



## Communities Committee

931 Yonge Street  
Toronto M4W 2H2

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The Communities Committee of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation met on Friday, September 19, 2008 in the ground floor Boardroom, 931 Yonge Street at 9:40 a.m.

<b>Directors present:</b>	Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair	<b>Regrets:</b>	Ms. Zahra Dhanani
	Councillor Paula Fletcher		Councillor Suzan Hall
	Ms. Michelle Joseph (by teleconference call)		Mr. David Mitchell
	Ms. Carol Osler		

**Directors also present**  
Mr. Dan King

**Also present:**  
Mr. Steve Floros, Director, Community Housing (Central)  
Ms. Kristin Jenkins, Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs  
Mr. Rajesh Kanhai, Manager Community Engagement  
Mr. Hugh Lawson, Director, Corporate Governance  
Ms. Keiko Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Terry Skelton, Director, Community Safety

The Chair, Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, called the meeting to order, and Elora Nichols served as recording secretary.

### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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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**

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#### **ON MOTION MADE:**

the Communities Committee requested that Item 5 on the public agenda and Items A and B on the *in camera* be dealt with first on the agenda.

**MINUTES      CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES  
COMMITTEE FOR JULY 30, 2008**

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*Motion carried*    **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Carol Osler, seconded by Ms. Michelle Joseph:

the Communities Committee adopted the above captioned minutes.

**IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS**

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*Motion carried*    **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Carol Osler, seconded by Ms. Michelle Joseph:

The Communities Committee resolved to meet in camera to consider Items A and B.

**PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS**

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*Motion carried*    At 10:01 am the Chair announced the resumption of the public proceedings and the public meeting reconvened at that time.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Carol Osler, seconded by Ms. Michelle Joseph:

The Communities Committee ratified Items A and B as authorized during the *in camera* meeting.

The Public meeting commenced at 10:02 a.m.

**ITEM 1      REFRESH 2008      Presentation**

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*Motion carried*    **ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher:

The Communities Committee thanked Mwarigha and Paster Bill

Sunberg for bringing their presentation to the Committee.

**ITEM 2 COMMUNITY GARDENING REPORT**

CC:2008-06

*Motions  
carried as  
amended*

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-06 deferred from the July 30 meeting) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

The Communities Committee received the report for information and made further (2) recommendations as follows:

- (1) That staff consider creating a community garden animator position for one year and review the effectiveness of the position; and*
- (2) That staff consider ways to mature community gardening in Toronto Community Housing and explore opportunities to maximize overall impact for tenants and communities..*

And adopted the report as amended.

**ITEM 3 and  
3 (a) PROPOSED SAFER COMMUNITIES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS ACT FOR ONTARIO AND  
UPDATE ON REPORT**

CC:2008-11  
CC:2008-17

*Motion carried*

The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned reports (CC:2008-11 and CC:2008-17) deferred from the July 30 meeting, from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the reports for information.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

The Communities Committee received the reports for information.

The Communities Committee had a discussion on the proposed legislation. The Private Member's Bill will be introduced in October and staff will be bring forward further information as it becomes available.

**ITEM 4            2008 TENANT SURVEY**

CC:2008-15

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*Motion carried* The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-15) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee receive the report for information

**ON MOTION MADE** by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Ms. Carol Osler:

The Communities Committee received the report for information.

The Communities Committee discussed the 2008 Interim Telephone survey and made some suggested changes to the Harris/Decima Tenant Survey which were duly noted by staff.

**ITEM 5            SUPPORT FOR THE DECLARATION BY THE 25  
IN 5 CAMPAIGN**

CC:2008-16

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*Motions carried* The Communities Committee had before it the above-captioned report (CC:2008-16) from the Chief Executive Officer recommending that the Communities Committee:

- (1) endorse the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction's anti-poverty campaign;
- (2) authorize use of Toronto Community Housing's endorsement of the Network; and
- (3) authorize communications and government relations activities associated with the endorsement.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Ms. Carol Osler, seconded by Ms. Michelle Joseph:

The Communities Committee adopted the report and forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting of the Communities Committee was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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Secretary

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Ms. Catherine Wilkinson, Chair