

Toronto Community Housing



Annual Review of Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee Charter

Item 7

March 8, 2023

Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee

Report: CSAC:2023-06

To: Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee (“CSAC”)

From: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: February 9, 2023

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee’s (“CSAC”) approval of the CSAC Charter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the CSAC approve the CSAC Charter, and forward it to the Tenant Services Committee, the Governance Communications and Human Resources Committee, and the Board of Directors for approval.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Under the CSAC Charter, CSAC is tasked with reviewing their Charter on an annual basis and making any recommendations to the TSC and the Board.

No amendments to the CSAC Charter have been identified, at this time, as requiring the CSAC’s approval, however this does not restrict the CSAC from identifying amendments to the CSAC Charter that it wishes to consider.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

It is good governance practice and in compliance with the CSAC Charter to review and recommend changes to the Charter on an annual basis.

SIGNATURE:

“Darragh Meagher”

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee Charter

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Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee Charter

MANDATE:

The Community Safety Advisory Committee (“CSAC”) is established as a sub-committee of the Tenants Services Committee (the “TSC”), itself a committee of Toronto Community Housing’s (“TCHC”) Board of Directors (the “Board”), to assist the Board and TSC in fulfilling its responsibilities in respect of Community Safety and Security at TCHC.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The CSAC fulfills its mandate by carrying out the following responsibilities:

- Advice and recommendations to the TSC on the design, implementation, and reporting of policies, strategies and initiatives by Management on security, CCTV cameras, and crime and reporting; and
- Advice and recommendations to the TSC on the design, implementation, and reporting of policies, strategies and initiatives by Management on community safety and the Community Safety Unit.

AUTHORITY:

The CSAC is an advisory committee of the TSC and as such is able to make recommendations to the TSC with respect to the matters that fall within its Charter for review and approval of the TSC, and for forwarding on to the Board a deemed necessary by the TSC.

The CSAC will have full, free and unrestricted access to Management and its employees.

The CASC may retain the services of external advisors at the expense of the Corporation, as deemed necessary, to ensure its due diligence and in accordance with TCHC’s Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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TERM AND DELIVERABLES:

The CSAC's term is time-limited and is not intended to be a permanent sub-committee of the TSC. The CSAC will undertake research, review, and tenant consultation on the matters outlined in the Charter, and will deliver a set of recommendations to the TSC for their consideration and forwarding to the Board, as deemed appropriate by the TSC.

COMPOSITION:

The composition of CSAC will be informed by the following:

- The appointment of the CSAC Chair, and members shall be made by the TSC, upon recommendation of the Committee Chair;
- The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be a voting *ex officio* member of the Committee;
- The President and Chief Executive Officer will appoint a staff liaison to support the Chair;
- The President and Chief Executive Officer will appoint a staff person to reside as Corporate Secretary for the Committee;
- The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) Directors; and
- The CSAC shall be supported by staff from TCHC and City of Toronto, with expertise and accountability for community safety, security, community development, partnership development, and stakeholder relations, as designated by the President and Chief Executive Officer

TERM:

The Committee's term will be informed by the completion of specific tasks falling within its responsibilities and deliverables. The following key tasks that must be concluded within the Committee's Term are:

- The Community Safety Unit Review as part of the City of Toronto Policing Reform Review;
- The Neptune 4 Review; and
- Development of Violence Reduction Program Resources.

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QUORUM:

The following will inform quorum at the CSAC:

- Quorum shall be a minimum of fifty percent of the Directors of the CSAC;
- Where Quorum is present, decisions shall be taken by motion with passage by simple majority (fifty percent plus one) of the total CSAC members present at a meeting of the CSAC, in person, or by teleconference; and
- Written resolution in lieu of meeting signed by all members of the CSAC is permitted.

MEETINGS:

The CSAC will meet as frequently as it determines necessary but not less than once each quarter. Meetings may be called by the Chair of the TSC or the Chair of CSAC. The Chair of CSAC must call a meeting when requested to do so by any member of the CSAC, the TSC, the President and Chief Executive Officer, or the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

The procedure at meetings shall be determined by the CSAC Chair adhering to the by-laws of the Corporation or any resolution of the Board.

Meetings will be held in public other than matters to be dealt with in closed session, such as:

- a. the security of the property of the Corporation;
- b. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including an employee;
- c. a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Corporation;
- d. Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Corporation;
- f. advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

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- g. any other matter City Council would be permitted to discuss at a meeting or part of a meeting that is closed to the public under City of Toronto Act, 2006 or any other Act; or
- h. a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

REVIEW:

The CSAC shall review its Charter on an annual basis and recommend any changes to such terms to the TSC.

REPORTING:

The CSAC will report the proceedings of each meeting and all recommendations made by the CSAC at such meeting to the TSC at the TSC's next meeting. The CSAC will make such recommendations to the TSC, as it may deem appropriate.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING:

The CSAC is accountable to the TCHC Board, through the TSC, and reporting on the ongoing work will be undertaken at each TSC meeting.

Approved: October 7, 2021

Amended: July 28, 2022