

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Budget Committee**

**Monday, April 20, 1998.**

The Budget Committee met on Monday, April 20, 1998, in Committee Room C, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present:

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

**136. An Eviction Prevention Strategy for the City of Toronto.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 14, 1998) from the City Solicitor regarding an eviction prevention strategy for the City of Toronto.

The Budget Committee recommended to Strategic Policies and Priorities, and Council, that the foregoing report from the City Solicitor be received.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, City Solicitor - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 5)**

**137. Property Assessment and Tax Policy System Implemented by the Provincial Government - Preliminary Reports - Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons and Property Tax Rebates for Charitable and Similar Organizations.**

The Budget Committee on April 20, 1998 had before it the following:

- (a) report (April 8, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force regarding the Property Assessment and Tax Policy System recently implemented by the Provincial Government;

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- (b) communication (April 8, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force and report (April 2, 1998) from Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding a preliminary report on property tax relief for low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons; and
- (c) communication (April 8, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force and report from (April 2, 1998) from Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding a preliminary report on property tax rebates for charitable and similar organizations.

The Budget Committee was informed that The Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force is looking at the impact of possible phase-ins or deferrals for property tax relief for eligible low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee advised the Task Force that:

- (1) while it recognizes the problem, there are no funds available in the 1998 budget, or in the foreseeable future, that can accommodate any type of cancellation program for tax relief; and
- (2) if such a cancellation program is approved, it would likely create a need for a tax increase.

(The Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer - April 20, 1998)

**(Agenda Item Nos. 10, 18 and 19)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**138. Provincial Downloading - Updated Estimates.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding an update of the financial impact of provincial downloading initiatives on the 1998 Operating Budget.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report (April 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and

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- (2) that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer communicate with the Province prior to April 24, 1998 as to what her estimate is of the residential tax room and how the figures were determined.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 11)**

**139. Previously Approved but Unstarted Capital Projects Further Report.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the disposition of previously approved capital projects that were funded but not yet started.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Len Brittain, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 12)**

**140. 1998 Operating Budget with 1997 Preliminary Operating Results.**

The Budget Committee had before it the 1998 Operating Budget with 1997 preliminary operating results submitted by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee on April 20, 1998, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that the 1998 Operating Budget with 1997 preliminary operating results submitted by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be received.

Councillor Shiner, Seneca Heights, declared his interest as it relates to the 1998 Council Operating Budget, in that a member of his family is an employee of the City of Toronto.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer - April 23, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 16)**

**141. Workers' Compensation - Transfer of the Toronto Public Library Board from Schedule 1 to Schedule 2.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the transfer of the Toronto Public Library Board from Schedule 1 to Schedule 2.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Al Shultz, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 21)****142. Non-union Compensation Program, Development and Implementation.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 14, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources and Amalgamation, regarding the development of a non-union compensation program.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (April 14, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources and Amalgamation.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Director of Human Resources and Amalgamation - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 25)****143. Regent Park Community Health Centre - Grants.**

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (April 15, 1998) from the Executive Director, Regent Park Community Health Centre regarding concerns about grants for services and programs in the area served by the Regent Park Community Health Centre.

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The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that the foregoing communication (April 15, 1998) from the Executive Director, Regent Park Community Health Centre be received.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer - April 23, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 27)**

**144. Financial Administration of the Cultural Grants Budget.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, regarding the financial administration of the 1998 Cultural Grants Budget.

The Budget Committee referred the report (April 16, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

(Municipal Grants Review Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Interim Functional Lead, Arts, Culture and Heritage - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 28)**

**145. 1998 Operating Budget - Community and Neighbourhood Services - Funding Cost of Filling 2,000 Licensed Child Care Spaces.**

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (April 15, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding funding cost of filling 2,000 licensed child care spaces; and
- (b) transmittal letter (April 16, 1998) from the Children's Action Committee regarding the expansion of child care subsidies.

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) a reserve account be set up into which savings resulting from a social assistance caseload drop below 88,000 be directed;
- (2) the purpose of this reserve account be to protect against future caseload increase and that these funds also be available to provide interim funding for the child care costs of up to 2,000 clients leaving social assistance;
- (3) a communication be sent to social assistance recipients advising that should they cease to be dependent upon social assistance, child care funding could be available immediately to support their work or study commitments. However, funding from this reserve fund would cease upon re-entry to the social assistance system;
- (4) the funding of child care spaces from the reserve fund be contingent upon appropriate provincial cost sharing; and
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report back on the results of the cost sharing discussions with the Province and any implementation progress that follows.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Interim Functional Lead for Children's Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 4)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**146. Leaf Pick Up Program in Ward 16.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services regarding the fall leaf vacuum collection.

