

## **Other Items Considered by the Community Council**

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

**(a) 2000-2004 Capital Budget.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

**(A) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:**

- (1) the Maria A. Shchuka library at 1745 Eglinton Avenue West, be endorsed as a district library; and that the CAO/CFO's recommendation of \$100,000, be approved;**
- (2) in addition to the two City-owned homes adjacent to the Maria A. Shchuka District Library, that the Toronto Public Library be requested to allocate an amount of \$1 million in Land Acquisition for 2001, to be used for the purchase of the remaining six properties situated south of the library on Northcliffe Boulevard, for the integration of park space in conjunction with the library;**
- (3) with respect to the York-Eglinton B.I.A. Tree Lighting Project, the 2000 Requested Gross amount of \$10,000 be increased to \$30,000;**
- (4) the 2000 Requested amount of \$210,000 in the Commercial Facade Improvement Plan for the Project Areas in Wards 22, 27 and 28, be increased by \$40,000 to \$250,000, i.e. Eglinton Avenue West including Upper Village-Toronto, Oakwood/Vaughan, Mount Dennis and the Weston area;**
- (5) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to undertake a review of the northbound Yield right turn lane and traffic island at Dufferin Street and Eglinton Avenue West, with a view to reconfiguring this intersection and installing a signalized right turn lane instead; and that cost estimates be determined for this work to be done as part of the Eglinton Employment Revitalization Project, such costs to be included as a recommendation to the Budget Advisory Committee, in order to improve pedestrian safety, having regard to the large number of seniors residing in this area;**
- (6) the Oakwood/Vaughan Arts Centre be endorsed; and that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be**

requested to bring forward a business plan and documentation in support of this project;

- (7) **the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to allocate funds for a feasibility study to be undertaken with respect to the construction of a theatre, to be located in the Weston area;**
- (8) **the Cedarvale Park Redevelopment Phase III Program Submission amount of \$75,000 be endorsed for inclusion in the 2000 Capital Budget; and that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to bring forward proposals for uses such as the construction of a rink around the tennis courts, or a splash pad; ensuring that the natural habitat and wetland character of the ravine is preserved.**
- (9) **with respect to the Phil White Arena-Building addition multi-purpose space, that the Program Submission preliminary amount of \$100,000 be endorsed for inclusion in the 2000 Capital Budget, together with the \$770,000 estimated for the year 2001; and that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to report on this matter, taking into consideration the needs of the community for recreational facilities such as a gymnasium, exercise room, etc.**
- (10) **the Fairbank Community Center Addition be approved with a cash flow of \$190,000 in 2000, to be used for architectural plans, etc., with the remaining \$510,000 to be committed in 2001, allowing the project to start in September 2000 for completion by August 31, 2001; having regard to this centre being constructed with a flat roof for the purpose of accommodating future additions for recreational facilities; and that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, submit proposals with respect to this project.**
- (11) **the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to include an appropriate amount in Parks Development, for improvements to be made in 2001 to the playground in Noble Park.**
- (12) **the \$1.1 million of the \$2 million allocated in the Program Submission for Land Acquisition be approved, in order that the necessary architectural drawings, etc. can commence for a community centre on the lands at Black Creek Drive and Eglinton Avenue West.**
- (13) **the Scarlett Road/St.Clair Avenue West/Dundas Street bridge project be advanced for pre-engineering studies to be undertaken in 2000.**

**(B) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to:**

- (a) review the Commercial Facade Improvement Program to determine whether the \$5,000 limit requirement is an impediment to businesses participating in the program, and to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in January 2000, on the feasibility of lowering the limit to encourage participation; and**
- (b) investigate with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic School Board, possible opportunities for the establishment of arts space in public or separate schools slated for closure.**

The York Community Council held a public meeting with respect to the 2000-2004 Capital Budget.

The Community Council also had before it the following communications, during consideration of the budget presentation:

- (i) (December 1, 1999) from Mr. Lorne Berg, Executive Director, Black Creek Business Area Association, forwarding a copy of letter (November 29, 1999) to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, regarding the amount of \$53,000 for completion of area projects; and
- (ii) (December 2, 1999) from Mr. Arnold Rowe, Chair, York/Eglinton B.I.A., requesting an amount of \$15,000 for improvements to the tree lighting program.

Mr. John DiLallo, Manager, Budget Services, Urban Planning and Development Services, made a slide presentation regarding the 2000 CAO Recommended Capital Program by Community Council.

