



Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street
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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Monday, January 23, 2006, in the Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street, commencing at 9:30 am.

Directors present: Ms. Penny Milton, Chair
Ms. Mariam Adam
Mr. Cliff Martin
Mr. David Mitchell

Regrets: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Guest Board Members:

Councillor Suzan Hall
Mr. Nick Volk

Also present: Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Terry Skelton, Director, Community Safety & Security
Ms. Yvonne Ferrer, Manager, Planning & Development
Ms. Evelyn Murialdo, Director, Tenant & Community Services
Mr. Steve Floros, Director, Property Management
Mr. Ray Tsukada, Manager, Community Health

Ms. Penny Milton assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, and Elora Nichols served as recording secretary.

The Chair informed the Committee that Dr. Mitchell Kosny has requested to sit as a member of the Communities Committee. The Committee looks forward to Dr. Kosny's presence at future committee meetings.

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

Motion carried as amended Ms. Mariam Adam requested that a new *in camera* item “B – Tenant Rights” be added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as so amended.

**MINUTES CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES
COMMITTEE FOR DECEMBER 12, 2005**

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Mariam Adam, seconded by Mr. Cliff Martin:

the Communities Committee adopted the above-captioned minutes.

**ITEM 1 TCHC DEPUTATION POLICY FOR
STAKEHOLDERS**

CC:2006-04

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2006-04) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information and discussion and refer recommended changes to the policy to the Board of Directors.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Cliff Martin, seconded by Ms. Mariam Adam:

the Communities Committee adopted the recommended changes and recommended that the report be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

**ITEM 2 2004 TENANT SURVEY – RESPONSE TO
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

CC:2006-02

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2006-02) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

Item 2 continued **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Mariam Adam, seconded by Mr. David Mitchell:

the Communities Committee received the report and recommended the report be forwarded to the Board of Directors for information.

ITEM 3 **TENANT PARTICIPATION SYSTEM – 2006**
TENANT ELECTION PROCESS

CC:2006-01

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2006-01) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

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

the Communities Committee received the report and recommended it be forwarded to the Board of Directors for information.

ITEM 4 **COMMUNITY GARDENS AND FOOD SECURITY**
INITIATIVES IN TCHC COMMUNITIES

CC:2006-03

Motion carried The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2006-03) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. Cliff Martin, seconded by Ms. Mariam Adam:

the Communities Committee received the report and recommended it be forwarded to the Board of Directors for information.

**ITEM 5 “THE REAL TORONTO” – MOVIE FOR
DISCUSSION**

At the request of Councillor Suzan Hall, the Communities Committee viewed “The Real Toronto” movie. Following the movie, the Committee had a discussion about safety in communities and the various initiatives that TCHC currently has in place. The following is a summary of the Committee’s discussion:

- the movie is a glorification of gang culture, is disturbing, but must be put in perspective
- TCHC is trying to build safe communities with the help of community agencies and tenants
- TCHC cannot own the response to violence in our communities when the solutions involve more than TCHC
- the responsibility of TCHC is to provide safe communities, and must work with the Police to do this
- TCHC has measures in place to deal with some of the safety issues
- A list of detailed actions were provided during the Board Workshop on Community Safety
- \$10 million has been allocated to spend in communities to enhance community safety efforts
- Community Safety Plans have been developed for half of the communities.
- Addition of cameras, improvement of exteriors, installation of building access systems are examples of capital investments made that improve perceptions of safety
- Security patrols have been adjusted based on experience to date.
- Community Safety Unit staff share information with the Police on a regular basis, and work co-operatively with Police
- Property Management staff have protocols in place to address anti-social behaviour such as removing graffiti within 24 hours, tenancy management, etc.
- Trying to focus on youth engagement programs and have had success with pre-apprenticeship program and leadership series
- Network of Neighbourhood Action Teams that brings community partners together are being established in the priority communities to coordinate efforts and leverage resources

IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried **ON MOTION MADE** by Mr. David Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Mariam Adam:

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

PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS

Motion carried At 12:18 pm the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

ON MOTION MADE by Mr. 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 12:20 pm.

Secretary

Chair