

**Regional Clerk's Office
CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

**Committee Room "A"
Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario**

September 10, 2008

2:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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A. DEPUTATIONS

1. None

B. PRESENTATION

1. Cordelia Abankwa-Harris, Director of Policy and Program Support Services and Lisa Gonsalves, Manager, Program and Policy Development regarding Census 2006 Update: Labour, Ethnic Origin, Income and Housing.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

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| 1. Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, July 9, 2008, regarding recommendations of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. | 1 |
| 2. Citizenship and Immigration Canada, July 22, 2008, regarding Application for Funding. | 5 |
| 3. Hon. Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, July 25, 2008, regarding additional funding for early learning and child care fee subsidies. | 7 |
| 4. Hon. Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, August 12, 2008, regarding poverty reduction strategy. | 9 |
| 5. Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, August 25, 2008, regarding Transit Committee Report on Community-Based Social Services Discount Pilot Program | 11 |

D. REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES

1. Update on York Region's Application for the Local Immigration Partnerships Initiative 13

August 26, 2008, recommending that:

1. This report be forwarded for information only to the nine local municipalities, the Human Services Planning Coalition sector representatives, the Inclusivity Action Plan Steering Committee members and the York Region's Welcome Centres lead agencies as outlined in *Attachment 1*.

2. Community Development and Investment Fund Strategy: Program Expansion 25

August 27, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Community Development and Investment Fund Strategy be enhanced in order to:
 - a. Expand eligibility criteria to include projects and activities that support service delivery at the agency level. These will include projects that address agency organizational development, equipment and technical development requirements of a small capital nature, one time program set-up costs, the development of fundraising and sustainability strategies and program evaluation.
 - b. Expand eligibility criteria to include activities that enhance the service delivery system of the community. These will include shared learning and professional development activities, projects that allow the community to collaborate, to share successes and challenges, and professional development.
 - c. Establish a renewable funding envelope that will make funding available to successful applicants for a maximum initial period of up to three years based on achieving annual targets and objectives. All of the following eligibility criteria will apply:
 - Services must be a vital and core component of the community service system in York Region and directly benefit vulnerable York Region residents.

- Services must have a proven track record of success in the community and must have received funding under the Community Development and Investment Fund for a continuous period of at least three years.
- Agencies delivering the core services must have the organizational capacity and financial viability to optimize renewable funding through cost effective programming, enhanced service delivery and sustainability planning.
- Decisions on renewable funding will be made by the Commissioner of Community and Health Services.

3. Community Social Data Strategy Update and Release of “What if York Region Were a Village of Just 100 People?” Brochure **33**

August 29, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the York Region Consortium and Community Reference Group members, the area municipalities, and the York Region Funders’ Alliance members.

4. Best Start Child Care Service – Expansion Opportunity **57**

August 26, 2008, recommending that:

1. Regional Council approve an increase in gross expenditures in 2008 of up to \$1.2 million in the Best Start Initiative, offset by 100% provincial subsidy of \$1.2 million with no change to the 2008 budgeted net tax levy expenditure.
2. The 2009 Budget include an increase of \$1.6 million in Best Start expenditures, offset by 100% provincial subsidy of \$1.6 million with no increase to net tax levy expenditures.

5. Provincial Housing Repair Funds – Expenditure Plan **61**

August 29, 2008, recommending that:

1. The Expenditure Plan for the \$2.676 million in provincial social housing building repair funding as detailed in the confidential attachment to this report be approved for submission to the Province, and further, that staff be authorized to update the Plan and seek provincial approval as needed during the implementation period to ensure actual program costs remain within budgeted funds.

2. The \$2.676 million received from the Province for social housing building repairs be deposited to the Non-Profit Housing Capital Repairs and Maintenance Reserve Fund until withdrawn in accordance with the approved Expenditure Plan.
3. That the funds be advanced to housing providers in accordance with the provincial program requirements described in this report and within the framework of repayable additional subsidy advances and secured loans previously approved by Council, and that as such,
 - The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to approve advances of additional subsidy pursuant to section 111 of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*, to a housing provider for building repairs of up to \$500,000 in aggregate, subject to availability of funds. The Commissioner be authorized to approve and execute on behalf of The Regional Municipality of York all required subsidy advance documents and agreements, subject to prior review by Legal Services, and that,
 - The Commissioner of Community and Health Services together with the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to jointly approve secured loans to a housing provider where building repairs will exceed \$500,000 in aggregate, subject to availability of funds in the approved budget. The Commissioners be authorized to jointly approve and execute on behalf of the Region all required loan and security documents and agreements, subject to prior review by Legal Services.
4. Staff report each year on the advances of additional subsidy and secured loans made in support of social housing building repairs with provincial and or regional funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO PRIVATE SESSION TO CONSIDER:

Private Attachment to Item D5 Commissioner of Community and Health Services Provincial Housing Repair Funds – Expenditure Plan – Security of Municipal Property.

ADJOURNMENT

Note: There may be additional items considered that do not appear on this Agenda. Please refer to the Committee Report to Council for all items considered at this meeting.