### ON MOTION MADE:

the Communities Committee received the presentation for information.

The Committee discussed the CPTED model and asked if including METRAC would give the program added value. The Committee requested that staff consider going portfolio wide with the program.

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

# Motion carried Ms. Laura Notton, Health Promotion Officer (Central), gave the Committee a brief history of the Blake Boultbee 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:

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"(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.

# BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND CONTRACTOR ITEM 3 QUALITY ASSURANGE 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.

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#### 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.

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ADJOURNMENT	
	The meeting of the Communities Committee was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.
Secretary	Catherine Wilkinson, Chair