

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, December 15, 1998

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

362. Final Report - Task Force On Community Access And Equity

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 14, 1998) from the Task Force on Community Access and Equity, advising that the Final Report will be submitted to the January 1999 meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received this report for information.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(a))

363. Sulphur In Fuels - Toronto's Fuels Purchase Program

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (November 16, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Corporate Services Committee on November 9, 1998:

- (1) submitted the communication (October 19, 1998) from the City Clerk respecting Sulphur in Fuels, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, without recommendation; and
- (2) reported having forwarded a copy thereof to the Economic Development Committee for consideration and report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a copy of the article, titled "On the road to cleaner gasoline", from the Toronto Star dated October 26, 1998.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Economic Development Committee contained in the report (December 14, 1998) from the City Clerk which recommends that the joint report (October 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, the Medical Officer of health and the Director, Fleet Management Services, appended to the communication (October 19, 1998) from the City Clerk, be adopted.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 4)

364. City Of Toronto Grants Policy

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting of October 26, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (September 16, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services which recommended that:

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- (1) the City of Toronto Grants Policy be adopted as presented in Appendix 1;
- (2) the Anti-Racism, Access and Equity Policy Guidelines be adopted as presented in Appendix 2;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the appropriate officials, be directed to prepare the administrative guidelines described under Section XVI of the proposed policy for the review of the Municipal Grants Review Committee at its October meeting; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Stacey Papernick, Volunteer Board Member, The AIDS Committee of Toronto;
- Ms. Joan Anderson, Board Member, The AIDS Committee of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the communication (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 5)

365. Contingency Grants Allocation

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 21, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting on November 20, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (November 19, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the final set of 1998 Contingency Grants allocation, in which it recommended that:

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- (1) funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 per agency be restored to Cabbagetown Youth Centre, Central Neighbourhood House, St. Christopher House, St. Stephen's Community Centre, and University Settlement House;
- (2) a one time allocation of \$6,145.54 be made to the Company of Ocean Venturers Incorporated;
- (3) the National Broadcast Reading Service Inc. not receive funding under the contingency grant program as it does not meet the program criteria;
- (4) the grants contingency not be used to make donations and, therefore, a \$5,000.00 donation to "Jesse's Journey" not be made from the grants contingency; and
- (5) 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 recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the communication (November 21, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 6)

366. Community Services Grants Program - 1998 Reallocation Of Funds

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting on November 20, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (November 2, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in which it recommended that:

- (1) the reallocation of \$20,000.00 under the 1998 C.S.G.P. to: Macaulay Child Development Centre (\$14,500.00); and Welcome Baby Support Program for Etobicoke (\$5,500.00) be approved;

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- (2) the allocation of \$10,000.00 to the Woman Abuse Council of Toronto be approved; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the communication (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 7)

367. Emergency Support Fund - Winter Allocation Recommendations

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting on November 20, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (November 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in which it recommended that:

- (1) the attached allocations totalling \$264,352.00 for agencies described in Appendix A be approved;
- (2) the outstanding agency requests for Emergency Support funding be referred to the United Way for consideration under the enhanced Winter Relief program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the

communication (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 8)

368. The Toronto Heritage Fund Grants Program

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting on November 20, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the following Recommendations Nos. (1) to (5) contained in the report (November 4, 1998) from the Managing Director, Toronto Historical Board:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Heritage Fund grants program be expanded to cover the entire City of Toronto;
- (2) Heritage Toronto continue to administer and manage the Toronto Heritage Fund grants program on behalf of the City of Toronto;
- (3) Heritage Toronto, or its successor, report back to Council in one year with a review of the program and an appropriate long-term strategy for managing the Fund;
- (4) applications be reviewed on a competition basis; and
- (5) a representative of each former municipality be invited to participate in a cross-jurisdictional review committee.”

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the following communication (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk subject to amending Recommendation (2) by adding the words “or its successor” after the words “Heritage Toronto” so as to read:

- “(2) Heritage Toronto, or its successor, continue to administer and manage the Toronto Heritage Fund grants program on behalf of the City of Toronto;”

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 9)

369. External Legal Firms Retained For Insurance Claim Defence

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and advising that the Budget Committee received for information the report (October 16, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(b))

370. Reinvestment Of Animal Licensing And Registration Fees

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that the following recommendations of the Board of Health contained in the transmittal letter (October 19, 1998) from the City Clerk, be considered as part of the Budget Committee deliberations on the 1999 Operating Budget:

“The Board of Health recommends to the Budget Committee that:

- (1) current licensing revenues continue to be utilized to defray operating expenses; and
- (2) any additional licensing and registration revenues be used to fund retroactive program initiatives, subject to the review and the resolution of these and other amalgamation-related issues.”

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On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (c))

371. Public Health - Site Rationalization

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and recommending that the following action taken by the Board of Health as contained in the transmittal letter (October 16, 1998) from the City Clerk, be received for information:

“The Board of Health recommends to the Budget Committee that the Budget Committee and the Commissioner of Corporate Services give high priority to site rationalization because of the potential cost saving benefits inherent therein.”

