

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Tuesday, December 15, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, in Committee Rooms 308/309, 3rd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 2:10 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 Flint
Councillor Jones
Councillor McConnell; and
Councillor Pantalone

392. Physician Complement of Public Health

The Budget Committee had before it a joint report (December 11, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding the physician complement of Public Health recommending that the report (December 11, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services outlining the revised organizational structure for Toronto Public Health with respect to the Associate Medical Officer of Health positions be received and referred to the Corporate Services Committee's Personnel Sub-committee for information.

The Budget Committee received the report (December 11, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer as information and deferred the matter of hiring any dentists until a further report on the structure has been received by the Budget Committee at its February 19, 1999 meeting.

(Agenda Item No. 1)

393. 1999 Final Capital Budget Review - Corporate Services

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding the Corporate Services 1999 Capital Program Submission recommending that the report (December 12), 1998) entitled, "Corporate Services 1999 Capital Program Submission" responding to a request made at the November 11, 1998 Budget Committee meeting, to report back on the breakdown of the 1998 approved capital budget by program area, be received for information only;
- (b) report (December 11, 1998) from Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding the Casa Loma Restoration Project recommending that:
 - (1) the facilities and Real Estate Division of Corporate Services receive prior approval in the amount of \$100,000.00 from its 1999 Capital Budget for the restoration work at Casa Loma; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be given authority to give effect to the above;
- (c) a transmittal letter (December 7, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding the 1999 - 2003 Capital Budget Review recommending from its meeting on December 7, 1998 that:
 - (1) all Clerk's Transition projects previously submitted and approved by Council in July, 1998, be approved;
 - (2) Project CLK 06, consolidated Records Storage Centre, previously submitted and approved by Council in July, 1998, be approved at a cost of \$1,659,000.00, with a 1999 cash flow requirement of \$1,286,000.00, subject to a further report from the City Clerk and Real Estate on the lease proposal;
 - (3) Project CLK 07, Election 2000 - Hardware/Software support system, be approved at a cost of \$950,000.00, with a 1999 cash flow requirement of \$650,000.00, subject to a further report from the City Clerk to the Budget Committee on a recommended system;
 - (4) the Clerk's Capital Works Program, consisting of the Voting and Vote Tabulation system be approved as recommended, subject to a full report to Council on the Election 2000 process;

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- (5) the funding identified for repairs to Casa Loma, Facilities Management, Project No. 807 - Casa Loma - Major Capital Repairs, be doubled to an amount of \$2.0 million this year; and
- (6) the Facilities Management Capital Program be approved as recommended; and

also reporting, for the information of the Budget Committee, having requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to the Budget Committee for its meeting scheduled to be held on December 15, 1998, (and the Corporate Services Committee for information):

- (i) as to what the added value of starting the \$2.0 million a year funding would be respecting the above-mentioned Recommendation No. (5) and what the downside risk of not doing so would be; and
 - (ii) providing a list of projects which are absolutely critical, being defined as being projects that would begin to lose money after a defined period of time; e.g., five years, if the investment of funds is not made and to provide a business plan for each project; and
- (d) report (December 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services regarding the Corporate Services 1999 Capital Program Submission recommending that the joint report (December 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, responding to a request made at the meeting of the Budget Committee on November 11, 1998 for additional information regarding the request for funds to undertake energy retrofits in City facilities, be received for information and considered in the context of the 1999 Capital Budget submission.

