



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 March 24, 2022, via WebEx, commencing at 10:11 a.m.

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

CSAC Directors Absent: Ubah Farah

Management Present: Jag Sharma, President and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”)
Sheila Penny, Chief Operating Officer (“COO”)
Darragh Meagher, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
Nadia Gouveia, Director, Programs and Partnerships
Evelyn Amponsah, Director, Centre for Advancing the Interests of Black People
Paula Knight, Vice President, Strategic Planning & Communications
Allan Britton, Senior Director, Community Safety Unit
Richard Grotsch, Acting Senior Director, Business Operations
Mona Bottoni, Acting Senior Manager, Corporate Services, Community Safety Unit
Julio Rigores, Manager, Engagement Refresh
Christine Yan, Acting Assistant Corporate Secretary

Guests Present: Scott McKean, Manager, Community Development, City of Toronto

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Wyndham Bettencourt-McCarthy, Housing
Consultant, City of Toronto

A quorum being present, Councillor Fletcher, serving as Chair, called the meeting to order, and Ms. Yan served as recording secretary.

ITEM 1 CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Community Safety Advisory Sub-Committee ("CSAC") meeting.

On behalf of the CSAC, the Chair thanked retiring Chief Operating Officer Sheila Penny for her dedication in leading the important work of reducing violence and building safe communities in Toronto Community Housing.

DEPUTATIONS

The Chair polled for any deputations to be heard at the meeting. No written deputations were received. The following verbal deputation was presented:

- Item 4 – Violence Reduction Program Update – Q4 2021 (*Miguel Avila-Velarde*)

ITEM 2A APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Motion carried **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Mr. Charlebois, seconded by Ms. Douglas and carried, the CSAC approved the Public meeting agenda for the March 24, 2022 meeting.

ITEM 2B 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.**

ITEM 2C CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC CSAC
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Motion carried **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Ms. Douglas and carried, the CSAC confirmed the above-captioned minutes without amendments.

ITEM 3 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 received the matters reported as Business Arising from the Public Meeting Minutes and Action Items Update for information.

ITEM 4 VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM
UPDATE – Q4, 2021

CSAC:2022-03

The above-captioned report (CSAC:2022-03) was circulated to CSAC members prior to the meeting.

A verbal deputation from Miguel Avila-Velarde was received with respect to this item.

Ms. Penny provided an overview of the report and was available to answer questions of the CSAC. Highlights of the discussion include:

- It was further provided that the Community Service Coordinators (“CSC”) referred in the report are contract staff attained through the Summer Safety Enhancement Plan to provide community and social supports to tenants in the regions. TCHC will look at whether these positions need to be made permanent. There are currently 8 CSCs and they report to the regional management not the CSU.
- The CSAC had a discussion regarding Table 2A: Shootings that were known to be retaliatory (2019-2020) in the VRP sites. Staff provided

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that the data was extracted from the CSU's records management system. The table does not include information from Toronto Police. Toronto Police would not provide the data to TCHC as the disclosure of retaliatory shooting information may affect ongoing police investigations.

- Action Item: management to provide to the CSAC a list of shooting events in the VRP sites from 2018, broken down by event type and by month, to identify if a pattern exists in those communities.

Motion carried **ON MOTION DULY MADE** by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Mr. Charlebois and carried, the CSAC received Report CSAC:2022-03, being the Violence Reduction Program Update – Q4, 2021 report, for its information and forwarded it to the Tenant Services Committee (“TSC”) for information.

TERMINATION

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Councillor Nunziata and seconded by Mr. Charlebois.

The CSAC resolved to terminate the Public meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Secretary

Chair, Community Safety Advisory
Sub-Committee