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adopted the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (d))

372. Update On Consulting Assistance For Amalgamation

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the following action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and advising that the Budget Committee:

- (1) received as information the report (September 29, 1998) from the Executive Director, Human Resources and Amalgamation;

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- (2) requested Local 79 to forward a letter to the Budget Committee outlining its concerns in detail; and
- (3) recommended that this matter be considered further at the meeting of the Budget Committee scheduled for December 8, 1998, and that it be listed as a deputation item.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received for information the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (e))

373. 1998 Wheel-Trans Budget - Update

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that the Toronto Transit Commission Report No. 15 entitled, "1998 Wheel-trans Budget - Update" from the meeting of the Toronto Transit Committee on November 4, 1998, be received and considered as part of the Budget Committee deliberations on the 1999 Operating Budget.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adopted the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (f))

374. Current Value Assessment - Tax Capping

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, advising that the Budget Committee received for information the communication (September 30, 1998) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, and the report (November 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (g))

375. Swipe Card Technology

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, advising that the Budget Committee received for information the communication (October 26, 1998) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Committee received the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (h))

376. Yards Rationalization Study

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending that:

- (1) the report (November 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services be received for information; and
- (2) the Yards Rationalization Study be completed either in or before June, 1999.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the recommendations of the Budget Committee, contained in the report (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk, to appropriate Commissioners with a request that they report

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to the Works and Utilities Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Urban Environment and Development Committee as appropriate in January 1999 on the impact of the closure of the yard locations, and that these Committees report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

The following motion was placed but not voted upon as it was determined redundant:

By Councillor O'Brien:

That Recommendation No. (2) of the Budget Committee of November 8, 1998, be amended to read:

“(2) the Yards Rationalization Study be awarded to Cole Sherman as recommended by the review team, and that the Study be completed either in or before June, 1999, and that the request for a further report on the selection of consultants be deleted.”

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (i))

(Letter to Commissioner Of Works & Emergency Services; Commissioner Of Economic Development, Culture & Tourism; Commissioner Of Corporate Services, Commissioner Of Urban Planning And Development; Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer; cc: Works and Utilities Committee; Economic Development Committee; Urban Environment and Development Committee; Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; Budget Committee - December 22, 1998)

377. Child Care Expansion - City's Cost Sharing Request To The Ministry Of Community And Social Services

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and advising that the communication (October 8, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services was received for information.

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Councillor Ashton declared his interest in this matter in that his daughter is registered in a not-for-profit daycare centre.

Councillor Pantalone declared his interest in this matter in that his two children are registered in a not-for-profit daycare centre.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (j))

378. Ontario Municipal Board Hearings

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending the adoption of the following recommendations embodied in the report (August 25, 1998) from the City Solicitor, subject to the following amendment to Recommendation No. 3:

“in the event that Council directs the hiring of an outside planner, the necessary funding be taken from the department's contingency.”

and:

- (1) the City Solicitor be given standing instructions to attend all Ontario Municipal Board hearings in support of Council's decisions on planning matters such as Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-laws, plans of subdivision and condominium and site plan unless otherwise instructed by Council;
- (2) the City Solicitor attend at Ontario Municipal Board hearings with respect to appeals from Committee of Adjustment decisions and severance decisions only pursuant to Council's direction to attend;
- (3) where Council's position is not supported by the Executive Director and Chief Planner of City Planning, Council expressly direct the City Solicitor to retain external consultants as may be required, on a case-by-case basis,

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with the monies to be made available from the Corporate Contingency Account; and

- (4) this report be forwarded to the Community Councils for their information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred this matter to the City Solicitor, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Chief Planner with a request that they report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (k))

(Letter to City Solicitor; Chief Financial Officer And Treasurer; Chief Planner; cc: Budget Committee - December 17, 1998)

379. Keele Valley Landfill Site - Filling Options

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending that financial implications and costs be considered during the Budget Committee deliberations on the 1999 Operating Budget.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the confidential transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk, submitting confidential recommendation of the Budget Committee at its meeting on December 8, 1998.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) adopted the report (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) adopted, as amended, the recommendation of the Budget Committee contained in the confidential communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk addressed to the

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Works and Utilities Committee and forwarded notice of its action to the Works and Utilities Committee for its Special Meeting on December 16, 1998.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (1))

(Confidential Letter to Works and Utilities Committee - December 15, 1998)

380. Toronto Zoo - 1998 Operating Budget Variance Report And Contingency Request

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending that:

- (1) the communication (October 27, 1998) from the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Zoo be received as information;
- (2) consideration of the request that the additional net program expenditure amount of \$750,000.00 above the approved budget amount of \$6,975,000.00 be funded from the City Contingency Account, be deferred to the end of 1998; and
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer provide a cash flow to allow the Toronto Zoo to meet its operating expenditure requirements.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 10)

381. Replacement Of Police Vehicles

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending the adoption of the report (October 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services which recommends that:

- (1) the purchase of 146 cars for the Toronto Police Service be approved;
- (2) funds in the amount of \$3,815,000 be approved from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve, for this purpose; and
- (3) proceeds from the disposal of the surplus units be deposited to the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council:

- (1) the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk;
- (2) that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report to Council, during its consideration of the 1999 Operating Budget, on the issue of these types of reserve funds and how they should be used in the future, including contributions from the City's Departments, and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to forward to Council for its December 16, 1998 meeting, a copy of the report which was previously before the Budget Committee relating to the Police Services Board's vehicle replacement policy.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 11)

