

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Monday, March 9, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Monday, March 9, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor Bossons
Councillor Cho
Councillor Chong
Councillor Davis
Councillor Duguid
Councillor Faubert
Councillor Holyday
Councillor Mammoliti
Councillor McConnell
Councillor Mihevc
Councillor Moeser
Councillor Pantalone

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Minutes of the meeting of the Budget Committee held on February 17, 1998, were confirmed.

38. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Departmental/Agency Reviews.

The Budget Committee had before it the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the various departments, agencies, boards and commissions of the City of Toronto.

The Chief Administrative Officer made a presentation and provided an overview of the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer made a presentation on the 1998 Capital Budget and provided an overview on the financial pressures facing the City.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee requested that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer submit a report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998 explaining the funding with respect to R.T.E.P. reserves.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion moved by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee requested that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer submit a report:

- (1) to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998 on a one year debt plan to hold the debt at the existing level of \$110 million and provide recommendations regarding the disposal of assets being contained in the 1998 approved budget; and
- (2) on a five-year capital and debt plan for presentation to the Budget Committee for September 1, 1998 in order that the 1999 Capital Budgets can be considered in October or November.

The Budget Committee requested that when the budgets go forward that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer provide a summary outlining the Department request, the Chief Administrative Officer's recommendations and the Budget Committee's recommendations.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - March 16 and March 17, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 3)

39. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Exhibition Place.

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The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for Exhibition Place; and
- (b) communication (March 6, 1998) from Ms. Dianne Young, Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place, respecting further possible reductions to the 1998 Capital Budget for Exhibition Place.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (i) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services conduct a site visit at Exhibition Place and submit a report to the Budget Committee by March 30, 1998, advising whether any remedial sewer work is required, and the necessary funding, estimated at \$250,000.00 for 1998, be included in the Sewer and Water Budget;
- (ii) the expenditure for the water meters, in the amount of \$120,000.00 be allocated from the City of Toronto's Sewer and Water Budget; and
- (iii) the Interim General Manager of Exhibition Place meet with the General Manager of the Toronto Zoo and the Interim Lead for Parks and Recreation to determine the most appropriate type of "people mover vehicle system", and report thereon to the Budget Committee no later than June 1, 1998.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee requested that each department and agency submit to the Budget Committee by March 31, 1998, any expenditures for transportation, conventions, seminars, furniture and other miscellaneous items contained in their budgets.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee approved the:

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- (1) 1998 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (2) 1998 Capital Budget for Exhibition Place subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) the deletion of \$310,000.00 for Project 360 - Other Buildings - Relocation of the Ball Park Substation;
 - (b) the deletion of \$175,000.00 for Project 350 - Equipment - PCB Transformer Replacement - Arts, Crafts, Hobbies Substation (2);
 - (c) the deletion of \$30,000.00 for Project 001- Pre-Engineering Studies; and
 - (d) the deletion of \$30,000.00 for the replacement of carpet - Project 290 - Queen Elizabeth Building.

The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for Exhibition Place to the Urban Environment and Development Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

Ms. Dianne Young, Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and filed a copy of her presentation.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chairman, Board of Governors, Exhibition Place, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Urban Environment and Development Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place, General Manager, Toronto Zoo, Interim Lead for Parks and Recreation - March 18, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 4)

40. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Toronto Public Library.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto Public Library; and
- (b) communication (March 6, 1998) from Mr. Rick Goldsmith, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, regarding the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets.

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- A. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submit a report to the Budget Committee by July 21, 1998, on the hours of operation, the rationalization of the level of service to be provided, and a consolidation of library branches.

The Budget Committee requested that the issue of the ten day closing of the Metro Reference Library be tabled at the meeting of the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998.

- B. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the loan for the Burrows Hall Library in the amount of \$270,000.00 be repaid and such funds be allocated from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- C. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998 on the following:

- (a) a review, following a site visit to the Central Library - North York, of the 1998 funding request and which items are large Capital items and which can be covered from the Operating budget; and
- (b) a review of the entire funding allocation of \$1 million for the Central Library - North York and the amount established for hard capital items.

- D. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the Budget Committee by July 21, 1998 on a long term plan, providing a complete assessment of major repairs and renovations of the entire library system.

- E. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (a) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report to the Budget Committee on March 30, 1998 on the following:
 - (i) a review of the expenditure in the amount of \$720,000.00 for the retrofit project for the Parkdale Branch to determine further cost reductions; and
 - (ii) confirmation that funding is available for the Bendale Community Branch Library.

