

## **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A**

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, October 14, 1999 **Enquiry:** Patsy Morris  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. **Committee Administrator**  
**Location:** Committee Room 1 **392-9151**  
2nd Floor, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto

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#### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.**

##### **10(a). SCHOOL PLANNING - CITY-WIDE.**

Acting Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services.  
(October 7, 1999)

Providing a preliminary assessment of the impact of the Toronto District School Board Phase I school closures on the local delivery of municipal services and programs and information and background in a report format, for the recommendations approved at the September 27, 1999 meeting of the School Tax Sub-Committee; advising that potential financial impacts for the City will be reported on separately once additional information is provided by the Toronto District School Board with respect to the issues raised in this report; and recommending that:

- (1) the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board be requested to undertake an assessment of the broader community's use of schools, specifically in the communities currently facing closures;
- (2) the Toronto District School Board be requested to provide City staff with the opportunity to review the proposed recommendations of the school Closure Implementation Teams and provide comments for Board staff's consideration in the preparation of their final report.
- (3) the Acting Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services develop principles for the reuse of surplus school facilities jointly with Toronto District School Board staff, in consultation with the Commissioners of Community Services and Corporate Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism approved by both the Toronto District School Board and City Council; and

- (4) this report be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board for information.

**12(a). MANDATE AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE MAYOR'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE RESERVE FUND.**

City Clerk.

(October 7, 1999)

Advising that the Community Services Committee on October 7, 1999, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the report dated September 23, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services proposing a mandate and budget allocation for the Mayor's Homeless Initiative Reserve Fund, subject to amending the mandate to provide that City-initiated initiatives also be eligible for funding from the Mayor's Homelessness Initiative Reserve Fund.

**13(a). LEARNING, EARNING AND PARENTING (LEAP) PROGRAM.**

City Clerk.

(October 7, 1999)

Advising that the Community Services Committee on October 7, 1999, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) the adoption of the report dated September 30, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP) Program; and
- (2) that the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services be advised that the City of Toronto will not implement the LEAP Program until such time as an adequate response has been received from the Province of Ontario through discussions of the KPMG recommendations on the implementation of Ontario Works, and the impact on child care services.

**17. ACTIONS REQUIRED RESULTING FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.**

City Clerk.

(October 7, 1999)

Advising that the Community Services Committee on October 7, 1999:

- (A) recommended that the following recommendations contained in the attached communication (undated) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Child and Youth Advocate, be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration:

- “(2) that the City of Toronto reiterate its support for the federal firearms control legislation, and that this support be communicated to the Federal Justice Minister and the Solicitor General of Canada, and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
  - (3) that staff complete the survey regarding the establishment of a Local Crime Prevention Council and explore federal funding sources in support of Council’s work on safe community initiatives; and
  - (4) that various existing policies and initiatives on prostitution be collected and sent to the December board meeting of FCM for discussion.”; and
- (B) received Recommendation No. (1) contained in the attached communication from Councillor Chow.

**18. RESPONSE TO THE PROVINCIAL OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF TORONTO’S IMPLEMENTATION OF ONTARIO WORKS AND CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY PROGRAMS.**

City Clerk.

(October 7, 1999)

Advising that the Community Services Committee on October 7, 1999:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:
- (1) the adoption of the attached report (September 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending Recommendation No.(1) to provide that the following Recommendation No. 47, headed “Directly Provided Child Care: Creating an Arm’s Length Agency”, contained in the KPMG report on Ontario Works, not be supported until a further review of such recommendation has been undertaken by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and a report submitted thereon to the Community Services Committee:

“Recommendation No. 47

The City of Toronto should renew efforts to make its directly operated child care service an arm’s length agency of the City. If the City is successful in establishing this new arrangement, it should avail itself of the opportunity to invite centres of excellence involved in the treatment of children at risk to participate in the governance and programme development of directly operated child care services. Should the Province devolve the licensing of child care to municipalities, it should not do so with the City of Toronto until the City has taken steps to eliminate the potential for conflict of interest in its provision of child care, by the means above or otherwise.”;

- (2) that the City of Toronto seek provincial cost-shared funding to pay actual costs of licensed child care centres and additional child care providers; and
  - (3) that in the event that the provincial cost-shared funding is not forthcoming, the City of Toronto continue to pay its share of the actual costs, and that the necessary funding be included in the year 2000 Operating Budget; and
- (B) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to:
- (a) provide the Community Services Committee with a comprehensive report concerning all pressures facing child care services in Toronto, and that such report include:
    - (i) the capital funding crisis;
    - (ii) impact of school closures; and
    - (iii) implementation of Ontario Works and the Learning, Earning and Parenting Program;
  - (b) explore the feasibility of providing subsidies to fill the 2000 vacant child care spaces, and sending the bill to the Province; and
  - (c) do everything possible to find replacement child care locations when school closures occur.