(Letter to Commissioner of Corporate Services - December 16, 1998)

382. Eatonville Library

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending that the Toronto Public Library be authorized to proceed with the engineering design work for the Eatonville Library, funds for which have been provided in the 1999 Library Capital Budget.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 12)

383. Survey Of Single Parents

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending that the recommendation of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, to adopt the report (October 19, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be considered as part of the Budget Committee deliberations on the 1999 Operating Budget.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adopted the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (m))

384. City Hall Renovations

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council and recommending that:

- (1) no part of the organization be allowed to purchase furniture for at least one year until a complete review of the furniture situation has been conducted, unless such furniture is required to accommodate the needs of a physically challenged person;
- (2) the staff practice of not moving furniture between buildings and offices be suspended;
- (3) staff conduct a facilities review of each floor in Toronto City Hall and only where it is absolutely necessary carry out any carpeting, repair work or painting;
- (4) consideration be given to relocating the Senior Staff, i.e. the Chief Administrative Officer and the six Commissioners, to the lower floors of City Hall, as close as possible to the link, and that the cost of painting, carpeting and other renovations required to facilitate this move be reported to the Sub-Committee - Relocation of Members of Council to City Hall;
- (5) the vacating of leased space be given a high priority; and
- (6) there be no further expenditures on Toronto City Hall beyond those necessary to complete the originally authorized renovations until all the following requested reports from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services are delivered.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the following:

- (1) communication (December 11, 1998) from Councillor Moeser requesting the Committee to approve Recommendations Nos. (2), (3) and (5), and Recommendations Nos. (1) (4) and (6) be referred to the Sub-Committee - Relocation of Members of Council to City Hall for consideration.

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- (2) report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, addressing the Committee's concerns about corporate office space and civic centre planning and related issues, and to present a timetable for future deliverables that will respond fully to such concerns, and recommending that:
 - (1) Recommendations (1), (4) and (6) to the Strategic Planning & Policies Committee from the Budget Committee be referred to the Commissioner of Corporate Services, to be addressed in a report to the Strategic Policies & Priorities Committee in January 1999;
 - (2) Recommendation (2) to the Strategic Planning & Policies Committee from the Budget Committee be amended by adding to it the words "in those instances where the Executive Director of Facilities & Real Estate determines that it is most cost effective to do so";
 - (3) A detailed report on a long-term office space accommodation plan, including comprehensive cost estimates, implementation time-lines and recommendations for the disposal of surplus properties, be submitted no later than April 1999 to the Corporate Services Committee;
 - (4) In light of the direction of the Budget Committee recommendations and the Mayor's memorandum, that arrangements be made at no cost or minimal cost to provide temporary accommodation for the CAO and Commissioners at City Hall until such time as a concept plan for the City's main office buildings and civic centres is approved by Council; and
 - (5) Those components of the long term accommodation plan that deal with the City Hall towers be overseen by the Corporate Services Committee through its City Hall Relocation Sub-Committee once the plan is approved by Council.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services subject to amending the reporting structure of the

requested reports to indicate that they be submitted to appropriate Committees and subsequent submission to Council.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 13)

385. Oversized Street Name Signs - International Year Of Older Persons (1999)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, for receipt of information, the transmittal letter (November 6, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Seniors' Task Force with respect to the installation of oversized street signs.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) received the report (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) requested appropriate City staff to meet with Ms. Edna Beange of the Seniors Task Force to discuss the design and installation of oversized street signs.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (n))

(Letter to Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; cc: Seniors Task Force - December 22, 1998)

386. Funding For Bendale Neighbourhood Library Renovation Project

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and

Priorities Committee and Council, and recommending the adoption of the report (November 18, 1998) from the City Librarian, which recommends that additional funding of \$150,000 be provided to enable the Library Board to proceed with the Bendale Neighbourhood Branch renovation project.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 14)

387. Toronto Police Services Board - Update On Police Pursuits

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 18, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and recommending receipt for information of the communication (November 9, 1998) from the Toronto Police Services Board.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received for information the action taken by the Budget Committee contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38 (o))

388. Sustainable Energy, Greenspace/Nature And Water Actions

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 10, 1998) from the Chair of the Environmental Task Force forwarding the foregoing report, proposing actions that can be taken to implement important ideas that were identified by participants of three workshops held by the Environmental Task Force in early September, 1998:

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- (1) That the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the appropriate Commissioners, be requested to report to the Works and Utilities Committee on the most effective way to implement sustainable energy actions (a) to (f) and water actions (l) to (q) identified in this report;
- (2) that the Commissioner of Economic Development Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the affected Commissioners, be requested to report to the Economic Development Committee on the most effective way to implement greenspace/nature actions (g) and (h) identified in this report;
- (3) that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, in consultation with the affected Commissioners, be requested to report to the Urban Environment and Development Committee on the most effective way to implement sustainable energy action (e), greenspace/nature action (i) and water action (m) identified in this report;
- (4) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the affected Commissioners and the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority, be requested to report to the Economic Development Committee on the most effective way to implement greenspace/ nature action (j) identified in this report;
- (5) that the General Manager of the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority, be requested to report to the Environmental Task Force on the most effective way to host a stewardship forum and establish an interactive stewardship website as described in greenspace/nature action (k) identified in this report;
- (6) that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Inter-departmental Environmental (TIE) Team, be requested to coordinate the preparation of the reports to the Standing Committees which respond to the actions identified in this report and to provide a monthly status report to the Environmental Task Force commencing in January 1999; and
- (7) that City Council be advised that the Environmental Task Force supports the community initiative to create a roof top garden on the third floor roof deck of Toronto City Hall.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee recommended to City Council, that Council adopt, as a City-wide target for the new City of Toronto, a carbon dioxide

