

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
A G E N D A

Dates of Meeting:	Tuesday, July 21, 1998 and Thursday, July 23, 1998	Enquiry:
Time:	9:30 a.m.	Madeline Brown
Location:	Metro Hall Council Chamber 55 John Street, Toronto	Interim Contact - Council Tel. (416) 392-8017 (mbrown@city.toronto.on.ca)

- A. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING.

- B. COMMUNICATIONS.
 - 1. (June 29, 1998) from Mr. Robert Kelly;
 - 2. (July 13, 1998) from Mr. John Campbell, President, Brookfield Management Services; and
 - 3. (July 15, 1998) from Mr. Paul Fantauzzi.

- C. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE STRATEGIC POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE.

- D. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members of Council are requested to indicate the Report and Clause number wherein they have an interest together with the nature of the interest.

E. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE STRATEGIC POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE, AND OF MOTIONS PREVIOUSLY CALLED AND NOT DISPOSED OF.

Report No. 12 of The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Report No. 13 of The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Motions deferred from previous meetings:

1. **Moved by:** **Councillor Walker**

Seconded by: **Councillor Mihevc**

“**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has written the Honourable Ernie Eves, M.P.P., Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance to express its disapproval about placing serious time limitations for Committee hearings on Bill 16, and to express its concern about several aspects of Bill 16, namely the inability of the AMCTO to present its concerns to the Committee in order to aid the Provincial government in refining this integral piece of municipal legislation;

WHEREAS there is little opportunity for municipal councils to comment and recommend changes to the regulations, resulting in a Bill which serves only to perpetuate a bad system that the Provincial government is bent on eliminating;

WHEREAS this Bill is complicated, cumbersome, confusing and too often, badly drafted to the point where AMCTO has indicated that Bill 16, with its many regulatory controls and directions, with its excessive administrative discretion, creates an administrative and political nightmare for municipalities, leaving administrators and municipal councils without certainty;

WHEREAS any delay in establishing and publishing regulations jeopardizes the financial stability of municipal governments;

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities will be unable to implement this complex taxation system without a substantial commitment of time, effort, resources and tax dollars;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial government, at best, commit to a freeze of the implementation of Current Value Assessment for the minimum of a one year period; or alternatively, the Provincial government take the necessary action to establish a cap on any increases which will result from the implementation of Current Value

Assessment so that the issues which are still needed to be resolved can be addressed in a more timely manner and resolved.”

(Attachment - Communication dated June 3, 1998, addressed to Mr. Steve Gilchrist, MPP - Scarborough East, from Councillor Walker.)

2. **Moved by: Councillor Bossons**

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

“**WHEREAS** municipalities charge 1.25 per cent monthly (15 per cent annually) interest rate on unpaid property tax bills; and

WHEREAS many taxpayers have complained about this high interest rate; and

WHEREAS if CVA-related tax increases begin to apply in 1998, many taxpayers will have difficulties in coming up with the extra tax, at least in the beginning; and

WHEREAS many must default on taxes while they begin planning for the sale of their homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT for 1998, 1999 and 2000, the City of Toronto adjust this interest rate downward.”

F. INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING.

G. ADJOURNMENT.