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- (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services review the needs assessment carried out on Project 509, Etobicoke - Eatonville/Addition and report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998, on the allocation in 1998 of a reasonable amount of funds for the design and engineering costs for this project; and
 - (c) a review of the St. Jamestown Library in the context of the five-year plan.
- F. Councillor Shiner moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services also be requested to provide information on the life cycle of the buildings, the value of the capital assets and replacement costs.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motions, A, B, C, D, E, and F, they were carried.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee approved the:

- (a) 1998 Operating Budget for the Toronto Public Library, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (b) 1998 Capital Budget for the Toronto Public Library, subject to funds in the amount of \$137,500.00 being allocated for Project No. 809 - Minor Capital Program (Toronto).

The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto Public Library to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

(Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; c: Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - March 19, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 4)

41. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Toronto Zoo.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

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- (a) the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto Zoo; and
- (b) information on the Capital Works Program - 1998 Year Comparison.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee recommended that:

- (a) the net 1998 Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo be established at an amount of \$6,888,000.00;
- (b) there be no increase in the admission fee to the Toronto Zoo in 1998; and
- (c) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the General Manager of the Toronto Zoo, identify an additional \$283,000.00 in savings for 1998 and report thereon to the Budget Committee for its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended approval of the 1998 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo, subject to any interest accruing due to the insurance settlement, which amounted to \$948,000.00, for the Zoo Monorail Ride, being allocated to the 1998 Capital Budget.

The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto Zoo to the Urban Environment and Development Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

Mr. Calvin White, General Manager, Toronto Zoo, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and filed a copy of his presentation in this regard.

(Urban Environment and Development Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, General Manager, Toronto Zoo - March 18, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 4)

42. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets -Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The Budget Committee had before it the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

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The Budget Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to review those projects contained within the Capital Works Program of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority which are outside the boundaries of the City of Toronto for potential reductions and report thereon to the Budget Committee for its meeting to be held on March 31, 1998.

The Budget Committee approved the 1998 Operating Budget, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer and the 1998 Capital Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to the Urban Environment and Development Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Urban Environment and Development Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, General Manager, Toronto Region and Conservation Authority - March 18, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 4)

The Budget Committee met **in camera** at 1:35 p.m. to consider the following confidential matter relating to the acquisition of property.

Members Present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor Ron Moeser
Councillor Irene Jones

43. Confidential - Manson Property at 5421 Lawrence Avenue East.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) letter of transmittal (February 26, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Scarborough Community Council, on February 18, 1998, recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, approval of the following:
 - (i) report (February 6, 1998) from the Commissioner, Works and Environment, Scarborough, recommending that this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee as part of the 1998 Corporate Budget process and considered in conjunction with Part II; and further, that all reporting be through the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; and
 - (ii) confidential report (February 6, 1998) from the Commissioner, Works and Environment, Scarborough, respecting the foregoing; and
- (b) facsimile (March 5, 1998) from Mr. David W. Collins, Penfund Management Ltd., regarding a brief summary of some of the financial benefits of developing the Manson site and requesting deferral of the item.

The Scarborough Community Council reports, for the information of the Budget Committee, having directed that the Interim Lead, Real Estate, Scarborough, continue negotiations with the owners of the other properties involved in the Village Common issues.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee recommended to Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that:

- (a) the confidential report (February 6, 1998) from the Commissioner, Works and Environment, Scarborough, be adopted subject to recommendation (2) being amended to read as follows:
 - 2. that appropriate staff, under the direction of the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, report further on the next steps in the process and that the land use study be carried out in consultation with the local community associations;
- (b) if the City obtains ownership of this land, it become a corporate asset until it is determined how much is required for the park and what can be sold; and

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- (c) the Commissioner of Corporate Services report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee at a future date on the rehabilitation process and cost of this activity.

Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, c. Interim Contact, Scarborough Community Council; Commissioner, Works and Environment, Scarborough - March 11, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 2)

The Budget Committee adjourned its **private meeting** at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:30 p.m. with the following Members present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes

Also Present:

Councillor Moeser
Councillor Chong
Councillor McConnell
Councillor Giansante
Councillor Jones

The Budget Committee reported that a confidential report would be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee respecting its in camera discussion, the subject of which dealt with employee negotiations.

44. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Arts, Culture and Heritage.