The Budget Committee:

- (a) adopted Recommendations Nos. (1) to (4) of the Corporate Services Committee relating to the Clerk's Capital Budget as contained in the transmittal letter (December 7, 1998) from the City Clerk;
- (b) adopted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Corporate Services as contained in the report (December 11, 1998) that the Facilities and Real Estate Division of Corporate Services receive prior approval in the amount of \$100,000.00 from its 1999 Capital Budget for the restoration work at Casa Loma;

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- (c) deferred Project No.804 - St. Lawrence Market Square - Replacement of Stairs;
- (d) approved Project No. 808 - Interior/Exterior Protective Repairs in the amount of \$110,000.00;
- (e) approved the Barrier Free Access project subject to funds being provided from the Accessibility Account;
- (f) approved the window portion of Project No. 816 in the amount of \$65,000.00 and deferred the balance of the project; and
- (g) approved as a one time only cost, funding for the security system at City Hall.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee noted that the figures applied to Civic and Office Space Consolidation and the City Hall Renovations are not fixed numbers and are subject to review by the Budget Committee.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to submit a report to Council indicating how much has been spent on the Casa Loma project and how much needs to be spent in the future.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to investigate whether there is sufficient funding available in TAF (Toronto Atmospheric Fund) to fund the cost of the energy retrofits.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended that as departments are restructured and employees moved into Scarborough Civic Centre, that the carpet (Project No.700) be replaced as the moves occur and/or in public areas where risks of injury are apparent.

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee deferred Project No.810 - City Hall - Ceremonial Walk and requested a report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services in one year's time on the City Hall Square.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee requested that the Commissioner of Corporate Services report back to the Budget Committee on the feasibility of making the Council Chambers accessible without the use of an elevator.

(Agenda Items No. 2(a), 2(b), 3, 4 and 4(a))

394. Year 2000

The Budget Committee requested that a report be submitted to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee at its first meeting in January, 1999 providing an accounting of the monies expended to date on the Y2K project.

(Agenda Item No. 5)

395. Transition Funding Business Case for Labour Relations Data Base

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

(Agenda Item No. 6)

396. 1999 Final Capital Budget Review - Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) communication (December 15, 1998) from Councillor Judy Sgro, submitting a communication (November 25, 1998) from Mr. Vincent Baldassarra, Vice President and Member of the Steering Committee for the Humberlea Community Ratepayers Group Inc.;
- (a) report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism regarding responses to questions raised by the Budget Committee relating to the departmental 1999-2003 Capital Works Program and recommending that the report responding to questions raised by members of the Budget Committee during the November 11, 1998 presentation of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department's 1999-2003 Capital Works

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Programs, be received as input in the Budget Committee's review and consideration of the 1999-2003 Capital Works Program;

- (b) report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism entitled, "1999-2003 Capital Program - Reports Requested by Community Councils as Part of the Budget Review Process"; and
- (c) transmittal letter (December 14, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the following recommendations of the Economic Development Committee:
 - (1) City Council deem that physical improvements within the City's Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) are in the City's best interests in developing its economic, cultural and tourism objectives;
 - (2) City Council support the former City of Toronto Council's practice of cost-shared capital funding for improving the City's commercial streets within BIAs for special streetscape improvements on a 50:50 basis;
 - (3) City Council increase the Chief Administrative Officer's 1999 funding recommendations for BIAs capital cost-shared projects by \$196,850.00 (net) in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department's Capital Budget;
 - (4) all public proposals and policies to be considered by City Council within the BIAs be reviewed by the local BIAs and/or the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA) so as to provide community input on such proposals and policies;
 - (5) TABIA be included in the development of any future cost-shared program proposals with other levels of Government for improving the streetscape within BIAs;
 - (6) \$50,000.00 be approved for environmental testing and preliminary design work for the St. James Town Community Centre and that this amount be reimbursed fully from the Section 37 funding source;
 - (7) \$350,000.00.00 for design fees for the St. James Town Community Centre be approved and that this money be spent when Section 37 funding has been received;

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- (8) the \$270,000.00 funding for industrial and commercial revitalization areas be reinstated in the 1999 Capital Budget for Economic Development, that \$159,000.00 of this funding be designated for the Black Creek Business Revitalization Program; and

reporting for the information of the Budget Committee, having requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to:

