

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, April 14, 1998**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Lastman, Chair  
Councillor Berardinetti  
Councillor Berger  
Councillor Brown  
Councillor Chong  
Councillor Disero  
Councillor Fotinos  
Councillor Jakobek  
Councillor O'Brien  
Councillor Ootes  
Councillor Pantalone  
Councillor Prue  
Councillor Rae  
Councillor Saundercook

Also Present:

Councillor Chow  
Councillor Holyday  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor King  
Councillor Lindsay Luby  
Councillor Mahood  
Councillor Shiner  
Councillor Walker

**86. 1998 Revised Capital and Operating Budget Estimates**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 9, 1998) from the City Clerk, forwarding the 1998 Revised Capital and Operating Budget Estimates from the Budget Committee meetings of March 30 and 31, and April 2 and 3, 1998.

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee forwarded copies of the 1998 Revised Capital and Operating Budget Estimates to all Members of Council for information while hearing depositions at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 14 and 15, 1998.

Councillor Pantalone declared an interest in the Daycare component of the Budget and stated that the general nature of his interest is that he has two children in daycare.

Councillor Fontinos declared an interest in the Daycare component of the Budget and stated that the general nature of his interest is that his mother is a daycare provider.

**(Report No. 5, Clause 5(a))**

**87. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets and 1998 Sinking Fund Surplus and Annual Sinking Fund Levies for 1998**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 9, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the following:

- (1) all Capital projects previously approved and which are proceeding in 1998 be included in the 1998 Capital Budget document;
- (2) those Capital projects which have been approved and are not proceeding in 1998 but need to be carried out, be listed in the 1998 Capital Budget and the monies held;
- (3) those Capital projects which have been approved and are not proceeding in 1998 and will not be completed within a reasonable period of time, be shown as cancelled and funds be placed back into the general budget;
- (4) any funds which may become available from completed capital projects be included in the quarterly variance reports being submitted to the Budget Committee; and
- (5) the recommendations contained in the report (March 27, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding 1997 Sinking Fund Surplus and Annual Sinking Fund Levies for 1998, be adopted.

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee submitted the foregoing to Council, without recommendation, for consideration at its meeting on April 28, 1998.

**(Report No. 5, Clause 5(b))**

**88. Award of Contract for the Construction of the Toronto Police Service Forensic Examination Centre**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 8, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, wherein it recommended that the report (February 27, 1998) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board be adopted, as follows:

- (1) the approval of the construction award for the Toronto Police Service Forensic Examination Centre to Atlas Corporation at a cost of \$5,070,000.00 and that the funds be provided from the Toronto Police Services Board's 1996-2000 Capital Budget; and
- (2) that this report be forwarded to the next meeting of Council for approval.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee submitted this matter to Council, without recommendation.

**(Report No. 5, Clause 1)**

**89. 1998 Interim Capital Budget - Capital Projects Requiring Urgent Financing Approval**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 9, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, that interim funding for the City-wide Watermain Relining and Replacement Projects in the amount of \$6,950,000.00 be approved and considered by Council at its next meeting scheduled for April 16, 1998.

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee submitted this matter to Council, without recommendation.

**(Report No. 5, Clause 2)**

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

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 14, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee as a result of its meeting held during the morning of April 14, 1998, regarding financial support to the Caribbean Cultural Committee and Caribana.

On motion by Councillor O' Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) referred the following Recommendation contained in the report (April 14, 1998) from the City Clerk, Municipal Grants Review Committee to the Toronto Police Services Board, for report back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

“That the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to report to Council on April 28, 1998, on why Paid Duty Officers have to be paid up front in cash for Caribana.”

- (2) referred the following Recommendation contained in the report (April 14, 1998) from the City Clerk, Municipal Grants Review Committee to Tourism Toronto, and other affected associations, for report back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on the Room Surcharge fee and/or tax:

“That Council request Tourism Toronto to urge the hotel industry to establish a room surcharge fee for

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the Caribbean Cultural Committee  
and to replenish its own grant from  
the City of Toronto.”

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, staff were  
directed to revised the report to clearly set out the  
recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review  
Committee, and submit the revised report to  
Council without recommendation.

**(Report No. 5, Clause 3)**

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Executive Secretary, Tourism Toronto - April  
22, 1998)

**91. Funding Eviction Prevention Strategies**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April  
14, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and  
Priorities Committee, and Council, that the report (April 9, 1998) from the Commissioner  
of Community and Neighbourhood Services, recommending the following be adopted:

- (1) funds be allocated for an amount no greater than \$55,000.00 to support programs  
that deal with eviction prevention;
- (2) upon approval of the funds, staff be directed to implement a purchase of service  
process through which community agencies can submit proposals for eviction  
prevention programs; and,
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary  
action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic  
Policies and Priorities Committee submitted this  
matter to Council, without recommendation.

**(Report No. 5, Clause 4)**

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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Chair.