The Budget Committee had before it the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

- A. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the Budget

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Committee for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 31, 1998, submitting a list of alternatives for an additional 5 percent reduction to reach the 15 percent target.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the 1998 Operating Budget for Arts, Culture and Heritage, be approved, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- C. Councillor Kinahan moved that the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer be adopted with the exception of recommendation number 3 recommending that the Marketing and Communications operating budget be reduced by 50 percent.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Balkissoon, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee approved the 1998 Capital Budget for Arts, Culture and Heritage, subject to the following:

- (a) transferring the amount of \$99,000.00 allocated to the Capital Maintenance - Health and Safety Repairs category, to the 1998 Operating Budget and in future years it be considered as an operating expense;
- (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services being requested to submit a report to the Budget Committee for its meeting on March 31, 1998, providing a master plan for the restoration of Fort York;
- (c) deleting \$300,000.00 from the Guild Inn Capital Budget which was allocated for repairs;
- (d) the amount of \$35,000.00 being allocated to the Guild Inn for conducting a feasibility study for future uses of the facility being conditional upon the Guild Inn providing Terms of Reference for this feasibility study;
- (e) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services being requested to submit a report to the Budget Committee for its meeting on March 31, 1998, providing additional information regarding the Lakeshore Assembly Hall;

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- (f) an amount of \$50,000.00 being allocated to the Etobicoke Public Art Acquisition Project; and
- (g) \$26,000.00 being deleted for the replacement of a vehicle.

The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Arts, Culture and Heritage to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

(Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - March 24, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 5)

45. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Community and Neighbourhood Services.

The Budget Committee had before it the:

- (a) 1998 Operating Budgets for Community and Neighbourhood Services, for the following divisions:
 - (i) Hostels;
 - (ii) Housing;
 - (iii) Children's Services
 - (iv) Homes for the Aged;
 - (v) Community Development and Support
 - (vi) Social Services; and
 - (vii) Social Services and Housing Administration.
- (b) 1998 Capital Budgets for Community and Neighbourhood Services, for the following divisions:
 - (i) Hostels
 - (ii) Homes for the Aged
 - (iii) Housing; and
 - (iv) Social Services
- (c) communication (March 6, 1998) from Ms. Joanne Campbell and Mr. David Peters, Cityhome, addressed to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding questions raised at the informal budget sessions; and

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- (d) communication (March 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, regarding the number of one-time grants.

Hostels

The Budget Committee approved the:

- (1) 1998 Operating Budget for Hostels, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (2) 1998 Capital Budget for Hostels.

Children's Services

The Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit a report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998 outlining the pressures facing the child care program, such as pay equity, minor capital upgrade and capital repairs.

The Budget Committee approved the 1998 Operating Budget for Children's Services, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer;

Homes for the Aged

The Budget Committee approved the:

- (a) 1998 Operating Budget for the Homes for the Aged, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (b) 1998 Capital Budget for the Homes for the Aged.

Housing Program

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee:

- (1) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit a report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998, providing further information regarding the Dixon Hall - Neighbourhood Homes Inc.,

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project and advising whether funds allocated to specific projects, including that will not proceed this year, can be allocated to other projects;

- (2) requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Interim Lead for Real Estate to report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998, submitting recommendations respecting the disposition of the "property" houses after confirming with the Parks Department that these properties are not required for parks purposes;
- (3) referred the issue of the re-organization of Cityhome and the funds spent to the City Auditor for his consideration and report thereon to the Budget Committee, such report to advise whether this can be included in his 1998 work schedule;
- (4) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to forward to the School Boards the list of MTHCL buildings appealed by the School Boards attached to the communication (March 6, 1998) from Ms. Joanne Campbell and Mr. David Peters, Cityhome, requesting them to release the appeals of the MTHCL buildings; and
- (5) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998, respecting the request for the additional staffing of 2.5 positions.

The Budget Committee approved the:

- (1) 1998 Operating Budget for Housing subject to subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the deletion of funds in the amount of \$298,000.00 requested for housing demonstration projects and grants; and
- (2) 1998 Capital Budget for Housing.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Community Development and Support

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submit to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998, a revised list of one-time grants.

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B. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services also comment as to whether there should be a line allocation for one-time grants.

Councillor Gordon Chong, Don Parkway and Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee approved the 1998 Operating Budget for Community Development and Support, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Social Services

The Budget Committee approved the:

- (1) 1998 Operating Budget for Social Services subject to subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (2) 1998 Capital Budget for Social Services.

