



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street
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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Friday, April 7, 2006, in the Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Directors	Ms. Penny Milton, Chair	Regrets:	Dr. Mitchell Kosny
present:	Ms. Mariam Adam		Councillor Martin Silva
	Councillor Paula Fletcher		
	Mr. Cliff Martin		
	Mr. David Mitchell		

Also present: Ms. Eileen Carroll, Director, Corporate Planning & Performance
Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Gail Johnson, Tenant & Community Services

Ms. Penny Milton assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m, 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. Mr. Cliff Martin declared a possible conflict respecting Item 3 on the Agenda "St. James Town Update".

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Motion carried The Communities Committee requested that Item 3 "St. James Town Update" be dealt with as Item B "in Camera".

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

the Communities Committee adopted the agenda as so modified.

**MINUTES CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 10, 2006**

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Mariam Adam, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher:

the Communities Committee adopted the above-captioned minutes.

Matters Arising from Minutes respecting Item 4 Recommendation (3):

that staff report back at the next meeting on whether a TCHC Board member can serve on the newly formed Youth and Police/Security/Working Group established by the City's Community Safety Secretarial, chaired by Councillor Michael Thompson and that if TCHC can nominate a member that Mr. David Mitchell be appointed to represent the TCHC Board on the Committee.

Ms. Keiko Nakamura was pleased to announce that Director, Mr. David Mitchell is now an added member of the Youth and Police/Security/Working Group.

ITEM 1 TENANT TRANSFER POLICY CC:2006-11

Motions carried as amended The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2006-11) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee:

- (1) adopt the attached Tenant Transfer Policy and recommend approval by the Board of Directors; and
- (2) authorize staff to take the necessary steps to give effect to the Tenant Transfer Policy.

ON MOTION MADE by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

the Communities Committee made the following recommendations:

Item 1
continued

- (1) that the report be deferred for two months so that:
 - a) further consultation on the proposed Tenant Transfer Policy can occur with all Tenant Representatives by mailing the proposed policy and a response form to solicit feedback;
- (2) that the Communities Committee organize a roundtable evening meeting and invite Tenant Representatives to discuss how a consultation process can work from a tenant perspective; and
- (3) that the next report back to the Communities Committee on the Tenant Transfer Policy respond to the issues raised by the deputants.

Deputations:

Linda Coltman – Informed the Committee she had some concerns about the tenant consultation process respecting the policy; and that those who were involved in the consultation process should have been given more notice to review the draft policy and offer their opinions.

In particular, Ms. Coltman was seeking consideration for priority transfers for aging in place of its tenants (who may require a transfer for reasons related to accessibility etc); and that the possible adoption of a child, of relation or non-relation, be considered in the section detailing “under-housed” circumstances (adoption protocols wish that adopted children have their own bedroom space before adoptions are considered for processing).

Larry Heitner – Advised the Committee that tenants who were consulted on the Tenant Transfer Report had just received the report and did not have time to consult with their communities. They require more time for consultation before attending a Committee/Board meeting.

Mr. Bellair – Informed the Committee that tenants are confused and need help respecting policies for Tenant Representatives. TCHC has to develop a process for access to tenants and improving communications in both directions.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked the deputants.

**ITEM 2 COMMUNITY GARDENS AND FOOD SECURITY
INITIATIVES IN TCHC COMMUNITIES (Verbal
Update)**

The Communities Committee had before it the resolutions of the Public Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of Wednesday, February 15, 2006 respecting the above-captioned report and requested that the Committee reconsider some of the recommendations.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations within the mandate of TCHC.

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell the Communities Committee made the following recommendation:

- 1) that staff invite Public Health, Parks & Gardens and the Food Policy Council to meet with the Communities Committee to provide an overview of initiatives in order to discuss shared interest and mandates.

IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Mr. Cliff Martin, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher:

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

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried At 12:10 p.m. the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

ON MOTION MADE by David Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

the Communities Committee ratified the actions authorized during the *in camera* meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Communities Committee was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Secretary

Penny Milton, Chair