The following persons appeared before the Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Ella Jackson, Chair, Black Creek Business Area Association;
- Ms. Elizabeth Cinello;
- Ms. Mary Li, Urban Harvest;
- Mr. Arnold Rowe, Chair, York/Eglinton B.I.A. and submitted a letter in regard thereto;
- Mr. Karl Stankov, West Fairbank Ratepayers Association;
- Mr. Steve Tasses, Chair, Keele/Eglinton B.I.A.
- Ms. Marjorie Sutton, Mount Dennis Community Association;
- Ms. Marion Newrick, Community and Social Planning Council, representing the York Community Alliance; and
- Mr. Mark Atyeo, Toronto.

*(Councillor Shiner, at the meeting of City Council held on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, declared an interest in the foregoing Item (a), insofar as it relates to the Toronto Police Services 2000-2004 Capital Budget, and specifically as it pertains to the Police Services Board's review of potential sites for a video storage facility, since one of the sites under review is owned by members of his family.)*

**(b) 1001 Roselawn Avenue, Preliminary Evaluation Report,  
Zoning By-law Amendment - Ward 28, York Eglinton.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

- (1) requested the Manager, Community Planning, West District, to submit a report on this rezoning application to the January 18, 2000 meeting;**
- (2) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to report to the January 18, 2000 meeting on the installation of appropriate advisory signs for north-south motorists on Dufferin Street, indicating access to the continuation of Castlefield Avenue eastbound, one block north of Roselawn Avenue;**
- (3) received the following communications and deputations:**
  - (i) (November 6, 1999) from Mr. Murray Goldman requesting to make a deputation on the following points regarding a report (September 28, 1999) from the Director, Community Planning, West District:
    1. to express dismay that the above matter which was directed by the Community Council to be heard December 2, 1999, is not ready;
    2. to report on the progress of the entire development; and
    3. to discuss the freehold townhouse issue as reported on by the Works Department.
  - (ii) Action taken by the York Community Council on October 12, 1999 in considering a report (September 28, 1999) from the Director, Community Planning, West District, viz:
    - (1) that the recommendation in the report dated September 28, 1999 from the Director, Community Planning, West District, be approved;
    - (2) that the Director, Community Planning, West District, attempt to have the planning staff report ready for the December 2, 1999 meeting of the York Community Council; and

- (3) that the Director, Community Planning, West District, report on the fast-tracking program to the Community Council and to the Planning and Transportation Committee.□
- (iii) (September 28, 1999) from the Director, Community Planning, West District, considered by the York Community Council on October 12, 1999, providing preliminary comments on the processing of an application received September 2, 1999, from Westside Developments Ltd. to amend alteration and Zoning By-law No. 1-83 from PE-Prestige Employment Zone to Residential Multiple Zone 1 (RM1), to permit the conversion of a manufacturing/warehouse building to an apartment building containing 171 condominium live/work units and construction of 61 residential townhouse units; and recommending that:
- (1) this report be received, and that the application continue to be circulated;
  - (2) upon completion of a Planning staff report, a public meeting to consider the application be scheduled for a meeting of Community Council; and
  - (3) a community meeting be arranged in consultation with the local Councillors.
- (iv) (December 1, 1999) from Mr. Marc Petrucelli, owner, Dom Sports and Games, 957 Roselawn Avenue, advising that his operation requires the constant flow of truck traffic, most of which are transport trailers requiring a wide area for backing into the facility and sometimes impedes traffic; that Roselawn Avenue is a very highly travelled street and currently there is no parking on Roselawn Avenue trucks which enables trucks to use the street without safety concerns; and that:
- (1) it is imperative that Roselawn Avenue remain a “no parking” street;
  - (2) as trucks deliver and/or pick up, traffic and pedestrian flow will be disrupted, as has been the practice for over 20 years;
  - (3) signs must be improved to show where Castlefield Avenue ends and begins again; and where Roselawn Avenue begins, in order to avoid confusion and possible accidents at the “S-shaped” junction of the two streets;
  - (4) having regard for the above and recognizing that their business has been successfully accepted by the local community for over 20 years, is suggesting that potential owners be informed of their concerns prior to title being registered; and that it is imperative that the sales/purchase contracts contain a written warning clause duly noted and signed by the purchaser and that this clause run with the land until such time as all businesses are no longer located on Roselawn Avenue.

