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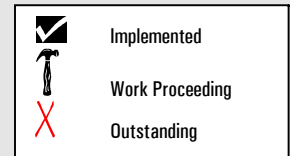


RECOMMENDATION No. 50

Appoint a Sustainability Lead

Recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer become the Sustainability Lead and appoint a Sustainability Director to carry out the following responsibilities.

- a) prepare a plan, in consultation with the proposed Sustainability Roundtable and staff to identify how sustainability can best be promoted, facilitated and supported within the Corporation, and present this plan to the Policy and Finance Committee by January 2001; and
- b) work with other members of the Senior Management Team to incorporate sustainability into the City's policies, programs and decision making process.



ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2003).

The CAO has been appointed Sustainability Lead, through Council adoption on December 14, 1999 of Clause 4, of Policy and Finance Report No. 11.

The CAO office is implementing the governance framework for sustainability proposed by the ETF and approved by Council. The CAO as the Sustainability Lead is responsible for identifying how principles of sustainability can be promoted, facilitated and supported within the city. The CAO also co-chairs, with the Commissioner of WES, the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment Team (TIE), which supports the co-ordination of environmental issues and policies for the City.

This recommendation is complete and no further work is required.

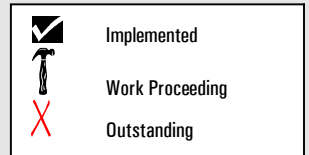
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RECOMMENDATION No. 51

Establish a Sustainability Roundtable



Recommended that the City establish a strategic, high-level Sustainability Roundtable to meet periodically. The mandate of the Roundtable should include the following responsibilities:

- a) to promote actions within the City of Toronto based on sustainability (i.e. actions that simultaneously achieve environmental protection, economic vitality and social well-being);
- b) to report to Council, normally through the Policy and Finance Committee, and where appropriate through other Standing Committee;
- c) to act as the City's key forum to develop and bring together sustainability leaders and make recommendations about sustainability to Council and the administration;
- d) to help Council form consensus on contentions issues through a sustainability approach;
- e) to monitor, with the assistance of the Sustainability Lead, progress towards sustainability in the Corporation and the City of Toronto;
- f) to advise in strategic and sectoral planning so that sustainability becomes a key integrating tool in planning processes;
- g) to facilitate public input into sustainability planning by the City;
- h) to facilitate education and awareness of sustainability; and
- i) to issue an annual "State of Sustainability Report" to Council and report to Council and its Standing Committees on any issues related to sustainability.

The membership of the Sustainability Roundtable will include:

- a) one City Councillor from each of the following Standing Committees (Economic Development and Parks, Policy and Finance, Community Services, Planning and Transportation and Works) and the Sustainability Advocate;
- b) senior staff including the CAO or the Sustainability Director, the Commissioners of Works and Emergency Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Community and Neighbourhood Services, Urban Planning and Development Services or their delegates, and the Medical Officer of Health;

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- c) one representative each from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Board of Health;
- d) one representative each from CUPE 416 and CUPE 79;
- e) equal representation from Organizations representing the environmental; social and economic development communities;
- f) the community representation outlined in(e) should constitute at least 50 percent of the membership; and
- g) a list of organizations to nominate representatives to the Roundtable will be developed by the Environmental Task Force for consideration by the Policy and Finance Committee.

ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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51. Establish a Sustainability Roundtable

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2003).

In 2000 the City established a strategic, high-level Sustainability Roundtable. It held its first meeting in June 2000 and subsequently held regular meetings and established working groups. The mandate of the Sustainability Roundtable included the following responsibilities:

- to promote actions within the City of Toronto based on sustainability;
- to report to Council, normally through the Policy and Finance Committee, and where appropriate other Standing Committees;
- to act as the City's key forum to develop and bring together sustainability leaders and make recommendations about sustainability to Council and the administration;
- to help Council form consensus on contentious issues through a sustainability approach;
- to monitor, with the assistance of the Sustainability Lead, progress towards sustainability in the Corporation and the City of Toronto
- to advise in strategic and sectoral planning so that sustainability becomes a key integrating tool in the planning processes;
- to facilitate public input into sustainability planning by the City;
- to facilitate education and awareness of sustainability; and
- to issue an annual "State of Sustainability Report" to Council and report to Council and its Standing Committees on any issues related to sustainability.