Social Services and Housing Administration

The Budget Committee approved the 1998 Operating Budget for Social Services and Housing Administration, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for Community and Neighbourhood Services to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

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(Agenda Item No. 5)

The Budget Committee recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with the following Members present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor Chong
Councillor Minnan-Wong
Councillor Filion

46. 1998 Operating Budget - Parks and Recreation.

The Budget Committee had before it the 1998 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee:

- (1) requested the Interim Lead for Parks and Recreation to report to the first meeting of the Budget Committee in November on an amalgamated structure of the Parks and Recreation Department and the budget implications; and
- (2) approved the 1998 Operating Parks and Recreation Budget, subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

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The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation to the Community and Neighbourhood Services, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

(Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Interim Lead for Parks and Recreation - March 24, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 6)

47. 1998 Operating Budget - Public Health.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) the 1998 Public Health Operating Budget;
- (b) letter of transmittal (February 26, 1998) from the Board of Health forwarding a report (February 20, 1998) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health regarding the Public Health Budget Process wherein the Board on February 23, 1998 recommended that the Budget Committee be advised of the Board's support for the "2 percent solution", which is a proposal to the Citizens for Public Health that urges the new City of Toronto to allocate 2 percent of its total budget to public health programs;
- (c) letter of transmittal (February 26, 1998) from the Board of Health forwarding a report (February 19, 1998) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health wherein the Board on February 23, 1998, recommended that the report (February 19, 1998) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health which updates the view of health and health trends in Toronto and outlines key issues for Public Health programs and resource allocations, be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration during the budget process;
- (d) letter of transmittal (February 26, 1998) from the Board of Health forwarding a report (February 11, 1998) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health wherein the Board on February 23, 1998 recommended that the report (February 11, 1998) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health which identifies current gaps in public health services for children and families across the new City of Toronto, be forwarded to the Budget Committee with a request that the Acting Medical Officer of Health report to the Committee with the amount of funding required;
- (e) report (March 9, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health forwarding for information additional budget reduction proposals for Toronto Animal Services; and

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- (f) report (March 9, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health regarding investing in our children's health and recommending that the Budget Committee consider and recommend to City Council an investment of \$1,719,600.00 on an annual basis and \$1,240,800.00 for 1998 in operational costs and \$130,000.00 in capital costs for children's health services in the City of Toronto.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that no reallocation of funds be allowed from within the departments or clusters and that all new programs be considered as new programs.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was lost.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Budget Committee proceed with the budget process, not including the \$1,240,000.00.

Upon the question of the adoption of motion B. by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Mr. Jack Slibar, Chief Operating Officer, Toronto Humane Society, made a presentation to the Budget Committee and filed a copy of his submission with the Clerk.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor John Filion, North York Centre, Chair of the Board of Health; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River.

The Budget Committee recessed at 7:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:48 p.m. with the following Members present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor McConnell
Councillor Moeser

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- C. Councillor Chow moved that it should be noted that the Budget Committee does not support the concept of the re-investment of savings within a Department or envelope and any new programs must be submitted through the normal process.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

The Budget Committee:

- (1) approved the adoption of the 1998 Operating Budget for Public Health subject to the amendments proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer, with the exception of the user fee proposed for prenatal and infant parenting classes; and
- (2) requested:
 - (a) the Medical Officer of Health to forward a letter to those agencies receiving Provincial one-time funding (Sex Information and Education Council of Canada and Planned Parenthood of Ontario) and serve notice that commencing in 1999, the City will not assume funding responsibilities for these programs;
 - (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit a report to the Budget Committee on March 31, 1998, on the organizational structure with respect to the four new proposed positions of Public Health Physicians;
 - (c) the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Interim Lead for By-law Enforcement to submit a report in June/July on the re-structuring of the By-law Enforcement section;
 - (d) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Human Resources to review the five vacant positions due to the transfer of Home Visiting to Community Care Access Centres to determine if exit packages can be offered to realize further savings; and
 - (e) the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, together with the Medical Officer of Health to submit a confidential report to the Budget Committee by March 31, 1998, providing alternatives between staff-delivered and Toronto Humane Society delivered services of the animal control division, taking into consideration the proposal submitted by the Toronto Humane Society, the existing contract and the schedule of fees.

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The Budget Committee forwarded the 1998 Operating Budget for Public Health to Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, for review and comment, noting the foregoing recommendations of the Budget Committee.

(Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner of Human Resources and Interim Lead for By-law Enforcement - March 19, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 6)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Chair.