

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Tuesday, October 13, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, in Committee Room A, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Regrets: Councillor Balkissoon

271. Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Area (BIA) - 1998 Operating Budget.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (September 21, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Economic Development Committee regarding the subject matter.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that the transmittal letter (September 21, 1998) from the City Clerk be received as information.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Director of Budgets, Ingrid Girduaskas, Coordinator, Business Improvement Areas, Interim Contact, Economic Development Committee - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 5)

272. Corso Italia Business Improvement Area (BIA).

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (September 14, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Audit Committee regarding the subject matter.

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On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that the transmittal letter (September 14, 1998) from the City Clerk be received as information.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Director of Budgets, Tony Veneziano, Senior Audit Manager, Interim Contact, Audit Committee - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 6)

273. Toronto Fire Fighters' Association, Local 113 - Transfer of Ownership of Box 12 Vehicle.

The Budget Committee had before it communication (September 16, 1998) from the 2nd Vice President, Toronto Fire Fighters' Association regarding the Toronto Fire Fighters' Association, Local 113 - Transfer of Ownership of Box 12 Vehicle.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that this matter be referred to the Fire Chief for a report to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Kinahan moved that this matter be referred to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee.

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

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, this matter was re-opened for further consideration.

The Budget Committee recessed at 9:58 a.m., and reconvened at 10.07 a.m.

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On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Budget Committee referred this item to the Fire Chief for further consideration and a report thereon to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee and further requested that the Mayor's office meet with the Toronto Fire Fighters' Association to determine if it can be convinced to keep up the tradition involved with Box 12.

(Mayor Lastman, Fire Chief; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Hugh Doherty, 2nd Vice President, Toronto Fire Fighters' Association, M. Fitzsimmons, President, Local 113, S. Marks, 1st Vice President, Local 113, K. Hamilton, Treasurer, Local 113, Chief Alan Speed, Toronto Fire Services, Deputy Chief Terry Boyko, Toronto Fire Services, Deputy Chief Bill Stewart, Toronto Fire Services, Interim Contact, Emergency and Protective Services Committee - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 7)

274. Road Surface - Islington Avenue Between Bloor Street West and the Queensway.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) transmittal letter (September 23, 1998) from the City Clerk;
- (b) communication (September 8, 1998) addressed to Mr. Bruce Melanson from the Director, Transportation Programming and Policy; and
- (c) communication (July 28, 1998) addressed to the General Manager Transportation Service Division, Works and Emergency Services Department from Mr. Bruce Melanson regarding the road surface on Islington Avenue between Bloor Street and The Queensway.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee received the foregoing as information and recommended they be considered during the 1999 Capital budget deliberations.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore-Queensway, Councillor Kinahan, Lakeshore-Queensway, General Manager, Transportation Services, Mr. Bruce Melanson, Etobicoke, Interim Contact, Etobicoke Community Council - October 15, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 8)

275. People Movers - Exhibition Place.

The Budget Committee had before it a memorandum (September 22, 1998) from the Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place regarding "People Movers".

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place, the Board of Directors for the Toronto Zoo and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to examine the feasibility of purchasing vehicles which could be utilized at the Canadian National Exhibition, the Toronto Zoo and the Toronto Islands; and
- (2) in the event that the five-year capital plan includes the purchase of replacement vehicles; it be ensured that the said vehicles have the capability of operating at any and all of the three identified sites.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Fleet Manager be instructed to coordinate the purchase of vehicles so that the said vehicles can be utilized at all City-owned facilities.
- C. Councillor Kinahan moved that in the event that Toronto Zoo requests the use of additional vehicles on a temporary basis from the City's Parks Division; i.e. Centre Island, that every effort be made by staff to comply with any such request.

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

Mr. Cal White, General Manager, Toronto Zoo, appeared before the Committee in connection with this matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 9)

276. SAP - Implementation of the Integrated Financial Management System - Toronto Police Services Board.

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (October 2, 1998) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board regarding the implementation of the integrated financial management system at the Toronto Police Services Board.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee received as information, the communication (October 2, 1998) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board regarding the implementation of the integrated financial management system at the Toronto Police Services Board and directed that this item be included within the 1999 budget cycle.

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Hugh Moore - Chief Administrative Officer, Frank Chen - Director, Finance & Administration, Larry Stinson - Director, Computing & Telecommunication - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 3)

277. Response to Information Requested about Parking Enforcement Issues and Feasibility of Placing Parking Tag Revenues into a Reserve.

The Budget Committee on October 13, 1998, had before it the following:

- (a) (August 28, 1998) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board entitled, "Response to Information Requested about Parking Enforcement Issues"; and
- (b) (September 18, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, at its meeting on September 8, 1998, received the report (August 28, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the feasibility of placing parking tag revenues into a reserve; and having advised the Budget Committee that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee neither confirms nor refuses the recommendation contained in the conclusions section of said report which reads: "It is therefore not recommended that the parking tag revenues be removed from the corporate revenue stream."

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

- (1) the Chief of Police provide a monthly report on absenteeism through the Police Services Board, to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee and the Budget Committee;

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- (2) the Police Services Board secure full civilianisation of the remaining four parking enforcement officers;
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer report back by the end of 1998 on the feasibility of incorporating parking enforcement and other related parking functions into an authority or department; and
- (4) the parking tag revenues not be removed from the corporate revenue stream.

Councillor Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, Deputy Chief Reesor and Superintendent Gary Beamish appeared before the Committee in connection with this matter.