- (i) report directly to the Budget Committee on the implications and benefits of the reinstatement of funding as outlined in the foregoing Recommendation No. (8); and
 - (ii) give a comprehensive presentation to a future meeting of the Economic Development Committee on the role of BIAs and their programs;
- (d) communication (December 11, 1998) from Moffat Kinoshita Architects addressed to Councillor Elizabeth Brown, outlining the need and estimated cost of a Feasibility Study for a Performing Arts Centre in the former City of Etobicoke and seeking authorization for such facility;
- (e) report (December 3, 1998) from the Acting Managing Director, Heritage Toronto, entitled, "Restoration of Fort York: Report back to the Budget Committee on 1999 Funding of \$400,000.00 for the first part of a two year restoration of the Blue Barracks" recommending that:
- (1) the Budget Committee approve funding of \$950,000.00 for the restoration of the Blue Barracks at Historic Fort York funded over two years; \$400,000.00 in 1999, and \$550,000.00 in 2000;
 - (2) the project will be tendered as one package with the cash flow distributed over two years, 1999 and 2000;
 - (3) the funding be from the 1999 and 2000 City of Toronto Capital Budget;
- (f) report (December 2, 1998) from the Acting Managing Director, Heritage Toronto entitled, "Stanley Barracks, Exhibition Place: Plans for the Transfer of operational jurisdiction from Heritage Toronto to Exhibition Place (Preliminary Report)" recommending that:
- (1) the Budget Committee receive for information this preliminary report on the transfer of operational jurisdiction for Stanley Barracks from Heritage

Toronto (Toronto Historical Board) to the Exhibition Place Board of Governors;

- (2) staff of Heritage Toronto, the Canadian National Exhibition, and appropriate City Departments continue to develop detailed plans for the orderly transition of operational responsibility;
- (3) as a transitional measure Heritage Toronto and the Canadian National Exhibition develop and implement an interim arrangement for shared use of the facility, including use of premises, rental costs and revenues, while the details of the transfer are arranged; and
- (4) a detailed report on implementation of the transfer, prepared jointly by Heritage Toronto and the Canadian National Exhibition, be provided to the Budget Committee by June 30, 1999.

Parks and Recreation

The Budget Committee approved:

- (1) \$50,000.00 for Project No. 20 for the Kiwanis Pool upgrade and requested that the future operating implications of staffing and maintaining a tube water slide at the Kiwanis Pool be considered within the context of the Department's 1999 Operating Budget;
- (2) \$50,000.00 for Project No. 11 - York Mills Baseball Diamond, subject to a cost sharing arrangement with B'Nai Brith.

Lucy Trojanowski and Midori Schroeder (co-chairs of the Children and Youth Action Committee meeting held on December 15, 1998) appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the \$50,000.00 upgrade for the Kiwanis Pool.

St. James Town Community Centre - Project No. 7

- A. Councillor Chow moved that the following Recommendations Nos. (6) and (7) as contained in the transmittal letter (December 14, 1998) from the City Clerk be adopted:
 - (6) that \$50,000.00 be approved for environmental testing and preliminary design work for the St. James Town Community Centre and that this amount be reimbursed fully from the Section 37 funding source; and

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- (7) that \$350,000.00 for design fees for the St. James Town Community Centre be approved and that this money be spent when Section 37 funding has been received; and

notwithstanding the above, construction of any new major recreation centres or community centres should not occur until Council has confirmed priorities for such facilities based on city-wide criteria, which will be the subject of a report from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism in 1999.

- B. Councillor Kinahan moved in amendment to motion A. by Councillor Chow that any preliminary design work, testing, etc., not affect the priority listing of facilities.
- C. Councillor Kinahan moved that this matter be deferred until such time as the five year capital plan has been brought forward.

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

Don Russel Park - New Parking Lot

- A. Councillor Shiner moved that this item be deferred and considered as a high priority item in 2000.

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

The Budget Committee approved this project.

