

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Monday, March 30, 1998

The Budget Committee met on Monday, March 30, 1998, in Committee Room C, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 2:11 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Councillor Giansante
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lindsay Luby
Councillor Mammoliti
Councillor Moeser

72. Establishment of a User Fee Task Force.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk wherein North York Community Council on March 26, 1998:

- (1) endorsed the 1998 Facilities Management, Parks and Recreation and Transportation Capital Budgets; and
- (2) requested that Council consider:
 - (a) establishing a User Fee Task Force no later than the end of the next meeting of Council scheduled for April 16, 1998, and that it be mandated to deliver to Council for consideration at its meeting of October 1, 1998, recommendations on the user fee structure for the City of Toronto; and

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- (b) appointing Councillor Mammoliti as Chair of the Task Force.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that:
 - (a) the following recommendations of North York Council be endorsed:
 - (i) the establishment of a User Fee Task Force no later than the end of the next meeting of Council scheduled for April 16, 1998, and that it be mandated to deliver to Council for consideration at its meeting of October 1, 1998, recommendations on the user fee structure for the City of Toronto;
 - (ii) the appointment of Councillor Mammoliti as Chair of the Task Force; and
 - (b) the City Clerk be requested to forward a letter to Members of Council to seek the interest of seven or eight Council Members who would be interested in sitting on the User Fee Task Force.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that the terms of reference for this User Fee Task Force be forwarded to the appropriate Standing Committee.

Councillor Mammoliti, North York Humber, and Councillor Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, City Clerk; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Councillor Mammoliti - April 1, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 1(c))

73. 1998 Capital Budget - Parks and Recreation.

The Budget Committee had before it:

- (a) the 1998 Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation;
- (b) report (March 25, 1998) from the East York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation, Facilities Management and Transportation;
- (c) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Etobicoke Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budget;
- (d) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from Scarborough Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation, Facilities Management and Transportation;
- (e) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets;
- (f) transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the North York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Facilities Management, Parks and Recreation and Transportation;
- (g) report (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk, Toronto Community Council regarding 1998 Capital Program (March, 1998) for Transportation, 1998 Capital Program (March 16, 1998) for Parks and Recreation, and 1998 Capital Program for Facilities Management;
- (h) report (March 30, 1998) from the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation Department regarding the parkland dedication and cash-in-lieu of parkland funds;
- (i) revised report (March 30, 1998) from Mr. R. Biggart, Acting Commissioner, Parks and Culture, regarding the reduction of expenditures for Colonel Sam Smith Park, Milne Hollow project, and the North Humber Trail project; and
- (j) transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee regarding request for a Recreation Centre in Cedarvale Park, York.

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- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that, with respect to Recommendation 3. embodied in the report (March 30, 1998) from the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation, a criteria be developed for the disbursement of funds which will address the geographic deficiencies in old and new communities and other issues and request the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to advise the Budget Committee after a policy has been established.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Balkissoon, moved that recommendation No. 3 embodied in the report (March 30, 1998) from the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation, be referred to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for a report back to the Budget Committee.
- C. Councillor Kinahan moved that the following words "provided the funds are received by December 31, 1998" be deleted at the end of Recommendation No. 2 embodied in the report (March 30, 1998) from the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation.

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 Balkissoon, it was carried.

The Budget Committee recommended:

- (1) the adoption of Recommendation 1 embodied in the report (March 30, 1998) from the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation, respecting the use of Parkland Dedication and Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Funds; and
- (2) that foregoing motion C. and Recommendation 2. embodied in the report (March 30, 1998) from the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation, respecting the use of Parkland Dedication and Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Funds, be referred to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee for further review and report to the Budget Committee.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee recommended that the Parks and Recreation Department develop a revised five year capital plan using \$20 million as a possible guideline.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the matter regarding 495 Sherbourne Street until its meeting scheduled to be held on

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Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee recommended that the McCormick Recreation Centre project be referred to Parks and Recreation for consideration with its five year capital works plan.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended that the 1999 request of \$260,000.00 gross and \$0 net for the Ossington/Shaw Development project be accelerated into 1998 and that this amount be allocated to the 1998 Capital Budget for this project.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended the approval of the recommendations contained in the revised report (March 30, 1998) from Mr. R. Biggart, Acting Commissioner, Parks and Culture.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park, appeared before the Budget Committee on behalf of Councillors Pantalone and Silva, Trinity-Niagara, regarding the funding requested for the McCormick Recreation Centre.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee recommended that \$100,000.00 be included in the 1998 Capital Budget for the purposes of landscaping the Don Valley Brickworks.