(Chief Administrative Officer, Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Brian Kerr, Manager of Provincial and Parking Offenses, Finance Department, Frank Chen - Director, Finance & Administration, Larry Stinson - Director, Computing & Telecommunication - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 4)

278. Corporate Leasing Requirements and Strategy.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (October 9, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee relating to the corporate leasing requirements and strategy.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Chow 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) the transmittal letter (October 9, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee be received as information;
- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services provide a three to five-year plan on the reduction and/or consolidation of space to cut costs and that such consolidation not affect direct services;
- (3) a quarterly progress report on the corporate leasing requirements and strategy be provided to the Budget Committee; and

- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer notify the Budget Committee on decisions to lease "General Purpose" office space for periods beyond one year.

(Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer, Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Ingrid Girdauskas, Coordinator, Business Improvement Areas - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 11)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

279. Funding Requirements for City Hall - Council Chamber and Main Committee Room.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (October 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services relating to funding requirements for City Hall Council Chamber and the Main Committee Room.

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

- (1) the report (October 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services be received; and
- (2) funding for the installation of workstations in the renovated City Hall Council Chamber and the reinstallation of an electronic voting system in the main Committee Room be approved with funds to be allocated from the City Hall renovation project's Contingency Fund.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Director, Secretariat, Printing and Distribution, Clerk's Division - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 13)

280. Security Upgrades to Toronto City Hall.

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (1) report (October 8, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services relating to security upgrades to Toronto City Hall; and
- (2) report (September 28, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services relating to security upgrades to Toronto City Hall.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (October 8, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding security upgrades to Toronto City Hall.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Chris Hubbard, Acting Director, Facilities Management - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 14)

281. Social Development Strategy - Elements, Time Lines, Process and Preliminary Budget.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (October 8, 1998) addressed to the Budget Committee from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee embodied in the report (September 24, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the report (September 24, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding the subject matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 15)

282. Toronto City Hall - Accommodation of Press Gallery.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (October 9, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the report (September 28, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding Toronto City Hall - Accommodation of Press Gallery.

- A. Councillor Kinahan moved that the construction of the Press Gallery be approved with funding to be taken from the Transition Reserve Fund.

- B. Councillor Ootes moved that usage of the Press Gallery be provided free of charge to members of the press and media.

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

The Budget Committee also advised Council that it will not be budgeting for any rent to be collected from the Press Gallery.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Ingrid Girdauskas, Coordinator, Business Improvement Areas, Mr. Fred Kuntz, Deputy Managing Editor, Toronto Star - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 16)

283. Wheel-Trans Vehicle Replacement.

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (October 6, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding a communication (September 24, 1998) addressed to the Clerk, City of Toronto from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, along with Report No. 6 of the Toronto Transit Commission regarding Wheel-Trans Vehicle Replacement.

The Budget Committee deferred this item until its next meeting, with a request that the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, provide a joint report providing other financial options to fund the Wheel-Trans Vehicle Replacement project; and further that, due to time restraints, if a special Budget Committee meeting is required to finalize this matter, the said meeting, be at the call of the Chair.

(Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; c. Director of Budgets, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Mr. W. Brown, Chair - TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation, TTC Commissioners: Gary Webster, Vince Rodo, Mike Roche, Shaun Hewitt, Mr. John Di Lallo, Finance Division, Mr. Andres Hachard, Finance Division, Interim Contact, Urban Environment and Development Committee - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 10)

284. Toronto Transit Commission - Sheppard Subway - Bessarion Station.

The Budget Committee had before it communication (October 8, 1998) from the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission relating to the Bessarion Station on the Sheppard Subway.

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

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

- (1) the contract for the construction of the Bessarion Station be approved; and
- (2) the communication (October 8, 1998) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission be considered in conjunction with the report on the Sheppard Subway funding options being provided by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at the October 20, 1998 meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Councillor J. Pantalone, Chair - Urban Environment and Development Committee - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 12)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

285. Investment Losses Resulting from Property Tax Assessment Appeals.

The Budget Committee before it a copy of a communication (October 13, 1998) addressed to Mayor and Members of Council from Councillor Bill Saundercook regarding investment losses resulting from property tax assessment appeals.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Budget Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide a report to the Budget Committee on the concerns outlined in the communication dated October 13, 1998 addressed to Mayor and Members of Council from Councillor Bill Saundercook.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c Chief Administrative Officer, Councillor Saundercook - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 17)

286. Information regarding Vital Services in Rental Residential Properties in the City of Toronto.

The Budget Committee considered a report (August 24, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services submitted to the Urban Environment and Development Committee at its meeting on October 5, 1998 regarding Vital Services in Rental Residential Properties in the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide a report directly to Council at its meeting on October 28, 1998 if there are any cost implications involved should a Vital Services By-law be enacted.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Budgets, Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, Interim Contact, Urban Environment and Development Committee - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 18)

287. Funding Sources to Offset the Financial Impact of the 1998 Toronto Police Association Contract Settlement.

The Budget Committee on October 13, 1998, had before it a report (August 28, 1998) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board entitled, "Funding Sources to Offset the Financial Impact of the 1998 Toronto Police Association Contract Settlement".

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the recommendation contained in the report (August 28, 1998) from the Toronto Police Services Board regarding the subject matter and requested the City Solicitor to provide a report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee meeting on October 20, 1998 on the authority of OMERS to retain surplus funds.

Councillor Norm Gardner, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board appeared before the Committee in connection with this matter.

(City Solicitor, Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Director of Budgets, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board - October 13, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 2)

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- 288.** The Budget Committee met in camera to consider a matter, the subject of which deals with employee negotiations.

The Budget Committee adjourned its private meeting and immediately reconvened in public session.

The Budget Committee forwarded a Confidential motion by Councillor Jakobek to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration with abovementioned report from the Toronto Police Services Board on "Funding Sources to Offset the Financial Impact of the 1998 Toronto Police Association Contract Settlement".

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(Agenda Item No. 2a)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Chair.