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emissions reduction goal of 20 percent relative to 1990 levels by the year 2005.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) referred the revised report (December 10, 1998) from the Chair, Environmental Task Force to the Toronto Inter-departmental Environmental (TIE) Team and requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report thereon on the feasibility, timing and costs/benefits of the recommendations on standards recommended in this report;
- (2) requested TIE to invite representatives from the Environmental Task Force to its meeting when considering this matter.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 15)

(Letter to Toronto Inter-departmental (Tie) Team; Chief Administrative Officer; cc: Environmental Task Force - December 17, 1998)

389. Decision Of The Ontario Labour Relations Board (“The Board”) - Bargaining Unit Structure, Description And The Determination Of Bargaining Agents Under The Public Sector Labour Relations Transition Act, 1997 (The “Act”)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 1, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources forwarding the foregoing report, providing an overview of the decisions of the Ontario Labour Relations Board determining the bargaining unit structure, the description of the bargaining units for the new City of Toronto and the process for determining which bargaining agents will represent the employees to be included within the bargaining units, and recommending that the report be received and forwarded to Council for information.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended that Council receive for information the report (December 1, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 16)

390. Establishing A Capital Revolving Fund For Affordable Housing

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer forwarding the foregoing report and recognizing that Council has agreed in principle to establish a capital revolving fund for affordable housing to provide financial support to projects that demonstrate the City's role in facilitating creation of affordable housing (July 1998) and recommending that:

- (1) the City establish a Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing and re-designate the Social Housing Reserve Fund of the former City of Toronto for this purpose;
- (2) the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing be managed as a restricted reserve fund, consistent with the requirements of Section 37 of the Planning Act;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be responsible for making recommendations to Council about allocation of funds from the Capital Revolving Fund to non-profit organizations including Cityhome/Metro Toronto Housing Company Limited, per the management plan outlined in this report, and restricted to the following purposes:
 - (i) proposal development funding for affordable housing projects;
 - (ii) project development assistance including forgivable loans and repayable loans;
 - (iii) project financing (e.g. second mortgage loans); and
 - (iv) other activities related to improving the quality and quantity of affordable housing supply in the City of Toronto.
- (4) the \$1,288,776.72 received from the Province of Ontario as partial settlement of the former City of Toronto and Cityhome's claim against the Province

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arising out of the cancellation of non-profit housing projects be allocated as follows:

- (i) \$214,186.23 to Corporate Services to cover legal costs associated with the claim;
 - (ii) \$7,813.00 to Cityhome to cover expenses related to the claim; and
 - (iii) \$1,066,777.49 (plus accumulated interest) to the proposed Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing.
- (5) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report back on options for ongoing funding of the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing, if adopted.
 - (6) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report back on final management guidelines for the Fund;
 - (7) Council write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Federal Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing advising that Council has established a Capital Revolving Fund to support Affordable Housing, and to request that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada participate in supporting development of affordable housing in the City of Toronto by contributing to this Fund; and
 - (8) authorize and direct appropriate City officials to take the necessary actions to implement these recommendations.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee deferred consideration of the joint report (December 1, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and requested that it be considered at the same time that the previously requested report on the Revolving Capital Fund is submitted by the Budget Committee.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(p))

(Letter to Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer cc: Budget Committee - December 17, 1998)

391. Exemption From Phase-in By-law - 188 Eglinton Avenue East

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 4, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer forwarding a report, providing additional information regarding the communication received by the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force at their meeting on November 20, 1998, from Goodman and Carr, solicitors for 188 Eglinton Inc., requesting that the property at 188 Eglinton Avenue East be excluded from the provisions of the City's 1998 residential phase-in policy; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve a policy that, pursuant to subsection 372(6) of the *Municipal Act (the "Act")*, that where there has been a change in the classification of a property between the 1997 and 1998 tax years, and the property has been converted to residential uses for all of 1998, such property should be excluded from the phase-in of assessment-related tax increases and decreases under By-law No. 472-98; and
- (2) authority be granted for the introduction of a bill in Council substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached to the report as Appendix A.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the transmittal letter (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force from its meeting held on November 20, 1998, and advising that the Task Force took the following action:

- (1) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the City Solicitor, and, if necessary, Ms. Yvonne Hamlin, to report on the request contained in the communication (November 19, 1998) from Ms. Yvonne J. Hamlin, Goodman and Carr, Barristers and Solicitors, and to take the necessary action to ensure implementation of the change without phasing in of the tax decrease; such report to also include any outstanding matters that the City has with the developer; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit the report to the December 15th meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration by City Council on December 16th 1998, or earlier if possible.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 4, 1998)

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from the Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 17)