**19. WATER HARMONIZATION AND UNIVERSAL METERING IN THE FORMER CITIES OF TORONTO AND ETOBICOKE.**

City Clerk.

(October 6, 1999)

Advising that the Works Committee on October 6, 1999, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the joint report dated June 30, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, with the exception of Recommendations Nos. (7) and (10) which were previously adopted by Council (Clause No. 10 of Report No. 2 of The Works Committee, adopted by Council on July 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1999), subject to:

- (1) deleting the word “voluntary” in Recommendations Nos. (1), (2) and (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the word “mandatory”;
- (2) striking out Recommendations Nos. (1)(ii), (1)(iii) and (1)(iv) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
  - “1(ii) the flat rate water and sewer service charge be increased by 100 percent for customers who have received adequate notice (minimum three written notices) and have been provided with sufficient time to arrange for the

mandatory installation of a water meter but continue to refuse to co-operate, and that the flat rate water and sewer service charges be increased by an additional 100 percent every year thereafter”;

- (3) striking out Recommendations Nos. (2)(i) and (3);
- (4) striking out the words “three years” and “November 1, 2002” in Recommendation No. (2)(ii) and inserting in lieu thereof the words “three and one-half years” and “April 1, 2003”, respectively;
- (5) striking out Recommendation No. (2)(iii) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
“(iii) the anticipated new revenue from the former City of Toronto, in the amount of \$20.5 million from the three and one-half year deferral of decreases respecting metered customers, be used to fund the Universal Metering Program”; and
- (6) deleting the words “and the metering incentives,” in Recommendation No. (8);

so that the recommendations embodied in such report shall now read as follows:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) with respect to the implementation of the Universal Metering Program, a mandatory program be implemented over a four-year period to convert the remaining 85,000 flat-rate accounts in the former City of Toronto and 1,500 flat-rate accounts in the former City of Etobicoke, subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) the City install water meters free of charge to homeowners and provide one water efficiency kit per home; and
  - (ii) the flat rate water and sewer service charge be increased by 100 percent for customers who have received adequate notice (minimum three written notices) and have been provided with sufficient time to arrange for the mandatory installation of a water meter but continue to refuse to co-operate, and that the flat rate water and sewer service charges be increased by an additional 100 percent every year thereafter;
- (2) with respect to funding the Mandatory Meter Conversion Program:
  - (i) the rate decrease that would be realized by former City of Toronto’s metered customers under the phased-in competitive rate structure be deferred for a period of three and one-half years, and effective April 1, 2003, the harmonized competitive rate structure be applied for metered customers in the former City of Toronto; and
  - (ii) the anticipated new revenue from the former City of Toronto, in the amount of \$20.5 million from the three and one-half year deferral of decreases

respecting metered customers, be used to fund the Universal Metering Program;

- (3) the following be established as mandatory water meter installation criteria for the City to install a free of charge meter where no meter exists:
  - (i) homeowners who take out a plumbing permit to upgrade their household plumbing;
  - (ii) new home construction;
  - (iii) purchasers of properties which are on a flat-rate billing system agree, as a condition precedent to receiving a clearance letter from the City at the time of property ownership transfer, to having a water meter installed; and
  - (iv) as a condition of the City's Water Service Connection Repair Program, flat rate customers agree to having a water meter installed;
- (4) Council redirect the provision of \$21.0 million contained in the 1999-2003 Capital Works Plan of the Water and Wastewater Program respecting Universal Metering to providing funding to the City's water efficiency programs, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the Works Committee in the fall of 1999 on a Water Efficiency Plan for the new City and the use of these funds;
- (5) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer prepare an annual report to the Works Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee on the annual progress and financial impact of the Mandatory Universal Metering Program, and recommend any modifications to the financing and/or implementation plan described herein;
- (6) a public awareness program be carried out over a four-year implementation period of the Universal Metering Program at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 to inform homeowners of the benefits of a metered water supply, described herein;
- (7) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report to the Works Committee in the fall of 1999 regarding joint meter reading and billing opportunities and financing options for automated meter reading technologies; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be granted the authority necessary to give effect thereto."

