
2006 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE – Possible Shift of Staff from Policy to Front Line

Issue:

Possibility of Moving Staff from Policy to Front Line

Purpose:

To review "policy" function and explore the possibility of moving staff from policy to front line.

Key Points:

- The unit is responsible for responding to Standing Committee/Council regulatory policy requests; for policy support to the Division by developing and maintaining policy programmes to address community issues and conducting ongoing reviews of city by-laws; and supports the business planning for the Division including budget development, statistics and performance measurement.
- This unit is comprised of one manager and seven (7) FTE's (six (6) policy officers, and one (1) clerical support)
- One of the officers is seconded to the Policy, Planning, Finance and Administration Division to provide IBMS IT support for the Division.
- The remaining five (5) officers have undertaken a number of major projects in 2005 including:
 - i. Development of Apartment Standards Disclosure Website for violations in multi-unit residential properties in Toronto to be introduced in December 2005.
 - ii. Introduction of new By-law regulations and standards including:
 - Temporary Signs including A-frames and Mobile Signs enacted by Council, July 21, 2005.
 - New licensing requirements for Holistic Practitioners and Centres enacted by Council July 26, 2005.
 - New licensing requirements for Liveries and Limousines enacted by Council, July 21, 2005.
 - Interim recommendations to improve safety and security in entertainment uses introduced to the Planning and Transportation Committee, November 7, 2005.
 - iii. Amended Business Licensing Fees, adopted by Council, October 26, 2005.
 - iv. Development of a Comprehensive By-law Compliance Programme adopted by Council, April 12, 2005.
 - v. Continued work on the development of a new by-law to regulate posterage.

- vi. Continued work on the expansion of accessible taxicab availability in the City.
- Major projects for 2006 include:
 - i. Development of a licensing regime for apartment buildings.
 - ii. Development of a new by-law for the regulation of 1st and 3rd party signs.
 - iii. Initiation of the review of the Licensing By-law as required by the Municipal Act, 2001.
 - iv. A broad review of the licensing requirements of all facilities that provide food and entertainment activities and to make recommendations to deal with problems including but not limited to noise containment, occupancy and capacity, security, litter and waste containment and congestion of roads and sidewalks.
 - v. Implementation of the new licensing requirements for Holistic Practitioners and Centres.
 - vii. Continued work on the development of a new by-law to regulate postering.
 - vi. Continued work on the expansion of accessible taxicab availability in the City.
 - vii. A review of the current vending, marketing and café by-laws and development of principles to guide the development of new by-laws.
 - viii. Development and implementation of an integrated enforcement model.
- There is no opportunity to move any of these positions to front line positions.

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