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:

- (1) the re-instatement of the fall leaf vacuum collection in the West Rouge community for 1998;

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- (2) that the cost of the re-instatement of this program be absorbed within the Departmental budget; and
- (3) that this program be subject to the service review being carried out on all programs.

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

- Councillor Frank Faubert; Scarborough Highland Creek; and
- Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 6)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**147. Toronto Transit Commission Five-Year Capital Subsidy Agreement - Prepayment of Subsidy in Exchange for Release.**

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding prepayment of all remaining Provincial subsidy obligations under the TTC Five-year Capital Subsidy Agreement;
- (b) communication (April 9, 1998) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission forwarding Toronto Transit Commission Report No. 1 dated April 8, 1998, regarding the Provincial/Municipal/TTC Capital Subsidy Agreement;
- (c) communication (March 31, 1998) from the Minister of Transportation addressed to Mayor Lastman and Councillor Moscoe, Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission, regarding the cancellation of the TTC Capital Subsidy Agreement; and
- (d) communication (April 17, 1998) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission regarding the five-year TTC/Provincial/Municipal Capital Subsidy Agreement.

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On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) the adoption of the report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer wherein it recommended that:
  - (a) in exchange for prepayment to the City by the Province of an amount of \$828,200,100 adjusted as necessary for changes in the prevailing interest rates and any undue delays in the receipt of payment:
    - (i) the City, TTC and the Province execute a mutual release from the Five-year Capital Subsidy Agreement;
    - (ii) a by-law be introduced to create two interest bearing Reserve Funds entitled "The TTC Capital Subsidy Reserve Fund" and "The Sheppard Subway Project Capital Reserve Fund" to be established with the proceeds of the prepayment, to be expended solely for the purposes of funding TTC capital projects in accordance with the subsidy assumptions in the 1998 capital program;
    - (iii) the TTC report entitled "Provincial/Municipal/TTC Capital Subsidy Agreement" be received for information; and
  - (b) appropriate staff be authorized to undertake any necessary actions to implement these initiatives; and
- (2) that the City and the Toronto Transit Commission enter into a surviving agreement that requires the City to match the provincial funding over the life of the agreement and permits the City the flexibility contemplated in the report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

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

- Councillor Moscoe, Chair, Toronto Transit Commission; and
- Councillor Davis, Vice Chair, Toronto Transit Commission

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Commission, Commissioner of Urban planning and Development Services;  
Mr. Rob Hatton, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 9)**

**148. Payment of Association of Municipalities of Ontario 1998 Membership Fee.**

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the payment of Association of Municipalities of Ontario 1998 Membership Fee; and
  - (b) memorandum (April 16, 1998) from Councillor Joan King regarding City of Toronto support for municipal organizations.
- A. Councillor Chow moved that the City pay \$99,604.67 for its 1998 Membership Fee for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
- B. Councillor Ootes moved that:
- (1) the previous decision of the Budget Committee on April 3, 1998 that the City's contribution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be equivalent to the amount paid by the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto in 1997, be rescinded;
  - (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized to pay the 1998 membership for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in the amount of \$68,532.33 in accordance with the stated formula for 1998 AMO membership fees; and
  - (3) the AMO membership fees in future years be based on the same assessment used for all other cities.

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

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

- Councillor King, Seneca Heights; and
- Councillor Moscoe, North York Spading.

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**(Agenda Item Nos. 17 and 24)**

**149. 1998 Operating and Capital Budget for the Water and Water Pollution Control Programs and Harmonization of Water and Sewer Rates.**

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) transmittal letter (April 9, 1998) from the Scarborough Community Council regarding the 1998 Operating and Capital Budget for the water and water pollution control programs and harmonization of water and sewer rates;
- (b) report (April 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding a follow-up report to the Scarborough Community Council meeting of April 9, 1998; and
- (c) report (April 20, 1998) from the Interim Lead - Economic Development regarding the impact of the harmonization of water and sewer on business in the community of Scarborough.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee:

- (a) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Water and the Water Pollution Control Programs, including the following:
  - (1) the transfer of \$18.6 million of expenditures from the mill rate to the water rate;
  - (2) expenditure reductions and fee adjustments totaling \$14.9 million, excluding the early payment discount or late payment penalty as applicable;
  - (3) a general water rate increase of 2% or \$3.7 million effective July 1, 1998 applicable to all water users; and
  - (4) the deferral of water rate harmonization to January 1, 1999, to be considered as part of a report on the harmonization of all fees and service levels in the new City; and