392. 1999 Interim Levy By-law

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer forwarding a report to provide for the levy and collection of 1999 interim realty taxes, and recommending that authority be granted for the introduction of a bill in Council substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix to the foregoing report, providing for an interim tax levy in the amount permitted by statute, prior to the adoption of the estimates for 1999.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the report (December 8, 1998) from the City Solicitor titled, "Interim Levy By-law - Update On Bill 79, The Fairness For Property Taxpayers' Act, 1998", providing a report as an update on the status of Bill 79, and the amendments required thereto prior to the enactment of the 1999 interim levy by-law, as referred to in the report from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated December 3, 1998, and recommending that the report (December 8, 1998) be received for information.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the report (December 8, 1998) from the City Solicitor.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 18)

393. By-law To Amend Phase-in By-law

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to obtain Council's authority for the establishment of a by-law to amend By-law No. 472-98, being a by-law "To Phase-in 1998 Assessment-Related Tax Increases and Decreases for the Residential Property Class", and recommending that authority be granted for the introduction of

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a bill in Council substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached to the report as Appendix "A", providing for technical amendments to By-law No. 472-98.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 19)

394. Write-off Of Uncollectible Business Taxes And Water Charges From The Collectors Roll

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 1, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer forwarding the foregoing report for the purpose of addressing the uncollectible business taxes still on the Tax Collector's Roll. These business taxes can be struck from the Tax Collector's Roll under the provisions of the *Section 441* of the *Municipal Act*, R.S.O. 1990. The *Section 441* process differs from other tax related adjustments because only Council can approve the write-offs being removed from the Roll and does not include cancellation of taxes due to assessment appeals (i.e. the Section 40 process), and recommending that:

- (1) Council resolve to cancel the uncollectible business taxes of \$ 7,375,419.29 and strike them from the Tax Collector's Roll under the provisions of *Section 441* of the *Municipal Act*,
- (2) the amount attributable to uncollectible taxes from Business Improvement Areas (BIA) in the amount of \$19,330.59 and \$60.34 be written off as a receivable under *Section 441*; and
- (3) the amount attributable to uncollectible water charges in the amount of \$190,714.13 be written off as a receivable under *Section 441*".

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 1, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 20)

395. Assessment And Tax Policy Task Force - Proposed Terms Of Reference

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force from its meeting of November 20, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and recommending that:

- (1) that the following Terms of Reference be adopted for the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force:
 - (a) To meet as a working reference group to provide political direction to Finance Officials in the preparation of comprehensive tax policies in advance of the return of the 1999 Current Value assessment, (taking effect in 2001) including:
 - (i) review the tax burden for each property class, including the advantages and disadvantages of different tax rates for the residential, multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes;
 - (ii) develop comprehensive tax policies for the multi-residential, commercial and industrial classes, including a permanent solution (ie. 2001) to ensure property tax equity between property classes;
 - (iii) develop long term (ie. 2001) tax policies to protect charitable and similar organizations in the commercial and industrial classes;
 - (iv) work towards a recommendation that a portion of a resident's property taxes be based on income;
 - (b) To develop a process to consult interested stakeholders on proposed tax policies for the 2001 reassessment;
 - (c) To review hardship cases arising from the 2.5 percent cap on charitable and similar non-profit organizations during the 1998-2000 period;

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- (d) To review criteria for an enhanced tax relief program for low-income seniors and disabled persons;
 - (e) To review a mechanism to establish a general tax deferral program for all low-income home owners;
 - (f) To review ways and means to protect the City's tax base;
 - (g) To continue efforts to persuade the Provincial Government to exempt veterans' club houses from the education portion of the property tax; and
 - (h) To provide options for Council, should legislation change in the future; and
- (2) The Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force report directly to City Council because deputations are made at the Task Force level and not at the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee level.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee deferred consideration of the recommendations of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force contained in the communication (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk, pending the review of the Council-Committee governance structure by Council.

(Report No. 26, Clause 38(q))

(Letter to Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force; cc:Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - December 22, 1998)

396. Payment In Lieu Of Taxes For Provincial And Federal Buildings

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force from its meeting of November 20, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, recommending that the report (November 13, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be amended by

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deleting the word “legislation” and inserting the word “regulation” in Recommendation No. (1), and that the report, as amended, be adopted.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force contained in the communication (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 21)

397. Clause No. 3 Of Report No. 8 Of The Striking Committee, Headed “1999 Schedule Of Meetings”

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 8, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the 1999 schedule of meetings, embodied in Clause No. 3 of Report No. 8 of the Striking Committee, which was adopted, as amended by Council, at its meeting on November 25, 26 and 27, 1998, advising that Council, as an interim measure approved the status quo four week meeting cycle for the first four months of 1999, and referring the balance of the 1999 Schedule of Meetings to the next meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee to be held on December 15, 1998, for consideration.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council that the status quo-four week meeting cycle be approved to the end of July 1999 or until the Council-Committee governance structure has been determined by Council, whichever is the sooner.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 22)

398. Extending The Termite Control Program Across The City Of Toronto

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 9, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding Council’s action from its

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meeting of November 25, 26 and 27, 1998, respecting Clause 10 of Report No. 24 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "Other Items Considered By The Committee" and advising that Council referred the following Item (c) back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for further consideration:

(c) Extending the Termite Control Program Across the City of Toronto

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee reports having received the report (November 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for information.

