



Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee

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The Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee (“CSAC”) of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (“TCHC”) held a virtual Public meeting on July 20, 2021, via WebEx, commencing at 2:52 p.m.

CSAC Directors Present: Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair
Marcel Charlebois
Debbie Douglas
Ubah Farah
Councillor Frances Nunziata

CSAC Directors Absent: n/a

Management Present: Sheila Penny, Acting Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”)
John Angkaw, Acting Chief Operating Officer (“COO”)
Darragh Meagher, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
Paula Knight, Vice President, Strategic Planning & Communications
Nadia Gouveia, Director, Programs and Partnerships
Evelyn Amponsah, Director of Transition, Confronting Anti-Black Racism
Lindsay Viets, Director, Strategic Planning & Stakeholder Relations
Allan Britton, Senior Manager, Community Safety Unit
Mona Bottoni, Manager, Community Safety Programs
Julio Rigores, Manager, Engagement Refresh
Ceilidh Wilson, Assistant Corporate Secretary

Guests Present: Mohamed Shuriye, Manager, Policing Reform,

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City of Toronto
Scott McKean, Manager, Community
Development, City of Toronto

A quorum being present, Mr. Meagher called the meeting to order, and Ms. Wilson served as recording secretary.

ITEM 1 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR CSAC:2021-1

The above-captioned report (CSAC:2021-1) was circulated to CSAC members prior to the meeting.

Motion carried **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Ms. Douglas, seconded by Ms. Farah and carried, the CSAC unanimously approved the following:

WHEREAS the Tenant Services Committee Charter provides that time-limited sub-committees or advisory committees may be formed to address specific issues and perform clear tasks;

AND WHEREAS the Tenant Services Committee has established the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee pursuant to that authority;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Fletcher is a member of the Tenant Services Committee who has consent to serve as Chair of this Committee;

NOW THEREFORE the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee approves and recommends that the Board approves Councillor Paula Fletcher's selection as Chair of the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee.

ITEM 2 CHAIR’S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee (“CSAC”) meeting, which was set up as an advisory sub-committee for the Tenant Services Committee (“TSC”) that reports up to the Board of Directors, to explore ways to reduce violence in TCHC communities.

The Chair noted that a written deputation was received, which will be posted on TCHC’s public website along with today’s meeting materials.

The Chair noted the Acknowledgement of the Land and thanked staff for their work, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

ITEM 3A APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

The CSAC elected to re-order the agenda to review Item 5 – Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee Charter and Work Plan, followed by Item 4 – Business Arising from the Public Meeting Minutes and Action Items Update.

Motion carried **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Ms. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Charlebois and carried, the CSAC approved the Public meeting agenda, as amended, for the CSAC’s July 20, 2021 meeting.

ITEM 3B CHAIR’S POLL RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair requested members of the CSAC to indicate any agenda item in which they had a conflict of interest, together with the nature of the interest. **No conflicts were declared.**

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ITEM 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY SUB-
COMMITTEE CHARTER AND WORK PLAN CSAC:2021-2

The above-captioned report (CSAC:2021-2) was circulated to CSAC members prior to the meeting.

Ms. Penny and Mr. Meagher were available to answer questions of the CSAC. Highlights of the discussion include:

- Items have been identified that were of significant interest to the Tenant Services Committee (“TSC”) and the intention is to bring information on each of these items to form the work plan of the CSAC.
- The Committee asked that a principle of the CSAC Charter be that considerations are data driven.
- Action item: In the list of special agenda items, “Tenant Impact and CSU Involvement” to be reworded as “CSU Involvement in Communities and Impact on Tenants”.
- The categorization of TCHC communities should be the first priority matter addressed by the CSAC.
- Once the categorization of TCHC communities is complete, it will be important to bring information to the CSAC on initiatives community safety already underway, highlighting what is and is not working well.
- Action item: Staff to update the CSAC Charter to list the Chair of the Board, rather than the Chair of the TSC, as a voting *ex officio* member of the Committee.
- The Committee may retain external advisors if deemed necessary.
- The term of the Committee will be determined once the work plan is established.
- Meetings of the CSAC are publicized on TCHC’s website in the same manner as all other Board and Committee meetings. Members of the public are able to provide written and verbal deputations on CSAC materials.
- Moving forward, a verbal update from the Chair of CSAC will be a standing item on all TSC agendas.
- Only the CSAC Charter requires TSC and Board approval; the work plan does not need to be approved beyond the CSAC.

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*Motion
carried*

ON MOTION DULY MADE by Ms. Douglas, seconded by Ms. Farah and carried, the CSAC unanimously:

1. Approved the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee Charter and recommended its approval by the Tenant Services Committee and the Board; and
2. Approved the Community Advisory Sub-Committee Work Plan.

**ITEM 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
AND ACTION ITEMS UPDATE**

Ms. Penny was available to answer questions of the CSAC. Highlights of the discussion include:

- The table included for this matter is an archive of information requested by the Board and its Committees related to community safety dating back to 2017. Links have been provided to the reports provided by staff in response to the requests.
- Items listed as closed are not precluded from being re-opened and discussed by the CSAC.
- There are approximately 13,000 CCTV cameras across the TCHC portfolio. Their locations are chosen through input from communities, the Community Safety Unit (“CSU”) and Toronto Police Service (“TPS”), but must comply with privacy regulations (e.g. cannot face into a tenant’s unit or take away from the privacy of individuals).
- Not every building has cameras on every floor, but staff will work with tenants to identify where extra CCTV cameras are required.
- It was suggested that staff could review the placement of cameras on building exteriors to be positioned facing into communities to capture activity near entry and exit points of buildings.

*Motion
carried*

ON MOTION DULY MADE by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Ms. Douglas and carried, the CSAC received the matters reported as Business Arising from the Public Meeting Minutes and Action Items Update for information.

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TERMINATION

The CSAC resolved to terminate the Public meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Secretary

Chair, Community Safety Advisory
Sub-Committee