

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Thursday, April 2, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Thursday, April 2, 1998 in Committee Room C, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 2:08 p.m.

Members Present:

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

104. 1998 Proposed Operating Budget.

The Budget Committee had before it a joint report (March 31, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the Budget Committee consider the budget estimates as presented, including all follow up items.

The Budget Committee received the foregoing joint report (March 31, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 38A)

105. Status Report on the 1998 Operating and Capital Budget.

The Budget Committee had before it a joint report (March 28, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, regarding a Status Report on the 1998 Operating and Capital Budget and a summary (March 30, 1998) entitled 1998 Capital Program, Summary of Changes Identified by Community Councils and Standing Committees.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee received the foregoing joint report (March 28, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 38B)

106. Previously Approved but Unstarted Capital Projects - Previously Approved and Started Capital Projects.

The Budget Committee had before it reports (March 30, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding Previously Approved But Unstarted Capital Projects and Previously Approved and Started Capital Projects.

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

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

- (1) all Capital projects previously approved and which are proceeding in 1998 be included in the 1998 Capital Budget document;
- (2) those Capital projects which have been approved and are not proceeding in 1998 but need to be carried out, be listed in the 1998 Capital Budget and the monies held;
- (3) those Capital projects which have been approved and are not proceeding in 1998 and will not be completed within a reasonable period of time, be shown as cancelled and funds be placed back into the general budget; and
- (4) any funds which may become available from completed capital projects be included in the quarterly variance reports being submitted to the Budget Committee.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 38C and 38D)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

107. 1998 Capital Budget - Continuity Analysis of Reserve Funds.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the 1998 Capital Budget - Continuity Analysis of Reserve Funds.

The Budget Committee received the foregoing report (March 30, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and requested that the information be incorporated into the budget document.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 38E)

108. Preliminary Guidelines for Defining Operating and Capital Items.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 29, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer outlining the preliminary guidelines for defining Operating and Capital items.

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the foregoing matter until its next meeting scheduled for April 3, 1998.

(Agenda Item No. 38F)

109. 1997 Sinking Fund Surplus and Annual Sinking Fund Levies for 1998.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 27, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer requesting Council's approval of the payment of the 1997 sinking fund surplus and the annual sinking fund levies for 1998 in order to fulfil the legislative requirements of the City of Toronto Act (No. 2) and the Municipal Act.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, that the recommendations contained in the report (March 27, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding 1997 Sinking Fund Surplus and Annual Sinking Fund Levies for 1998, be adopted.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 42)

110. Status Report on RTEP Financing and the Reserve Fund.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing a status report on the financing of RTEP, comprised of the Eglinton and Sheppard subways and the expansion of Wilson Yard, and the RTEP Reserve Fund.

The Budget Committee received the foregoing report (March 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 44)

111. 1998 Operating and Capital Budget - Solid Waste.

The Budget Committee had before it the following transmittal letters:

- (1) (March 25, 1998) from the Works and Utilities Committee endorsing the suggestions of the Toronto Environmental Alliance embodied in the communication dated March 23, 1998, from Ms. Shelley Petrie and Mr. Gord Perks, Toronto Environmental Alliance, and requesting the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Budget Committee to consider revisions to the 1998 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management to accommodate such suggestions; and
 - (2) (March 26, 1998) from the North York Community Council recommending the following:
 - (a) that the mixed waste processing facility pilot project proposed for the Dufferin Transfer Station be deferred and that only sufficient funds be included in the Solid Waste Budget to conduct the necessary studies (including a transportation review, a planning and site plan analysis and an extensive consultation process with the community through the offices of the Local Councillors) for this facility;
 - (b) an amount of \$3 million be deleted from the 1998 Capital Budget for the mixed waste processing pilot project;
 - (c) the proposal calls for this project not be opened until such time as the studies have been completed; and
 - (d) an amount of \$3 million be deleted from the Dufferin Material Recovery Facility (MRF) project.
- A. Councillor Kinahan moved that funds in the amount of \$3 million not be deleted for the Dufferin Material Recovery Facility (MRF) project.

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

B. On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee:

- (1) approved the recommendations of the North York Community Council; and
- (2) recommended that the 1998 Operating Budget be approved subject to the \$1.55million for the bulk pickup of apartment waste being reinstated.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 12 and 13)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

112. 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets - Transportation.

The Budget Committee had before it:

- (1) transmittal letters (March 25, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee regarding the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets - Transportation;
- (2) report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding a review of the Transportation Program recommended 1998 Operating Budget.
- (3) communication (March 30, 1998) from Mr. Michael Mackie, addressed to Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair, Budget Committee regarding the request of Ward 16 residents to reinstate the annual Fall Leaf Program within their particular area of the City; and
- (4) communication (April 2, 1998) from Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, Ward 16, regarding Leaf Pick-up Program - Scarborough).

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that the report (April 2, 1998) be adopted and requested the Chief Administrative Officer:

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- (a) to meet with the General Manager of the Toronto Hydro Commission to advise that it is recommending to Council that the City not be required to pay for the electrical costs of street lighting, due to the fact that the electrical cost is considered by the City to be Hydro's contribution towards the cost of using the City's roads and sidewalks; and
- (b) to provide a report as to the amount of money the City has given to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, a list of the grants given out by the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and the balance remaining.

The Budget Committee referred the foregoing communications (March 30, 1998) from Mr. Michael Mackie, and (April 2, 1998) from Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for consideration.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998;
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer,
Councillor Ron Moeser, Highland Creek, Mr. Michael Mackie, 304 Taylor Road,
Toronto, M1C 1R6 - April 30, 1998)

(Agenda Item Nos. 13(b) and 16)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Chair.