St. Basil's Community Centre

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee recommended that the line item for this project be carried over to 1999 and earmarked for St. Basil's and that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism contact the Boards of Education to determine their interest in this project and report back to the Budget Committee in January 1999 on whether the Boards of Education are willing to be involved.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back to the Budget Committee on the feasibility of another facility in the community should the School Boards not be willing to go ahead with the St. Basil's project.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

State of Good Repair

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back to the Budget Committee on the possibility of implementing development charges and the financial implications involved.

Chinese Garden

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the budget documents be amended to increase the allotment of \$3.1 million gross, \$0 net, for the Chinese Garden subject to funding being received from outside sources.

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

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Economic Development

The Budget Committee approved:

- (1) Project No. 004 - Industrial Area Revitalization for 1999;
- (2) Project No. 002 - BIA's; and requested staff to locate the request from the Pearl Street Business Association, include the funding in the budget and provide a report to the December 18, 1998 Budget Committee meeting (or the January, 1999 Budget Committee meeting) on this matter; and
- (3) \$280,000.00 being transferred from the 1999 Operating Budget to the Capital Budget for the Commercial Facade Improvement Project.

Arts, Culture and Heritage

The Budget Committee deferred:

- (1) the request from Etobicoke Community Council for \$50,000.00 for Public Art Acquisition until such time as a City-wide policy on art acquisition has been established;
- (2) the request from York Community Council relating to Art Space until such time as a City-wide policy has been established;
- (3) the Don Valley Brickworks project for consideration in the five year capital plan; and
- (4) the Monument Restoration project for consideration in the five year capital plan.

(Agenda Item No. 7)

397. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

There were no outstanding issues with respect to the Conservation Authority.

(Agenda Item No. 11)

398. Toronto Zoo

The Budget Committee had before it a report (December 7, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the Toronto Zoo, 1999-2003 Capital Works Program recommending that:

- (1) the revised 1999 - 20003 Capital Works program for the Toronto Zoo of \$30,565,000.00 in Gross expenditures as outlined in Appendix 'A' attached to the report be received;
- (2) the 1999 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo consisting of seven projects as recommended in Appendix 'A' totalling gross expenditures of \$5,589,000.00 (1999 net expenditures - \$3,848,000.00) and 2000 gross expenditures of \$2,639,000.00 (net expenditures - \$2,421,000.00) be approved;
- (3) the Zoo's request for an additional \$180,000.00 for 1999 for the "Exhibit Refurbishment" Project for the "Proboscis Monkeys" be approved and that funding for the same be provided from the Zoo's Stabilization Reserve;

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- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended funding of \$25,000.00 for Pre-engineering be increased by \$20,000.00 for a revised recommended total of \$45,000.00 to provide funding for additional feasibility studies and research visits;
- (5) the 2000 and 2001 phases of the "Ride and Revenue Development" Project be considered, reviewed and recommended, as deemed appropriate by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Budget Committee, in the years in which the expenditures are planned; and
- (6) Toronto Zoo, in conjunction with the Zoological Society, expand their fund-raising efforts to identify additional funding sources, including Federal, Provincial and corporate funding to finance projects such as The Canadian Domain. Further, the Zoo report back to the Budget Committee on the potential results of the fund-raising effort in conjunction with the Capital Works Program for 2000-2004.

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

The Budget Committee recommended approval of the 'Ride and Revenue' Development Project - Project No. 18.

(Agenda Item No. 12)

399. Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO)

The Budget Committee had before it a report (November 17, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer presenting a five-year (1999-2003) Capital Works program for \$39.5 million gross and recommending for approval projects and cash flow for 1999. The report also summarizes the various issues and challenges currently facing the program.

The Budget Committee received the report (November 17, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Agenda Item No. 13)

400. Toronto Harbour Commission

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee requested that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report back to the Budget Committee if there is a

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need to engage the services of independent consultants to report on the Toronto City Centre Airport Business Plan 1998.

(Agenda Item No. 14)

401. Exhibition Place

Councillor Pantalone advised Members of the Budget Committee that the funds required for the work to be carried out on the Food Building would be taken from the Stadium Reserve Fund.

(Agenda Item No. 15)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chair.