

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Wednesday, November 11, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Wednesday, November 11, 1998, in Committee Room A, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 2:15 p.m.

Members Present:

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

The following Members of Council were also in attendance:

Councillor Berardinetti;
Councillor Bossons;
Councillor Cho;
Councillor Moeser;
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Pantalone

303. Preliminary Capital Financing Plan

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 11, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer proposing a preliminary capital financing plan for the 1999 - 2003 capital program.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer gave a presentation to the members of the Budget Committee on the proposed financing plan.

304. Y2K Project

A update on the Y2K Project was provided by the Chief Administrative Officer.

The Budget Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report to the November 13, 1998 meeting on the feasibility of Council being requested to authorize the Director of the Year 2000 Project to report on a regular basis to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on the compliance of all the Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

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305. Corporate Services - Facilities Management

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 5, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program.

On motion by Councillor Chow the energy retrofit program was approved subject to a report being received by the Budget Committee providing a cost benefit analysis of the program.

(Agenda Item No. 1)

306. Corporate Services - Clerk's Division

Records and Archives

The Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to approach TEDCO to construct the records storage facility and provide Corporate Services with a lease back option.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to ensure that the Toronto Police and the Toronto Transit Commission budget relating to storage facilities actual is incorporated into the Records and Archives storage area.

Elections

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 4, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval the project (Election 2000) and cash flow for 1999.

(Agenda Item No. 2)

307. Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - Parks and Recreation

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it the following:

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- (a) report (November 6, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program;
- (b) communication (September 23, 1998) from the Principal, St. Alphonsus Catholic School regarding the allocation of 1998/1999 budget monies for the Playground Renewal Project; and
- (c) transmittal letter (May 29, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the York Community Council regarding the Proposed Renovations to Playgrounds at St. John Bosco Elementary School and St. Nicholas of Bari Elementary School.

The Budget Committee requested:

- (a) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report:
 - (i) back to the Budget Committee on those projects which were deferred from last year;
 - (ii) on the net funding for the Waterfront Trail, Powerhouse and Lower Don Trail; and
 - (iii) back in the 1999 capital budget cycle as to whether there is enough information on the St. James Town Project to determine if it can be included in the five year capital plan.
- (b) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report on the replacement/renovation of recreation centres and in particular the McCormick Recreation Centre.

(Agenda Item No. 3)

308. Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - Arts, Culture and Heritage

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 6, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget committee requested that consideration be given to spreading the funding for the Blue Barracks Project over two years (50 percent in 1998 and 50 percent in 1999).

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Committee requested that a report be brought back by the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to the Budget Committee during the Operating Budget deliberations on the replacement of uniforms for the soldiers at the Barracks.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee recommended that the funding for the Lakeshore Assembly Hall be spread over two years.

(Agenda Item No. 4)

309. Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - Economic Development

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 6, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee recommended that the disbursement of funding for the BIA Program be revisited noting that all BIAs should be treated fairly and equally with funding being limited to the 1998 level and that some form of priority be given over streets where there are no BIAs.

On a motion by Councillor Chow, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer was requested to provide a report on the restoration of \$480,000.00 for the commercial facade improvement plan.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Agenda Item No. 5)

310. Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - Exhibition Place

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (November 6, 1998 - amended November 10, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program; and
- (b) communication (November 10, 1998) from the Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place, requesting that \$2,000,000.00 of the approved budget be carried forward for the demolition/reparation of the Exhibition Place Stadium site.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee noted that in the event that there are funds available from the Stadium reserve that %400,000.00 be allocated for the necessary work on the Food Building.

(Agenda Item No. 6)

311. Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - Toronto Zoo

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 4, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program.

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

The Budget Committee requested:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer to review the proposed Revenue Enhancement Development Plan; and
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer on the rationalization of the Zoo transportation system improvements and the funding of same (\$1.1 million from reserve and the remaining funding being spread over a period of three years).

(Agenda Item No. 7)

312. Toronto Region Conservation Authority

In considering this matter, the Budget Committee had before it a report (November 4, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently faced by the program.

The Budget Committee received the report (November 4, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Agenda Item No. 8)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:45 p.m.