(November 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to Council's request of July 29, 30 and 31, 1998 to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on extending former City of Toronto Termite Grants to all of the former municipalities in 1998, and recommending that the foregoing report be received for information."

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council that the Termite Control Program be extended across the new City of Toronto

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 23)

399. COURT ORDERED RECOUNT IN SCARBOROUGH MALVERN - WARD 18

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 9, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding Council's action from its meeting of November 25, 26 and 27, 1998, respecting Clause 10 of Report No. 24 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "Other Items Considered By The Committee" and advising that Council referred the following item (d) embodied in the aforementioned Clause, together with additional documentation submitted by Councillor Berardinetti back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for further consideration and report thereon to Council for its next regular meeting to be held on December 16, 1998:

(d) Court Ordered Recount in Scarborough Malvern - Ward 18

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee reports having received the report (November 12, 1998) from the City Solicitor and requested that the

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previously requested report from the City Clerk and the City Solicitor be expedited, and that this report also include suggested amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act*, which would provide, in appropriate circumstances, for reimbursement of costs to candidates involved in election recounts.

(November 12, 1998) from the City Solicitor forwarding a report responding to City Council's direction that the City Solicitor report on the fee requested by Mr. Ayres to prepare a report requested by City Council respecting the above-noted election recount and recommendations to amend the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and recommending that the foregoing report be received for information."

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended that:

- (1) given the error in the Clerk's department during the 1997 election, Council recognize that it is in the public interest to direct appropriate City staff to pay the legal costs for both candidates involved in the court ordered recount in Ward 18;
- (2) given that the court costs were already drawn from the corporate contingency account, funds for the remaining legal costs also be drawn from contingency; and
- (3) requested the City Clerk to record into the minutes of the December 15, 1998 meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, paragraphs 13 and 14 of the judgement of the Court of Appeal respecting *Montgomery v. Balkissoon et al.*
- (4) On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and the Priorities Committee requested that the City Solicitor be authorized to make the

necessary application for special legislation to enable the City to pay these recount costs despite the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 24)

400. Status Report Of Year 2000 Business Continuity Plan

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (November 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services updating the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on the status of the Year 2000 Business Continuity Plan for the City of Toronto and providing the following:

- (1) Status report of each priority 1 Year 2000 function;
- (2) Status report on all ABC's and their state of readiness;
- (3) Status report on expenditures;
- (4) Change requests; and

recommending that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee receive this report for information.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee reported that Clause No. 2 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee Report No. 24, which was amended by Council by striking out and referring Recommendation No. (2) embodied in the confidential report dated November 22, 1998, from the City Solicitor, back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for further consideration and recommendation to remain confidential in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee reported having:

- (1) received the report (November 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services for information; and

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- (2) met in-camera, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, to consider Recommendation No. (2) of the confidential report dated November 22, 1998 from the City Solicitor which was referred to the Committee for further consideration by Council at its November 25, 26 and 27, 1998 meeting, and the matter remained in camera.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(r))

(Confidential Letter to Mayor Lastman; City Solicitor, Chief Administrative Officer;
- December 17, 1998)

401. Wheel-trans Vehicle Replacement

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of December 8, 1998, to the Strategic Policies Committee and Council, and recommending the adoption of the report (November 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, which recommends that:

- (1) the gross request for Project 415-127 Wheel Trans Vehicle Replacements (Orion II) be approved as originally submitted with the TTC 1999-2003 capital request, based on the staggered delivery option, at a total gross cost of \$27.5 million;
- (2) the contributions from the Wheel Trans operating budget to this project be limited to the provision for vehicle replacement of \$1.4 million as included in the approved 1998 operating budget for the TTC, with the addition of the projected operating savings resulting from the project, through future reserve contributions as set in the body of this report;
- (3) a Wheel-Trans Vehicle Replacement reserve be established and funded from the provision for vehicle replacement included in the approved 1998 operating budget for the TTC and the future operating savings from the purchase of the new vehicles as per the schedule of contributions set in the body of the report (December 10, 1998); and

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- (4) the \$0.7 million increase in the 1998 net capital requirement for the project be financed from the TTC Capital Subsidy Reserve Fund.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 25)

402. 1999 Funding Levels For Municipal Grants Program

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of December 8, 1998, to the Strategic Policies Committee and Council, and recommending:

- (a) adoption of Recommendations (3) and (4) embodied in the transmittal letter (November 20, 1998) from the City Clerk as follows:

“(3) available funds in the 1998 consolidated grants budget be used to address one-time financial adjustments required in the AIDS Prevention grants program up to \$526,400.00;

(4) any remaining available funds in the 1998 consolidated grants budget after Recommendation No. (3) be used to address one-time financial adjustments required in the Arts and Culture grants program;”

and

- (b) deferred the following Recommendation (2) for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget:

“the 1999 consolidated grants appropriation be maintained at the 1998 level, redirecting available funding within the 1998 grants appropriation based on Committee priorities to initiate levelling up/service enhancement in 1999.”

The following persons appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

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- Ms. Stacey Papernick, Volunteer Board Member, The AIDS Committee of Toronto;
- Ms. Joan Anderson, Board Member, The AIDS Committee of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee deferred consideration of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk and requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhoods Services to report to the Municipal Grants Committee for submission to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting on January 26, 1999, on the sustainability of AIDS services in programming at 1998 levels prior to approval of the 1999 Operating Budget.