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- (b) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report to the Budget Committee in the fall of 1998 on a recommended phase-in for the harmonization of all user fees and service levels across the entire City commencing in 1999.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Interim Contact, Scarborough Community Council, Interim Functional Lead, Water/Sewer, Interim Functional Lead, Waste Management, Interim Functional Lead, Economic Development - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 2)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**150. Reconstruction of York Mills Road between Hedged Road and York Ridge Road.**

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (April 1, 1998) from Councillor Flint, North York Centre South, requesting that funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 be included in the 1998 Capital Budget for the design work in preparation for the reconstruction of York Mills Road between Hedged Road and York Ridge Road in 1999.

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 funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 be included in the 1998 Capital Budget for engineering design work for the reconstruction of York Mills Road between Hedged Road and York Ridge Road.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Councillor Joanne Flint; Mr. Len Brittain, Finance Department - April 22, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 7)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**151. Adjustments to 1997 Surplus and Offsetting 1998 Budget Adjustments.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding adjustments to 1997 surplus and offsetting 1998 Budget adjustments.

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On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, that the loan in the amount of \$14.8 million be repaid, using cash generated from the Toronto Transit Commission 1997 unbudgeted revenue, pursuant to the understanding that existed with the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and that it be approved on nunc proctunt basis.

Mr. David Gunn, Chief General Manager, and Mr. Vince Rodo, General Secretary of the Toronto Transit Commission appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer; General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Mr. Rob Hatton, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 23)**

The Budget Committee recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. with the following Members present:

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

**152. Request for Establishment of Contingency Fund for Grants Programs.**

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 14, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending that a contingency fund be established for the grants programs, in order to allow for the review of requests for emergency and special requests outside of the regular grants process.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommended to Strategic Policies and Priorities, that the foregoing transmittal letter (April 14, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee be received; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to provide a report to the Budget Committee regarding youth employment.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - April 21, 1998).

**(Agenda Item No. 8)**

**153. Summary of Deputations on 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer summarizing the budgetary implications of responses from deputants to the Committee of the Whole of Council held on April 14 and 15, 1998.

- A. Councillor Shiner moved that the issues raised at the Committee of the Whole of Council held on April 14 and 15, 1998 regarding Transportation/Cycling/Environment items be received.
- B. Councillor Chow moved that \$500,000.00 for High Occupancy Volume lanes be reinstated in the 1998 Capital Budget.

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

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

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

- (1) as previously recommended, the funding requests for the Cedarvale and McCormick Recreation Centres and the Eatonville Library be considered in the context of the five-year Capital Plan and a report be submitted to the Budget Committee no later than October 1998;
- (2) the grant requests for Serena Toronto and the Toronto Arts Council be referred to the Municipal Grants Review Committee; and
- (3) all other issues referred to in the report (April 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be received.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipal Grants Review Committee, Mr. Shekhar Prasad, Finance Department. - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 20)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**154. Financial Support to the Caribbean Cultural Committee and Caribana.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 20, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause No. 3 of Report No. 5 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "Financial Support to the Caribbean Cultural Committee and Caribana".

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, that the grants envelope be increased by \$75,000.00, in accordance with Council's direction at its meeting on April 16, 1998,.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Mr. Dalma Hill, Caribbean Cultural Committee; Mr. Courtney Doldron, Caribbean Cultural Committee - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 21)**

**155. Amalgamation and Restructuring 1998 Funding Requirements.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources and Amalgamation regarding 1998 funding requirements for amalgamation and restructuring.

Councillor appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee on April 20, 1998, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, that:

- (1) the funds in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 be approved for the cost of hiring external consultants to assist with amalgamation and restructuring on a one-time only basis in 1998;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer report to the Budget Committee in four months' time with a full update and review on the expenditures and work to be provided; and
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer, in hiring the consultants, utilize as many existing staff as possible.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that .and that such funding be allocated from the Employee Benefit Reserve Fund or other appropriate Reserve Fund.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Director, Human Resources and Amalgamation - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 26)**

**156. Proposed Capital Financing Management Plan and Other Capital Funding Issues.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer forwarding recommendations regarding the proposed Capital financing management plan and other Capital funding issues.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be adopted.