- (v) (December 1, 1999) from Mr. Mark DeLorenzo, Ryding Auto Body, 961 Roselawn Avenue, advising that their business is that of autobody-collision and refinishing of motorized vehicles adjacent to the proposed development at 1001 Roselawn Avenue; that these services have been provided for over 35 years; and that with regard to the following:
- (1) Noise - there is the constant use of power drills, arrival and departure of trucks loading and unloading tow trucks; and that residential neighbours will not receive the expected peace and tranquillity;
  - (2) Painting and Rust-Proofing/Odor Impact - the use, storage and disposal of finishing materials is regulated and monitored by the Ministry of the Environment; that such materials must be separately ventilated; that odors permeate from the stack and dissipate into the air which are discernable to customers and passersby; and that the air quality may be considered offensive to residential neighbours;
  - (3) Sign/Lighting Impact - that there is an illuminated sign approximately 30 ft. across the front of the repair shop; that at the curb there are two illuminated signs, 8x8 and 4x4 ft. which are lit 24 hours a day to provide lighting for customers to access the property at night and early in the morning; and that residential neighbours may find the lighting intrusive and disruptive during periods of rest;
  - (4) in order for the proposed use to successfully co-exist with the present environment, it may be necessary to purchase new machinery or adapt existing machinery in order to further reduce noise and odor emissions and secure the hazardous waste storage facility;
  - (5) potential purchasers be made aware of the foregoing concerns, which they should acknowledge and accept prior to title being registered.

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The following persons appeared before the Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Murray Goldman, Westside Developments Inc.; and
- Mr. Mark DeLorenzo, Ryding Auto Body Ltd.

**(c) Traffic and Parking Concerns in the Scott Road and Cameron Road Area Ward 27, York Humber.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

- (1) approved the recommendation in the following report; and**

**(2) received the following communications and deputation:**

(i) (November 15, 1999) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, responding to a request from the York Community Council for a report on a traffic and parking proposal within the Cameron Avenue and Scott Road Area; advising that on September 20, 1999, a public meeting was held at the York Civic Centre to hear a variety of safety and parking concerns within the Scott Road and Cameron Avenue area; that the meeting was attended by local residents, Silverthorn Ratepayers Association, members of the Masjid-E-Noor mosque, the local Councillor and respective executive assistants, Toronto Police Services and municipal staff; responding to the following recommendations proposed to alleviate the concerns raised at the meeting with respect to:

- (a) Construction of a throat narrowing on the south-west corner of Scott Road and Cameron Avenue;
- (b) Establishment of a loading/unloading zone on the south side of Cameron Avenue, east of Scott Road;
- (c) Implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on Cameron Avenue and Scott Road;
- (d) Changing the 15-metre parking prohibition to “No Standing Anytime” on the east side of Scott Road, south of Cameron Avenue;

advising that funds required for constructing a modular concrete curb throat narrowing on the south-west corner of Scott Road at Cameron Avenue are estimated at \$3,000.00, and are contained in the Works and Emergency Services Department 1999 Capital Budget; and recommending that:

- (1) subject to a poll revealing the majority of residents on Scott Road between Holwood Avenue and Cameron Avenue support the construction of a modular concrete curb throat narrowing on the south-west corner of Scott Road and Cameron Avenue, a road alteration by-law be prepared and public notice be given; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(ii) (December 1 and November 29, 1999) from Mr. Fred Lindsay, Vice President, Silverthorn Ratepayers Association, responding to the foregoing staff report.

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- Mr. Floyd Migory, President, Silverthorn Ratepayers Association, appeared before the Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

**(d) Flashing Control Beacon at King Street and George Street  
Ward 27, York Humber.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

**(1) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to report on safety measures to address the concerns with respect to children crossing the intersection of King Street and George Street; and**

**(2) received the following report:**

(November 16, 1999) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, advising on the impacts of installing a flashing control beacon as a cautionary measure to enhance the visibility of the stop controls at the intersection of King Street and George Street as recommended by York Community Council at its meeting of June 22, 1999; advising that prior to the decision related to the installation of a flashing beacon, staff were requested to review the feasibility of installing a raised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of King Street and George Street to improve pedestrian safety; that this report reviews the relative merits and impacts of these traffic control measures for improving safety within the intersection; concluding that based on these study findings the existing all-way stop control is serving the safety needs of all users; that the introduction of further traffic control measures such as a flashing hazard identification beacons or traffic calming (i.e. a tabled intersection) would provide no safety enhancement to support the existing all-way stop control and, therefore, cannot be justified; advising that the necessary funds for the installation of a flashing control beacon at this intersection, estimated at \$5,000.00, are not available within the Transportation Services 1999 Current Budget and that the cost of this work could be provided for in the Transportation Services Current Estimates for installation in 2000; and recommending that a flashing control beacon not be installed at the intersection of King Street and George Street.