The following motion was placed but not voted upon as it was determined redundant:

By Councillor Rae:

“that an increase in the consolidated grants budget for 1999 be provided in the amount of \$675,000.00.”

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(s))

(Letter to Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; cc: Municipal Grants Committee; Budget Committee - December 22, 1998)

403. Official Plan: 1999 Funding Allocation

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the report (November 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, in which it recommends:

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- (1) that Council approve funding in the amount of \$700,000.00 from Transition funding for the preparation of a new Official Plan (PUD-1 Urban Planning) for 1999; and
- (2) that the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 27)

404. September 30, 1998, Operating Budget Variance Report And Surplus Analysis

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the report (November 24, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in which it recommends that:

- (1) as a direct result of Provincial downloading adjustments, the Housing Under-expenditures, to the extent of \$10.5 million, be used to reduce the Transfer from the Transition Reserve Fund;
- (2) one-time transition funding of approximately \$7.9 million in Homes for the Aged, be transferred to a new reserve fund to be created for Homes for the Aged Capital; and
- (3) to more accurately align budgets with the new reporting structures, the 1998 budget estimates be adjusted as reflected within the text of this report.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the report (December 15, 1998) from Councillor Layton requesting the Committee to defer consideration of the use of the \$10.5 million fund targeted for supportive housing until January 1999.

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

The following motion was voted and lost:

On motion by Councillor Rae:

“That Recommendation No. (1) of the report (November 24, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, appended to the communication (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk, be deferred until January 1999, and that the report, as amended, be adopted.”

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 28)

405. Heritage Toronto 1998 Cash Flow

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 8, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the report (December 2, 1998) from the Acting Managing Director, Heritage Toronto, in which it recommends:

“That, as a result of delays in the implementation of a new city-wide structure for heritage, and cash-flow issues related to an additional pay period, payable within the calendar year 1998, the Budget Committee authorize a cash advance against a projected deficit in Heritage Toronto’s 1998 Operating Budget of \$354,400.00.”

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 29)

406. National Child Benefit Supplement Reinvestment Plan

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee subject to Recommendation No. (2) (ii) relating to child care alternatives and No. (2) (iii) relating to other enhanced reinvestment strategies being deferred until such time as the requested legal opinion has been received.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 30)

407. Purchase Of Community Volunteer Vehicle Known As "Box 12"

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee not to purchase the community service vehicle.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 31)

408. Sale Of Paper Fibre From The Grey Box Program

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Works and Utilities Committee, in which it recommended the adoption of the report (November 19, 1998) from the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, which recommends:

“that authority be granted to enter into agreements with Donohue Recycling Inc. and Canada Fibres Ltd. for the purchase of mixed paper fibre from Toronto’s grey box program during the period May 15, 1999 to April 30, 2003, in accordance with the prices stated in this report and terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.”

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 32)

409. Uniform Snow Removal

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and advising that the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the joint report (December 4, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services relating to the subject matter to June 1999.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the action taken by the Budget Committee as contained in the communication (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(t))

410. 1999 Capital Budget - Toronto Police Service

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting on December 8, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that:

- (1) the Toronto Police Service be authorized to expend \$2.6 million in 1998 for the radio system re-engineering project;
- (2) pre-commitment approval for the 1999 cash flow of the \$34.5 million Toronto Fire Services Capital Budget proposal for an integrated Fire/Police radio communication system be given thereby saving \$6.6 million through not implementing two separate radio systems;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer assist the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services in ensuring an appropriate process to protect the City's financial and purchasing interests in acquiring additional communication equipment from Motorola;
- (4) subject to City Council approval of Recommendations Nos. 2 and 3, authority be given to contract with Motorola Canada for the proposed radio system, and that the contract be executed in 1998;
- (5) that the switch remain in the corporate ownership of the City of Toronto; and
- (6) financing in the amount of \$34,500,000.00 be debentured (if necessary for a term up to but not exceeding 20 years) be approved.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 33)

411. Yonge Dundas Redevelopment Project - Joint Board Order (Ward 24 - Downtown)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 11, 1998) from the City Solicitor to obtain Council's authority to pay the costs award made by the Joint Board (Ontario Municipal Board and Board of Inquiry) in connection with the proceedings held before the Joint Board for expropriation and planning approvals required to implement the Yonge Dundas Redevelopment Project and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to make payment of the costs award made by the Joint Board; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the steps necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 11, 1998) from the City Solicitor subject to amending Recommendation (1) to indicate that the funding be provided from Account No. 216692.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 34)

412. Tax Appeals - Sections 442 and 443 Of The *Municipal Act* - Creation of a Committee of Council for Tax Appeals

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 10, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to establish a policy for The City of Toronto for the hearing and disposition of tax appeals pursuant to sections 442 and 443 of the *Municipal Act* including the creation of a committee of Council to carry out the function. For Council to authorize this function for implementation in 1999, a by-law must be adopted by Council prior to December 31, 1998, and recommending that:

