

Other Items Considered by the Committee

(City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, received this Clause, for information.)

(a) 2000–2004 Capital Budget.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having:

(1) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2000-2004 Capital Budget under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following:

(a) Lawrence Heights – reinstate \$243,000.00 for the installation of a Waterpark in the year 2000;

(b) Commercial Façade Improvement Program – reinstate the originally requested funding in the amount of \$936,000.00 in the year 2000;

(c) Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Pool – be added to the Parks and Recreation 2000 Capital Budget, being a gross expenditure of \$175,000.00 and net expenditure of zero, with the funds to be repaid to the City of Toronto through Leaside’s debenture program;

(d) Kingsview Water Park – add the following words to the end of the project “and/or other north end Ward 3 parks”;

(e) Maryvale/Wexford Community Centre – accelerate \$140,000.00 from 2001 to 2000 for a fitness facility;

(f) Recreation Facilities – funds be made available in the year 2002 to commence construction of a Recreation Centre at the ‘Wabash Avenue’ site;

(g) Employment Area Revitalization Program – reinstate \$53,000.00 in the year 2000 for preliminary signage and gateway markers for the Industrial Area in South Etobicoke;

(h) Forest Management of Natural Areas and Ravines – funds be allocated in the 2000 Capital Budget; and further that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of December 9, 1999, as to an appropriate minimum amount of funds for this purpose;

(i) Pinpoint Indoor Bocce Courts – consideration be given to accelerating 50 percent of the monies (\$400,000.00) stipulated for this project

from the year 2002 to 2000; and further that the said funds be used to build a two pad indoor bocce facility at Kipling Community Centre with improvements to Ourland Community facility and a two pad outdoor court be built in Ward 4 with the balance of \$400,000.00 to be included for 2003;

(j) **Gerrard India Bazaar BIA – the City be requested to match the \$65,000.00 raised by the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA for a gross Capital Budget of \$130,000.00 in the year 2000;**

(k) **BIA Streetscape Program – funds in the amount of \$1.857 million be approved for the subject program;**

(l) **Kidstown - \$900,000.00 be included in the Year 2001 Capital Budget and be approved during the 2000 Capital Budget deliberations as a 2001 commitment;**

(m) **funds be included in the 2000 Capital budget for feasibility studies to examine the possible expansion of the Bayview Arena Site and the future of the Edithvale Community Centre; and further that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of December 9, 1999 on the costs associated with the aforementioned feasibility studies;**

(n) **Silverview Ball Diamond Rebuild - funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 be accelerated to the year 2000 from 2002 for the subject project; and**

(o) **Glendora Park Tennis Courts - funds in the amount of \$105,000.00 be accelerated to the year 2000 from 2002 for the subject project;**

(2) **requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to review the Ward 6 playground and parks upgrades, replacement, improvements and expansion recommendations, in consultation with the community and the Ward Councillor, the outcome of said review to be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of December 9, 1999; and further that Members of Council who wish to present recommendations on the aforementioned areas forward such recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee, including the costs associated with such recommendations;**

(3) **directed that, if requested by the Ward Councillor, consultations be carried out in each Ward with regard to playgrounds, the said consultations to take place before a final decision is made for the installation of the playgrounds; and further that, after the said consultations, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism provide each**

Councillor requesting such consultation with a timeframe for the installation of the playgrounds and the location of same, with all prior year approvals noted in the appropriate column;

(4) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, prior to the 2001 Capital Budget deliberations, to provide a list of the next five community centres on the priority list; and

(5) referred the Glendower Community Centre basketball court renovations to the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority Board for consideration.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it the following 2000-2004 Capital Budgets:

- Culture;
- Economic Development;
- Exhibition Place; and
- Parks and Recreation;

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it the following report and communications:

(i) (November 17, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Budget Advisory Committee, having completed its preliminary review of the 2000-2004 Capital Budget, directed that:

(1) the 2000-2004 Capital Budget be forwarded to all Community Councils and relevant Standing Committees for consideration;

(2) the preliminary requests of the Budget Advisory Committee be forwarded to the Community Councils and Standing Committees for information; and

(3) the Community Councils and Standing Committees be requested to forward their recommendations pertaining to the 2000-2004 Capital Budget to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the commencement of the 'wrap-up' meetings on December 9, 1999.

(ii) (undated) from Mr. Ian Grindall, Toronto, Ontario, requesting permission to make a deputation to request that an indoor skatepark be built in the Greater Toronto Area, for rollerblading, skateboarding and biking.