74. 1998 Capital Budget - Facilities Management.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) 1998 Capital Budget for Facilities Management;
- (b) report (March 25, 1998) from the East York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation, Facilities Management and Transportation;
- (c) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Etobicoke Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budget;
- (d) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from Scarborough Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation, Facilities Management and Transportation;

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- (e) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets;
- (f) transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the North York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Facilities Management, Parks and Recreation and Transportation; and
- (g) report (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk, Toronto Community Council regarding 1998 Capital Program (March, 1998) for Transportation, 1998 Capital Program (March 16, 1998) for Parks and Recreation, and 1998 Capital Program for Facilities Management.

The Budget Committee recommended that:

- (1) the following motion by Councillor Shiner be tabled at the March 31, 1998 Budget Committee meeting:
 - “That improvements for the Ted Reeve Arena be funded from the sale of 219 Dufferin Street.”; and
- (2) the 1998 Capital Budget of \$13,013 million gross and \$10,606 million net for Facilities Management, be approved.

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

75. 1998 Capital Budget - Transportation.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) 1998 Capital Budget for Transportation Program;
- (b) report (March 23, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead, Transportation regarding the 1998 Capital Budget - Transportation - Requests for Additional Information;
- (c) transmittal letter (March 25, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Urban Environment and Development Committee regarding the 1998 Capital Budget - Transportation;
- (d) report (March 25, 1998) from the East York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation, Facilities Management and Transportation;

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- (e) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Etobicoke Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budget;
- (f) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from Scarborough Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Parks and Recreation, Facilities Management and Transportation;
- (g) transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets;
- (h) transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the North York Community Council regarding the 1998 Capital Budgets for Facilities Management, Parks and Recreation and Transportation; and
- (i) report (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk, Toronto Community Council regarding 1998 Capital Program (March, 1998) for Transportation, 1998 Capital Program (March 16, 1998) for Parks and Recreation, and 1998 Capital Program for Facilities Management.

The Budget Committee recommended that funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the resurfacing of Brown's Line, Evans Avenue to 381 metres south, be included in the 1998 Transportation Capital Budget.

- A. Councillor Kinahan moved the adoption of the recommendations of the Urban Environment and Development Committee wherein it recommended that the 1998 Capital Budget for Transportation not be subject to the \$18.4 million reduction suggested by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer, having regard for the importance of the transportation infrastructure within the new City of Toronto and that the \$10 million contribution from the Toronto Parking Authority be utilized to fund the increase of \$18.4 million.

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

- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the 1998 Capital Budget for Transportation be approved but that the request for \$18.4 million proposed for additional deferred projects be deferred at this time pending receipt of a report from the Chief Administrative Officer to the Budget Committee by the end of May on the disposition of funds from the sale of assets for capital and debt purposes, and that transportation repair items be given a high priority.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Shiner moved that any under-expenditures from any department or Agencies, Boards and Commissions must be reported to the Budget Committee and

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cannot be allocated to any new projects without the approval of the Budget Committee.

- D. Councillor Ootes moved in amendment to Councillor Shiner's motion C. that any under-expenditures be reported to the Budget Committee by the end of May.

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

76. 1998 Capital Budget - Toronto Transit Commission - Wychwood Site.

The Budget Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report to the Corporate Services Committee as soon as possible with respect to the Wychwood site, providing details of the sale of the subject land and any conditions that would be applied thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. David Gunn, General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission;
- Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton;
- Councillor John Adams, Midtown; and
- Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek.

The Budget Committee recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:21 p.m. with the following Members present:

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

77. 1998 Capital and Operating - Water Supply and Water Pollution.

The Budget Committee had before it the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Water Supply and Water Pollution Program.

- A. Councillor Shiner moved that the Chief Administrative Officer report to the Budget Committee on the Best Practices Program outlining savings and efficiency improvements with regard to operations and defer further commitment until receipt of said report.

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- B. Councillor Chow moved that Councillors Jakobek, Balkissoon and herself meet with the Chair of the Works and Utilities Committee to review the 1998 Capital Budget for Water Supply and Pollution.

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

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

The Budget Committee recommended that:

- (1) staff report to the Budget Committee on the cost implications of extending the Water Service Replacement Program over the entire City and determine funding for same; and
- (2) the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets for Water Supply and Water Pollution be brought back for consideration by the Budget Committee at its meeting to be held on April 3, 1998.

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Chair.