The Sustainability Roundtable concluded its mandate in 2003.

This recommendation is complete and no further work is required.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 52



Create a Sustainability Advocate

Recommended that the City appoint a member of Council (who is not the Chair of a Standing Committee or of Community Council) as the Sustainability Advocate with the following responsibilities:

- a) to co-chair, with a prominent citizen member, the Sustainability Roundtable;
- b) to ensure that sustainability is promoted through the City of Toronto;
- c) on behalf of the Roundtable, to monitor the incorporation of sustainability into the policies and activities of the Corporation and to consult with members of the public promoting sustainability; and
- d) to present to Council, on behalf of the Roundtable, its annual report and report to Council and its Standing Committees on any issues related to sustainability.

ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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52. Create a Sustainability Advocate

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2003).

Councillor Jack Layton was appointed the Sustainability Advocate for the 2001-2003 term of Council. In 2003 Councillor Layton resigned and Councillor Laura Jones was appointed. With the completion of the Sustainability Roundtable's work program in the fall of 2003 so ended the role of the Sustainability Advocate.

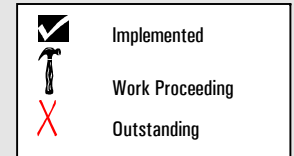
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RECOMMENDATION No. 53



Create a Standing Committee Sustainability Representative

Recommended that the Standing Committee nominate a representative to sit on the Sustainability Roundtable and carry out the following responsibilities:

- a) monitor the policies and activities of the Standing Committees and promote actions based on sustainability;
- b) consult with the public on sustainable activities; and
- c) consider suggestions and complaints from the public on the success in promoting sustainability achieved by the Standing Committee and Departments.

ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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53. Create a Standing Committee Sustainability Representative

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2003).

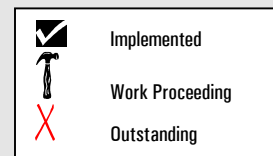
Standing Committee Representative was appointed. However, with the completion of the Sustainability Roundtable's work program in the fall of 2003 so ended the role of the Standing Committee Representative.

This recommendation is complete and no further work is required.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 54



Create an Environmental Auditor

Recommended that the City create the position of Environmental Auditor within Audit Services with the following responsibilities:

- a) to assess: i) how effectively City Departments have met the City's environmental goals; and
ii) the processes established to achieve these goals;
- b) to produce an annual report that is accessible and available to the public;
- c) to investigate the City's response to public complaints about city operations that contribute to environmental degradation;
- d) to develop methodologies and reporting mechanisms that will allow environmental audits to incorporate social and economic considerations; and
- e) to liaise with provincial and federal counterparts to take advantage of shared methodologies and insights.

ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

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54. Create an Environmental Auditor

Overall Indicator: N/A.

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2003).

Audit Services has established the mandate of the environmental audit function in the City, including the methodologies to be used to identify and prioritize problem and high risk areas through the report to Audit Services entitled “Environmental Audit Mandate” dated June 1, 2000.

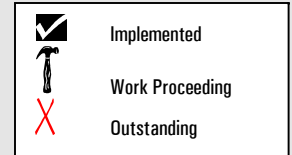
The work undertaken to address this recommendation is considered to be core business/standard operating procedure(s) for the City and work continues.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 55



Standing Committees Should Respond to the Environmental Audit

Recommended that the City's Departments submit annual reports to the appropriate Standing Committee in response to the Environmental Auditor's Report.

ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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55. Standing Committees Should Respond to the Environmental Audit

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2004).