(iii) (November 22, 1999) from Councillor David Miller, High Park, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

- (iv) (November 19, 1999) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.
- (v) (November 22, 1999) from Ms. Diane Boyer, Coordinator, Junction Gardens BIA, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping for the replacement and improvement of Junction sidewalks and overhead wires.
- (vi) (November 23, 1999) from Mr. Gus Koutoumanos, Shoxs Billiards Café/Bar, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.
- (vii) (November 23, 1999) from Mr. Tosca Guardino, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.
- (viii) (November 22, 1999) from Ms. Carolyn Riemer, Dundas West Residents Association (DWRA), in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.
- (ix) (November 23, 1999) from Mr. I.P. Komarnicky, Principal, BA, MBA, AFCSI, FICB, CMA, Jamesbridge Associates Inc., in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.
- (x) (November 23, 1999) from Ms. Sandra Moffat, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping
- (xi) (November 22, 1999) from Ms. Debra Kosemetzky, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.
- (xii) (November 25, 1999) from Mr. Robert Eisenberg, Chair, Liberty Village Business Association, in support of the capital funding request for improvements to Atlantic Avenue in “Liberty Village” (Go Station link).
- (xiii) (undated) from Mr. Bill Goursky, Chair, South Etobicoke Regeneration Project, in support of the capital funding request for the retention of funds for infrastructure for signage and gateway markers in the South Etobicoke industrial lands and for the Commercial Façade Program for the four Business Improvement Areas in South Etobicoke.
- (xiv) (November 23, 1999) from Ms. Vera Bobson, Owner, Treasures of Time, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xv) (November 24, 1999) from Mr. Richard O. Coombs, Partner, Nexus Architects, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xvi) (November 23, 1999) from Mr. Victor Latchman, Owner, Taylor Shoes, and Chairman, Junction Gardens BIA, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xvii) (November 26, 1999) from Santa Cuda, Flamingo Banquet Hall Ltd., in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xviii) (undated) petition from the Malta Village Business Association, forwarding approximately 23 signatures in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xix) (November 26, 1999) from Ms. Susan Keir, Principal, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association, in support of the capital funding request for the infrastructure improvements for the South Etobicoke Employment lands.

(xx) (November 26, 1999) from Ms. Lisa McGee, General Manager, Bloor-Yorkville BIA, in support of the capital funding request in the amount of \$1,324,000.00 for all BIA projects.

(xxi) (undated) from the Dundas West Residents Association (DWRA), in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xxii) (November 29, 1999) from Councillor Sandra Bussin, East Toronto, in support of the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA's capital budget increase request for 2000.

(xxiii) (November 29, 1999) from Mr. Mark Crowe, Vice President, TABIA, and Chair, Parkdale Village BIA, in support of the capital funding requests for all of the BIA projects.

(xxiv) (November 29, 1999) from Ms. Saul Marmor, Executive Member, and Mr. Bruce Voogd, Chair, Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents' Association, in support of the capital funding request for the construction of the proposed Wabash Community Recreation Centre.

(xxv) (November 29, 1999) from Mr. Jim O'Neill, Director, St. Michael's Hospital, Inner City Health Program, in support of the capital funding request for the construction of the proposed St. James Town Community Centre.

(xxvi) (November 29, 1999) from Mrs. Pat Cepin, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the construction of the proposed St. James Town Community Centre.

(xxvii) (undated) from Ms. Murphy Browne, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the construction of the proposed St. James Town Community Centre.

(xxviii)(November 29, 1999) from Ms. Diane Parsons, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the construction of the proposed St. James Town Community Centre.

(xxix) (November 29, 1999) from Mr. Doug Hum, City-wide Recreation Network, in support of capital funding for Parks and Recreation projects, to provide high quality, comprehensive facilities and programs for all Toronto residents.

(xxx) (undated) from Ms. Diana Yee, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre.

(xxxi) (November 29, 1999) from Mr. David and Ms. Hilary Dell, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital budget request for the construction of the proposed Wabash Recreation Centre.

(xxxii) (November 25, 1999) from Mr. Lawrence P. Burak, Consultant, Environmental Graphics/Planning/Design, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xxxiii)(November 24, 1999) from Ms. Lynn Verhoeff, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

(xxxiv)(November 23, 1999) from Councillor Betty Disero, Davenport, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscape.

(xxxv) (November 25, 1999) from Father Mark Demanuele, MSSP, Missionary Society of St. Paul, St. Paul the Apostle Church, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping, and requesting that the vacant land adjacent to St. Paul the Apostle Church and west of Malta Park be included in the streetscaping for parking purposes.

(xxxvi) (November 25, 1999) from Mr. Charles and Ms. Antoinette Buttigieg, Malta Bake Shop Ltd., requesting improvement in the conditions and also the look of Dundas Street West in the area of Malta Village.

(xxxvii) (November 25, 1999) from Ms. Louise Rutherford and Mr. David Lamb, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the capital funding request for the West Toronto Junction streetscaping.

