



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street
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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Thursday, March 11, 2010 in the Ground Floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, at 9:37 a.m.

Directors present:	Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair	Regrets:	Councillor Suzan Hall
	Ms. Zahra Dhanani		Councillor Paula Fletcher
	Mr. David Mitchell		Ms. Michelle Joseph
	Ms. Carol Osler		

Also present: Ms. Marta Asturi, Legal Counsel
Mr. Brian Davis, Manager Social Inclusion
Mr. Steve Floros, A/Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Evelyn Murialdo, Director, Strategic Alliances
Ms. Alina Chatterjee, Director, Community Health

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 Item 5 as the second item on the Agenda.

MINUTES **CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 7, 2010**

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

the Communities Committee received the above captioned minutes.

ITEM 1 **PRESENTATION – CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR
REFUGEE YOUTH**

Presentation

Motion carried Mr. William Mendes (Youth Engagement Coordinator) and Mr. Luis Mejicano “Spin” (Youth Engagement Coordinator) introduced Ms. Munira Abukar (Scarlettwood Court), who presented a video from the Quebec conference of the Canadian Council for Refugee Youth, attended by 9 Toronto Community Housing youth tenants. Ms. Abukar advised that the conference was inspirational for everyone involved and gave Toronto Community Housing youth an opportunity to help and support other groups.

Ms. Abukar attended a conference on outreach which was very helpful and she intends to screen the Canadian Council for Refugee Youth conference video at her school.

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

the Communities Committee received the presentation for information.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee thanked William and Luis for their leadership with the youth in Toronto Community Housing and thanked Ms. Abukar for her excellent presentation.

Communities Committee committed their support in sending more youth to conferences in the future.

ITEM 2 CURB APPEAL PROGRAM CC:2010-05

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2010-05) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

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

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

The Committee members suggested that staff build into the 2010 Curb Appeal process “before and after” presentations of the enhanced sites, as well as explore other partnership opportunities, (i.e. with Home Depot).

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked staff for the good news of engaging tenants and making positive change.

ITEM 3 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS CC:2010-04

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2010-04) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

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

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

The Chair commended staff and the Committee for their accomplishments in 2009.

ITEM 4 2010 YOUTH TENANT ELECTIONS CC:2010-03

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2010-03) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

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

Dhanani:

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

Committee Members indicated that they would like to be involved in the Youth Council Elections. Staff will circulate dates and times for Point of Contact for candidates meetings, polling stations (April 8, 2010) and the first Youth Council meetings to the Board of Directors.

There was discussion respecting youth who live in scattered houses being excluded from the youth election process.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked staff for their hard work.

**ITEM 5 VOTER EDUCATION UPDATE 2010 MUNICIPAL
 ELECTIONS**

CC:2010-01

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2010-03) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

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

the Communities Committee received the report for information.

IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Zahra Dhanani, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

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

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried At 10:50 am the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

ON MOTION MADE by Ms. Carol Osler, 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 was adjourned at 10:51 am.

Secretary

Catherine Wilkinson, Chair