- (1) under Section 105 of the *Municipal Act*, a by-law be passed authorizing the Corporate Services Committee to hear and make recommendations on all tax appeals, pursuant to sections 442 and 443 of the *Municipal Act* for 1998 and subsequent tax years;
- (2) the Assessment Review Board continue to hear and dispose of all section 442 appeals that relate to 1997 and prior tax years for all former municipalities with the exception of North York where outstanding appeals filed prior to 1998 be dealt with by the Corporate Services Committee on a priority basis;
- (3) any outstanding by-laws in place in any of the former municipalities that established committees or delegated responsibilities to hear and dispose of applications under section 443 of the *Municipal Act* be repealed;
- (4) as a matter of policy, the hearing and disposition of applications submitted under section 442 (e) of the *Municipal Act*, as poverty appeals, be delegated to the Assessment Review Board;
- (5) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be responsible for the full administrative process as delegated by the City Clerk for the receipt of the applications and the mailing of the required notices;
- (6) no fee be charged by the municipality to initiate appeals under section 442 of the *Municipal Act*; and
- (7) the City Solicitor be directed to introduce a bill in Council to have the Corporate Services Committee hear and dispose of appeals pursuant to section 442 and 443 of the *Municipal Act*.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the
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recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 10, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 35)

413. Future Of The Hummingbird Centre - Enactment Of The Proposed Hummingbird Legislation

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 11, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Board of Directors of the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts from its meeting on December 11, 1998, unanimously recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council:

- (1) adoption of the report (December 10, 1998) from the City Solicitor wherein it is recommending that authority be granted to continue to pursue the process now engaged in by City and Board staff with the Province which would lead to the enactment of the proposed Hummingbird Centre legislation, based on the proposed model of legislation previously approved by the Council of the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, subject to the modifications outlined in this report; and
- (2) having regard that the Provincial Legislature will be considering the proposed legislation for the new Hummingbird Centre on the morning of Thursday, December 17, 1998, that the matter be considered by Council as the first item of business on Wednesday, December 16, 1998.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts contained in the report (December 11, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 27, Clause No. 1)

414. Release Of Recreation Grants Funds

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism forwarding a report responding to two Recreation Grant applicants from the former City of Toronto, whose applications were not reported on in the regular grants stream, and recommending that:

- (1) a grant of \$2,000.00 be awarded to Central Neighbourhood Community Centre for its seniors program;
- (2) a grant of \$800.00 be awarded to “Circolo dell’ Anziano “Le Caravelle” for its seniors program; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give affect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 36)

415. Board Of Directors For New Toronto Hydro Corporation

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 14, 1998) from Mayor Lastman Providing an update on actions taken to date and recommend a new structure for the Board of Directors of Toronto Hydro and a process for selecting directors and recommending that:

- (1) the new Toronto Hydro Board of Directors be set at 11 members: 8 citizens which collectively represent a range of relevant expertise; 2 Councillors; and the Mayor or his designate; and
- (2) the Mayor and the 3 Councillors currently on the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission serve as a Steering Committee to work with the search consultant to recommend to Council a slate of qualified candidates nominated as the Board of Directors of the new Toronto Hydro Corporation.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the report (December 14, 1998) from Mayor Lastman subject to amending Recommendation (2) by adding the words “and that the slate of qualified candidates be submitted to Council no later than March 2, 1999.”

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 37)

416. Interim Spending Approvals For The 1999 Water And Wastewater Capital Works Program

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (December 15, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of December 8, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Works and Utilities Committee, in which it recommended the adoption of the report dated November 27, 1998, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) the Budget Committee be requested to recommend the approval of interim spending authority, in the amount of \$12,618,000.00 for the projects identified in Appendix “A”, prior to the approval of the Water and Wastewater Division’s 1999-2003 Capital Works Program;
- (2) subject to approval of Recommendation No. (1) above, authority be granted to extend and amend the existing consulting and engineering services contract with EMA Canada Inc., by an amount not to exceed \$979,203.00 including Goods and Services Tax;
- (3) subject to approval of Recommendation No. (1) above, authority be granted to engage the firms listed in Table 2 of this report, to maximum amounts indicated therein; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council that the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the communication (December 15, 1998) from the City Clerk be received.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 26)

417. Feasibility Of Incorporating Parking Functions Into An Authority Or Department

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (December 15, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer forwarding a report responding to Council's request respecting the incorporation of parking enforcement and other related parking functions into an authority or department and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report (December 15, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 38(u))

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on motion by Councillor Jakobek, extended the adjournment time of the meeting to complete the remaining agenda items and adjourned its public session to meet In-Camera.

In Camera

418. FIS/HRIS Project Update

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential joint report (December 7, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Commissioner of Corporate Services, the Executive Director of Human Resources and the Executive Director of Information & Technology.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the confidential joint

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report (December 7, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Commissioner of Corporate Services, the Executive Director of Human Resources and the Executive Director of Information & Technology.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 1)

In Camera

**419. Yonge Dundas Redevelopment Project - Settlement Of Expropriation Claims:
317 Yonge Street, Toronto (Ward 24 - Downtown)**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the confidential report (December 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the confidential report (December 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

(Report No. 26, Clause No. 2)

In Camera

420. Live Entertainment Corporation Of Canada - ("Livent")

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the confidential joint report (December 11, 1998) from Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Solicitor.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the confidential joint report (December 11, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the City Solicitor.

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(Report No. 26, Clause No. 3)

Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chair.