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Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to review the TTC “state of good repair “budget and report to the Budget Committee on the appropriateness and financing of those assets and providing a comparison with the other infrastructure in the City.
- C. Councillor Kinahan moved that recommendation (1) contained in the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be amended to limit the average borrowing between \$110 million and \$130 million for tax supported programs, excluding the impact of TTC downloading and borrowing for the Sheppard Subway.
- D. Councillor Chow moved the adoption of recommendation (3) contained in the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer wherein it recommended that the base level of capital from current be increased by a minimum of \$15 million in 1998 (as contained in the operating budget currently being considered) and that Council approve, in principle, further increases of \$25 million in each of 1999 and 2000, \$35 million in 2001 and \$40 million in each of 2002 and 2003 to offset the impact of Provincial Downloading on the capital program of the TTC, estimated at a total of \$180 million annually.

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

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Kinahan, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Chow, it was lost.

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

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Mr. Len Brittain, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 1)**

**157. Recommended 1998 Capital Budget and Financing Authorities.**



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The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the recommended 1998 Capital Budget and financing authorizations.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be adopted.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that for any programs that would affect next year's budget in excess of \$1 million, contracts not be committed until the five year plan has been reviewed.

- C. Councillor Shiner moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer include in any reports on a project-by-project basis the net effect of such projects on next year's budget.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Shiner, it was lost.

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

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

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Len Brittain, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 13)**

**158. Establishment of City Reserves and Reserve Funds.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the establishment of City Reserves and Reserve Funds.

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, the adoption of the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Ken Colley, Finance Department; Mr. Shekhar Prasad, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 14)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**159. Toronto Atmospheric Fund.**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

The Budget Committee received the report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and directed that this matter be considered in July.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Rob Hatton, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 15)**

**160. 1998 Preliminary Transition Project Requests - Consolidated Listing.**

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (April 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer presenting the projected 1998 Transition project estimates and outlining a potential funding strategy;
- (b) letter of Transmittal (March 27, 1998) from the Emergency and Protective Services Committee regarding transition funding for a radio communications system;
- (c) report (April 2, 1998) from the Fire Chief regarding transition funding for self-contained breathing apparatus;
- (d) report (April 6, 1998) from the Fire Chief regarding 1998 training transition investment costs for Toronto Fire Services;
- (e) joint report (April 16, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the City Clerk regarding transitional investments for the City Clerk's Department;
- (f) report (April 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding financing strategy for transition projects;

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- (g) supplementary report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding 1998 transition projects, funding and savings estimates; and
- (h) report (April 20, 1998) from the Fire Chief regarding a central computerized call-taking/dispatch system for fire services.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that all the transition projects be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer to review and report back on the high priority items.
- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Chief Administrative Officer provide a report to the Budget Committee in July regarding the central computerized call-taking/dispatch system for fire services.

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

- C. Councillor Chow moved that funding for all transition projects be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for review on a project by project basis and that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a report to the appropriate Standing Committee outlining the source of funding and identifying the related savings and budget reductions, prior to consideration by the Budget Committee.
- D. Councillor Chow moved that funding in the amount of \$85.5 million be approved based on the transition projects listed in Attachment 'A' appended to the supplementary report (April 20, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the supplementary listing of projects for Community and Neighbourhood Services distributed at the meeting.

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

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

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

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to review the matter of the recent exits of key personnel and provide a report to the Corporate Services Committee, in camera, on the procedure being followed with respect to the exit packages being offered to employees.

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(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Fire Chief, Mr. Ross Cuthbert, Finance Department - April 23, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 3)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

**161. Tax Options - 1998 - 2000.**

The Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer made a verbal presentation to the Budget Committee on the financial pressures that the City is facing over the next three years and identified a number of options to deal with these pressures and consequential implications.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that the City accept the \$50 million grant and the \$100 million loan offered by the Province, with the full amount of the grant being applied in 1998.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Al Shultz, Finance Department - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 22)**

**162. Support of the Keele/Eglinton Business Improvement Area for Special Target Policing Funding.**

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (April 15, 1998) from Councillor Frances Nunziata, York-Humber, forwarding a communication (March 26, 1998) from Mr. Steve Tasses of the Keele/Eglinton Business Improvement Area regarding support for special target policing funding.

The Budget Committee received the communications (April 15, 1998) from Councillor Frances Nunziata and (March 26, 1998) from Mr. Steve Tasses, Keele/Eglinton Business Improvement Area.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief Administrative Officer - April 21, 1998)

**(Agenda Item No. 30)**

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Chair.