**20. CITY OF TORONTO QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT  
AS AT JULY 31, 1999.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.  
(September 28, 1999)

Summarizing the holdings in the City's investment portfolio and reporting on current investment practices; advising that the City continues to receive returns on its investments that generally exceed established benchmarks; that interest earnings attributable to the operating budget are projected to have a year end favourable variance of \$13 million; that the City's investments are in compliance with the Council adopted investment policies; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**21. AREA SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CHARGES.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.  
(October 6, 1999)

Reporting on area specific development charges, and in particular, as they apply to the previous Sheppard Subway development charges imposed by the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto; advising that the projected annual revenue based on the approved schedule of charges is estimated at \$15.0 million, or \$150.0 million over the ten year planning period which is approximately the same amount that was collected through the development charge regimes of the former municipalities in 1998; that the City-wide schedule of charges adopted by Council provides for partial recovery of development related costs for a variety of services such as fire, roads, water and sewage, parks, libraries and transit, including costs related to the Sheppard Subway project; that with the exception of the former Metro Sheppard Subway development charge by-law, none of the former municipalities imposed a charge in respect of development-related transit infrastructure costs; that recoveries from the transit component of the new development charges on a City-wide basis is estimated at \$19.0 million over ten years, of which approximately \$10.0 million is attributed to the costs of the Sheppard Subway, as compared to the total estimated transit recoveries of \$11.2 million from the former Sheppard Subway area-specific development charge by-law; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**22. 1999 LEVY ON RAILWAY ROADWAYS OR RIGHTS OF WAYS AND ON POWER  
UTILITY TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION CORRIDORS.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.  
(October 7, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the levy and collection of taxes for the 1999 taxation year on roadways or rights of ways of railways and on transmission or distribution corridors owned by power utilities, in accordance with subsection 368.3(1) of the *Municipal Act* and subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act*; and

- (2) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to levy taxes for the year 1999 on such roadways, rights of ways and transmission or distribution corridors, in the form or substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached hereto.

**23. DECEMBER 31, 1998 OPERATING BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(October 5, 1999)

Providing an overview of the City of Toronto's financial performance for its first year of operation ended December 31, 1998; advising that this report includes an analysis of significant Net Expenditure variances by City Departments, and Special Purpose Bodies; and recommending that this report, reflecting the 1998 financial results of the City of Toronto be adopted.

**24. A RECONSTITUTED TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(October 8, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the proposed mandate and composition of the reconstituted Community Safety Task Force as outlined in this report and Appendix A;
- (2) for 2000, CNS charge the Task Forces Budget in the Other Corporate Expenditures Account for administrative and other expenditures to support the work of the reconstituted Task Force on Community Safety;
- (3) Departments incorporate financial requests related to the implementation of the Council approved Community Safety Task Force recommendations within their respective budget submissions for consideration by Council within the 2000 budget process; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to give effect thereto.

**25. TREE MAINTENANCE BACKLOG - FUNDING OF \$350,000.00 FROM DEPARTMENT SOURCES - ALL WARDS.**

Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(October 8, 1999)

Recommending that:

- (1) the \$350,000.00 of the \$1,000,000.00 1999 request for funding to reduce the forestry backlog be deferred for consideration with the year 2000 operating budget;



- (2) total funding for this initiative remain at \$2,700,000.00, funded by \$650,000.00 from 1999 contingency funds as approved by Council September 28, 29, 1999, with the balance of \$2,050,000.00 identified as an operating budget item for 2000;
- (3) an update report on the progress being made to reduce the forestry backlog be submitted to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in March 2000; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to give effect thereto.

**26. TORONTO POLICE SERVICE -  
PARKING ENFORCEMENT UNIT - ABSENTEEISM.**

Councillor Norman Gardner, Chairman  
Toronto Police Services Board.  
(October 1, 1999)

Advising that the Toronto Police Services Board on August 12, 1999, received a report (July 19, 1999) from the Chief of Police providing information requested by the Budget Committee relating to "Parking Enforcement Unit Absenteeism" and recommended that a copy of said report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

**27. JUNE 30, 1999, OPERATING BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT.**

**(NOTE: A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND  
TREASURER RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MATTER WILL BE  
DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.)**

**28. 2000 OPERATING BUDGET - PROCESS AND TIME TABLE AND REVISED  
CAPITAL BUDGET SCHEDULE.**

**(NOTE: A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND  
TREASURER RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MATTER WILL BE  
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**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**