This recommendation is addressed through the March 31, 2003 report from the CAO to the Audit Committee entitled Response to City Auditor's Report-"Environmental Issues and Audit Plan" dated May 30, 2002. The CAO report was done on behalf of other City departments.

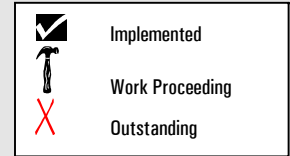
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RECOMMENDATION No. 56



Research How to do a Sustainability Audit

Recommended that the City Auditor, in consultation with the Sustainability Roundtable, prepare a report on how a Sustainability Audit can be produced by Audit Services, and submit this report to the Policy and Financial Committee within two years of the creation of the Sustainability Roundtable.

ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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56. Research How to Do a Sustainability Audit

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Work Proceeding.

Preliminary work has been done by the University of Toronto through a report presented to the Sustainability Roundtable entitled “The City of Toronto’s New Capacity Audit: A Framework for Development and Implementation” dated December 11, 2002.

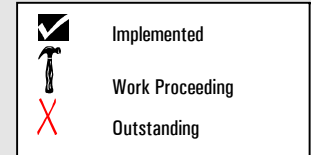
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			Base Year	2003	Achieved in 2003	2004		
<p>City of Toronto’s New Capacity Audit: A Framework for Development and Implementation</p> <p>This report will aid in the elaboration and implementation of a capacity audit of sustainability in the City of Toronto. This project was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Pamela Robinson, University of Toronto, Innis College, as part of the course IES 2002: Environmental Governance - A Practical Project.</p> <p>It includes four principal sections: (i) an introduction to capacity auditing, (ii) markers of capacity, (iii) relevant examples, and (iv) issues to consider. It begins by discussing capacity auditing and applies this concept to a capacity audit of sustainability in the City of Toronto. The second section presents various markers of sustainability capacity and their relevance to capacity auditing of sustainability. In the third section various relevant examples from elsewhere are presented. Finally, it provides a series of questions that were encountered during the development of the report, as well as various recommendations pertaining to the next steps.</p>							Complete	U of T

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RECOMMENDATION No. 57



Support Environmental Advisory Committees

Each Commissioner, in consultation with the ETF and its successor the Sustainability Roundtable, should review the need for and the support provided to Department Program Advisory Committees and report thereon to the appropriate standing committee of Council.

EFT Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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57. Support Environmental Advisory Committees

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2004).

Often, the City strikes advisory groups that include or consist of only the public and these are mainly created on a as needed for basis. For example, often for major initiatives or studies steering groups or community liaison groups are established. Some examples are the WWFMMP, and Environmental Assessments (EAs) such as the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant EA and the R.C. Harris Residue Management EA. Recently the Environmental Roundtable was formed as an advisory committee to Council.

The work undertaken to address this recommendation is considered to be core business/standard operating procedure(s) for the City and work continues.

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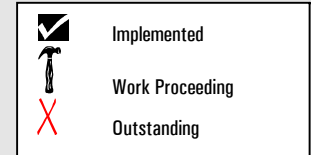
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RECOMMENDATION No. 58

Create an Inter-Governmental Environmental Advocate

Recommended that City Council appoint a City Councillor and a Senior staff person to ensure that City interests are properly represented in regional, provincial and federal environmental policy review and development to recommend such actions as deemed necessary.



ETF Target (2000): No ETF Target.

Overall Indicator: N/A.

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58. Create an Inter-Governmental Environmental Auditor

RECOMMENDATION STATUS: Implemented (2004).

Mayor Miller, on a monthly basis, tables the progress/status of the City's inter-governmental relations on regional, provincial and federal matters. The CAO's office has carriage of informing and coordinating the City's inter-governmental relations.

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Formation of the GTA Clean Air Council with the participation of municipal, local and regional, provincial and federal representatives. Participation of City Staff as members is established. Issues deal with Air only and no inter-governmental advocate has been created.								Proceeding CAO TAF City Depts