Mr. Glenn Vollebregt, Director of Budget Services, made a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee regarding the 2000-2004 Capital Budget.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Henry Calderone, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Vera Bobson, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Hillary Bell, Toronto, Ontario;
- Mr. Mark Crowe, Parkdale Village BIA, and filed a written submission;
- Mr. Chris Kawalec, Coordinator, Parkdale Liberty Economic Development Committee;
- Mr. David Giddens, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Gale Yardie, St. Michael's Hospital, Wellesley Centre Site, and filed a written submission;
- Mrs. Pat Cepin, Toronto, Ontario, and filed a written submission ;
- Mr. Vicente Yu, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Domenica Dileo, Hinks-Dellcrest Centre, St. James Town, Growing Together Project;
- Ms. Evelyn Garratt, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Joan Deluca, Mid Toronto Community Centre, St. James Town Growing Together Project;
- Mr. Doug Hum, City-Wide Recreation Network;
- Ms. Sunshine Smith, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Elizabeth Cinello, Toronto, Ontario;
- Mr. Ambrose Roche, Toronto, Ontario;
- Mr. Richard Anderson, Toronto, Ontario;
- Ms. Susan Serran, Partnership and Community Relations Officer, Toronto Artscape Inc.;
- Mr. Carmen Stefano, Toronto, Ontario;
- Mr. Jorma Palomaki, Toronto, Ontario;
- Mr. Saul Marmor, Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents' Association, and filed a written submission; and
- Ms. Diana Yee, and filed a written submission.

The following Members of Council also appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Sandra Bussin, East Toronto;
- Councillor John Filion, North York Centre;
- Councillor Tom Jakobek, East Toronto;
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River;
- Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton;
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina;

- Councillor Frances Nunziata, York Humber; and
- Councillor Bill Saundercook, York Humber.

(b) Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA), the City of Toronto Economic Development Office and the Toronto Police Service Consultation Meetings – Working Together to Fight Crime.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following report to the meeting scheduled to be held on January 17, 2000:

(November 10, 1999) from the Commissioner of Development, Culture and Tourism, submitting on behalf of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas and the Toronto Police Service, a report entitled “Working Together to Fight Crime”; and recommending that:

- (1) the report, entitled, “Working Together to Fight Crime”, be forwarded to the Task Force on Community Safety to review the recommendations as contained therein, and to begin the process of developing an action plan in consultation with the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas and Toronto Police Service;
- (2) the Task Force on Community Safety report back to the appropriate Standing Committee and to the Policy and Finance Committee regarding the implementation and the financial implications of the recommendations contained in the “Working Together to Fight Crime” report;
- (3) the report, entitled, “Working Together to Fight Crime”, be forwarded to the appropriate departments, boards, agencies and business associations for information and action including the Departments of Works and Emergency Services, Community and Neighbourhood Services and Urban Planning and Development Services; the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas; the Toronto Police Services Board; the respective divisions of the Toronto Police Service; Chairs of the BIAs; Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC); and the Pedestrianization Work Group;
- (4) the financial implications be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2000 Operating Budget process: and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

(c) R2000 - 5th World Congress on Integrated Resources Management and Trade Show June 5 to 9, 2000 Request for Funding (Downtown - Ward 24).

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having concurred with the recommendations of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism embodied in the report dated November 9, 1999; and having referred the following report to the Works Committee for consideration:

(November 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising that the Millennium Task Force, at its meeting held on September 8, 1999, received a deputation from Mr. William Fisch, Chair of the Region of York, requesting funds to support R2000 – 5th World Congress on Integrated Resources Management and Trade Show: June 5 to 9, 2000; further advising that the Task Force requested the Department to prepare a report with funding recommendations for this project; and recommending that:

- (1) the request from the organizers of the R2000 World Congress for \$200,000.00 be declined with the provision that other forms of in-kind assistance may be obtained from the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(d) Request for a Plan for Culture, Arts and Heritage Division.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having referred the following communication to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon to the Committee, in consultation with the Toronto Arts Council, prior to March 1, 2000:

(November 10, 1999) from Councillor David Soknacki (Scarborough Highland Creek – Ward 16), requesting that the Managing Director of Culture, Arts and Heritage Division be requested to present to the Economic Development and Parks Committee prior to March 1, 2000, a plan for the Culture, Arts and Heritage Division which includes:

- (a) an outreach program to community arts organizations which has substantive participation from them in the overall strategy and implementation of the Division's plan;
- (b) a plan for how applications for funding will be evaluated and granted in the upcoming year, especially with respect to giving real consideration to applicants not now receiving funding, and providing evidence that the granting process is transparent, fair and accessible; and
- (c) recommendations for a Culture policy to include funding accessible public art.

(e) Tourism Toronto Budget for Year 2000.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following report to the meeting scheduled to be held on January 17, 2000:

(November 24, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in response to a request from the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that staff report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee regarding the Tourism Toronto budget prior to the year 2000 budget process; and recommending that:

- (1) City of Toronto funding for Tourism Toronto for the year 2000 be approved at the same budget level as 1999, subject to a more detailed review of Tourism Toronto's budget submission;
- (2) the Economic Development and Parks Committee request Tourism Toronto to present its year 2000 business plan and budget as soon as possible; such business plan to clearly address the means by which Tourism Toronto intends to improve its longer-term competitive position; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(f) National Ballet of Canada Board of Directors – Policies and Procedures.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports having received the following confidential report:

(November 12, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on the operations of the National Ballet of Canada Board of Directors.

Councillor Frances Nunziata, York Humber, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN ASHTON
Chair.

Toronto, November 29, 1999

(Report No. 6 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, including additions thereto, was adopted, as amended, by City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 2000.)