

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Tuesday, May 26, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, May 26, 1998, in Committee Room A, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present:

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

163. Acquisition of Former Landfill Site owned by The Ministry of Transportation - Ward 16 - Scarborough Highland Creek.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 11, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that on May 6, 1998, the Scarborough Community Council concurred with the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee.

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

- (1) the adoption of the report (February 20, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, recommending that:
 - (a) the City purchase the lands shown on the sketch being Part of Lot 12, Registrar's Compiled Plan 10303, at the price of \$120,605.00, based upon a land area of 4.89 hectares (12.08 acres), with the final price to be adjusted upon completion of a survey plan;
 - (b) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (2) that the land acquisition be financed from Development Charges Reserve Funds.

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(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Director of Budgets - May 27, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 6)

164. Income Sharing Arrangement with the Toronto Parking Authority.

The Budget Committee had before it a joint report (May 14, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the President of the Toronto Parking Authority.

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

- (1) the adoption of the joint report (May 14, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and President, Toronto Parking Authority subject to the income sharing arrangement being approved for one year; and
- (2) that the income sharing arrangement between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Parking Authority be reviewed in one year's time.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, President, Toronto Parking Authority, Director of Budgets - May 27, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 7)

165. Business Improvement Area - Corso Italia.

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 1998) from Councillor Disero forwarding a communication (April 27, 1998) from Rywka Bobrowski, Bobrowski Textiles, requesting release from their obligation with respect to the business improvement area governing Corso Italia and that a careful accounting of the Business Improvement Area be conducted in order to assure that all funds are ethically distributed.

The Budget Committee received the foregoing communication (April 27, 1998) from Rywka Bobrowski, Bobrowski Textiles, and referred the matter to the City Auditor for his consideration.

(City Auditor; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budget Services, Councillor Betty Disero, Davenport - June 1, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 8)

166. Animal Services Budget.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 28, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the sharing of information related to the Animal Services budget.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee:

- (1) received the communication (April 28, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (2) requested that any future communications relating to budget matters marked "Private and Confidential" be provided to the members of the Budget Committee.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets - June 5, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 4)

167. Expediting the Disposal of Property and Reduction of Leased Spaces.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding expediting the disposal of property and reduction of leased space.

A. Councillor Shiner moved that:

- (i) the Corporate Services Committee be requested to inform the Community Councils of the subject properties that are for sale in order that they may address any concerns; and
- (ii) the Executive Director and Chief Planner review the subject properties to ensure that they are zoned appropriately;

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

B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Commissioner of Corporate Services report to the next meeting of the Budget Committee on the saleability of the subject properties and the process to be implemented with regard to the disposition of City-owned lands.

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Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Shiner moved that the Commissioner of Corporate Services report to the next Budget Committee meeting on those properties where the proceeds from the sale of the properties are required to go back to a specific reserve or to be allocated for a specific purpose as a result of previous Council policies
- D. Councillor Kinahan moved that:
 - (i) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Corporate Services Committee as to whether any lands comprising part of the Waterfront Trail, which are to be sold, should be severed first; and
 - (ii) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to expedite the outstanding issues relating to the sale of the property at 1386 The Queensway.

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

- E. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Chief Administrative Officer:
 - (i) report to the next meeting of the Budget Committee:
 - (a) on those properties which the Budget Committee can count on being sold this year and the expected closing date; and
 - (b) as to whether there are any reserves or liens on these properties;
 - (ii) also provide a copy of the aforementioned report to the Corporate Services Committee; and
 - (iii) ensure that Community Councils are informed of the process with respect to the disposal of property.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

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

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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 Shiner, it was carried.

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

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

Councillor Moscoe, North York Spadina, and Councillor Holyday, Markland-Centennial, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Corporate Services Committee, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Executive Director and Chief Planner, Urban Planning and Development Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets - June 2, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 2)

168. Toronto Women's Housing Co-operative.

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (April 14, 1998) from Ms. Beth Wilson, Political and Social Action Committee, Toronto Women's Housing Co-operative, referring communications forwarded to her from residents of the Toronto Women's Housing Co-operative, regarding their opposition to the proposal by the Federal Government to download social and co-op housing.

The Budget Committee received the communications and further advised that the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on March 26 and 27, 1998, considered a report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services which was adopted by City Council on April 16, 1998. (Clause 2 of Report No. 3 of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.)

Ms. Beth Wilson appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Ms. Wilson, Political and Social Action Committee, Toronto Women's Housing Co-operative - June 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 1)

169. 1998 Capital Budgets -Transportation Program.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (May 8, 1998) from the City Clerk wherein City Council on April 29 and 30, 1998 directed that the 1998 Capital Program for Transportation be amended, in principle, by adding funds for a number of projects and that the Budget Committee report to City Council on the source of the additional \$9,103,000.00 for the 1998 Capital Program for Transportation;
- (b) transmittal letter (May 15, 1998) from the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee entitled, "Contract No. T-42-98: Don Valley Parkway Resurfacing at Two Locations" referred to the Budget Committee with the request that it report back to Council with its report on the \$9.1 million Capital Project; and
- (c) report (May 25, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer entitled, "Funding of additional \$9.103 million capital projects approved for Transportation".

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the reports (May 8, 1998) from the City Clerk and (May 25, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, to the next meeting of the Budget Committee pending the further report that was requested regarding monies which will be available from the sale of properties.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the transmittal letter (May 15, 1998) from the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee regarding Contract No. T-42-98, until September 1998.

(Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Corporate Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Interim Functional Lead, Transportation Mr. R. Burlie, Manager of Resurfacing, Transportation Division, Metro Hall, Director of Budget Services - June 5, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 3(a))

170. Toronto Licensing Commission Incremental Legal Costs from Restructuring.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

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- (a) communication (May 8, 1998) forwarded by the City Clerk referring a motion moved by Councillor Moscoe requesting that \$200,000.00 be added to the 1998 Operating Budget for the Toronto Licensing Commission to cover incremental; and
- (b) report (May 25, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the legal costs from the restructuring of the Toronto Licensing Commission.

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 the motion moved by Councillor Moscoe and the report (May 25, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be received.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Toronto Licensing Commission, Director of Budgets - May 27, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 3(b))

171. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Downspout Disconnect Program - Non-Mill Rate Operations - Water.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 8, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding, the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets, wherein City Council on April 29 and 30, 1998 requested the Budget Committee to review the Downspout Disconnect Program, referred to under the subheading "Non-Mill Rate Operations - Water" to ensure that the stated 4000 household objective is achieved and to report back on any internal program budget adjustments which may be necessary.

The Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the next meeting of the Budget Committee on any internal program budget adjustments.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Interim Functional Lead - Water and Wastewater - June 1, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 3(c))

172. 1998 Operating and Capital Budget - Parks and Recreation Program.

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The Budget Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (May 8, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Parks and Recreation Program; and
- (b) (May 25, 1998) from Councillor Joan King, Seneca Heights, regarding funding for the Clydesdale Park Tennis Project.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the following projects listed under the Parks and Recreation Program - Gross Budget Costs, be approved:
 - (a) \$60,000.00 for the New Lit Sports Pad - Grandravine Community Centre - North York (Item No. 606);
 - (b) \$50,000.00 for the Park Restoration and Naturalization - Vyner Greenbelt Phase 2 (Item No. 643);
 - (c) \$100,000.00 for the Don Valley Brick Works (Item No. 45);
 - (d) \$150,000.00 for the Phil White Arena - Lobby (Item No. 906);
 - (e) \$100,000.00 for the Colonel Sam Smith Extension (Item No. 2);
 - (f) \$100,000.00 for the Tennis Courts Convert - Amesbury (Item No. 619); and
 - (g) \$100,000.00 for the Clydesdale Park tennis project (Item No. 613);
- (2) such projects to be funded from the revenue from properties sold in 1998 (\$1.56 million); and
- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report back to the Budget Committee on funding the other supplementary capital items from any parks capital surplus.

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- B. Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report directly to Council with respect to the funding of the parks and recreation requests.
- C. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism provide a priority list of all items relating to the \$1.865 million and a further report on these projects being funded from the surplus of the parks capital budget.

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 C. by Councillor Balkissoon, it was lost.

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

- Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway-Humber;
- Councillor Maria Augimeri, Black Creek;
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina; and
- Councillor Douglas Holyday, Markland-Centennial.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Director of Budgets - May 27, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 3(d))

173. Property Acquisition for Parkland - Canada Lands Company - Ward 13 - Scarborough Bluffs.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 11, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that on May 6, 1998, the Scarborough Community Council concurred with the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee.

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

- (1) the adoption of the report (February 12, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, recommending that:

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- (a) the City purchase the lands shown on the sketch being Part Lot 28, Concession B, City of Scarborough, at the price of \$332,375.00, based upon an area of 1.076 hectares, with the final price to be adjusted upon completion of a survey plan, and the purchase to be conditional upon the soil conditions being found satisfactory;
 - (b) the City enter into a license agreement with Praiser Limited, permitting the existing pipeline crossing the property to remain for a period of ten years;
 - (c) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (2) that the land acquisition be financed from Parkland Acquisition Reserve Funds; and
 - (3) that Commissioner of Corporate Services provide a report to the next Council meeting on June 3, 1998 as to whether the Canada Lands Company has carried out any soil testing on these lands, and if soil tests have been done, that such reports be provided to Council.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Director Budgets - May 27, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 5)

174. Toronto Transit Commission - Procurement of Replacement Subway Cars.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) communication (May 21, 1998) addressed to the City Clerk from the Toronto Transit Commission; and
- (b) report (May 25, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the communication (May 21, 1998) addressed to the City Clerk from the Toronto Transit Commission and the report (May 25, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to financing the 1998 requirement from the Toronto Transit Commission's Capital Project Reserve Fund.

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On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee requested the Toronto Transit Commission to report to the Budget Committee on the automated door system (platform edge doors) as originally proposed for the Shepard Subway line and the cost factor involved.

Mr. Gary Webster, Manager of Operations, Toronto Transit Commission, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, c. General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budget Services - May 27, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 9)

175. Shepard Subway Construction Costs.

The Budget Committee requested the City Auditor to report to the Audit Committee as soon as possible on any construction cost overruns dealing with the Shepard Avenue Subway line.

(City Auditor; c. Audit Committee, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission and Director of Budgets - May 29, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 11)

176. 76 Wychwood Avenue - Wychwood Carhouse - Ward 23 - Midtown.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 25, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee, regarding 76 Wychwood Avenue - Wychwood Carhouse.

The Budget Committee concurred with the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee wherein the Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) embodied in the report (May 22, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services; and
- (2) concurred with Recommendation No. (5) embodied in the aforementioned report.

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(Agenda Item No. 10)

The Budget Committee met **in camera** at 12:05 p.m. to deal with a personnel matter.

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Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Councillor Mario Giansante
Councillor Douglas Holyday

177. OMERS - One Year Contribution Holiday.

It was brought to the attention of the Budget Committee that OMERS is considering the waiving of contributions to this pension for one year.

Mr. Peter Leiss, Local 184, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with this matter.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to provide some options on the one year contribution holiday.

The Budget Committee reconvened in open session with all members in attendance.

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Chair.