**(e) Traffic Calming in Ward 27, York Humber and  
Ward 28, York Eglinton.**

**The York Community Council reports having requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to:**

**(1) undertake a poll on a block by block basis, with designs, for traffic calming on the following streets in Ward 28:**

1. Crang Avenue - between St. Clair Avenue and Glenhurst Avenue



2. **Robina Avenue - between Holland Park Avenue and Jesmond Avenue**
  3. **Kenwood Avenue - between St. Clair Avenue W. and Vaughan Road**
  4. **Humewood Drive - between St. Clair Avenue W. and Maplewood Avenue**
  5. **Winona Drive - between Vaughan Road and St. Clair Avenue West**
  6. **Glencedar Road - between Eglinton Avenue W. and Dewbourne Avenue;**
- (2) **include for consideration with respect to traffic calming measures, the following municipal lanes:**
1. **Eglinton Avenue W. - between Bathurst Street and Oakwood Avenue;**
  2. **St. Clair Avenue West between Bathurst Street and Wychwood Avenue; and**
  3. **Bathurst Street between Humewood and Atlas Avenue;**
- (3) **conduct studies for the installation of speed humps, speed and volume of traffic on the following streets:**
1. **Heathdale Road - between Bathurst Street and Windley Avenue;**
  2. **Heathdale Road - between Bathurst Street and Humewood Drive; and**
  3. **Glencedar Road between Eglinton Avenue West and Dewbourne Avenue; and**
- (4) **received the following report:**

(November 17, 1999) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, responding to a request from the York Community Council at its meeting of October 12, 1999 for a report on the current status of various individual requests for traffic calming within both Wards 27 and 28; attaching an Appendix providing a summary by Ward of the current status of each individual request for traffic calming; advising that with each of these requests, they will proceed with their normal process of studies to determine whether traffic calming would be of benefit, preparation of a design, determination of majority support by a survey of the residents, and reporting to Community Council with a recommendation for advertisement and enactment of a by-law; that once the Transportation Services 2000 Capital Budget is approved, we will then report on the approved locations to

determine the priority for installation in 2000; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**(f) Urban Forestry Back-log - Ward 27, York Humber and Ward 28, York Eglinton.**

**The York Community Council reports having requested the Director, Parks and Recreation, West District, to:**

- (1) report to the Budget Advisory Committee on funding for staff in order to reduce the waiting period for tree maintenance to three to four months;**
- (2) ensure that the contract crew assigned to tree removals, notify the City when this work is being done and that staff reconfirm the trees identified for removal; and**
- (3) received the following report:**

(November 12, 1999) from the Commissioner, Economic Development and Culture, advising that Councillor Mihevc requested that staff report on the number of outstanding requests for tree trimming, the approximate timeframe for the work to be undertaken and the potential to assign additional resources to address the backlog of requests; that since that time these issues have been reported on a City-wide basis in Policy and Finance Report No. 6, Clause No. 1, adopted by Council on September 28 and 29, 1999, as amended; that as of June 15, 1999, the average wait for tree maintenance across the City ranged from 10-13 months clearly showing an unacceptable level of service across the City; that the tree maintenance back-log in Wards 27 and 28 specifically as of September 29, 1999 is as follows:

Ward	1998	1999	Total
27	129	282	411
28	90	198	288
Total	219	480	699

that the forestry back-log in York as of September 29, 1999 is 699 (tree pruning/removal); that the hiring of contractors has enhanced the ability to address the back-log in York and it is anticipated that the back-log will be reduced to an average wait of 10 months by the end of this year; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**(g) Presentations to York Community Council.**

**The York Community Council reports having received the following communication:**

(October 25, 1999) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, advising that it is unprecedented at Community Councils not to allow a local community group or a City of Toronto agency wishing to speak to smaller groups of Councillors to present their information to the local councillors, such as the York Coalition on Homelessness and the Toronto Arts Council; that both these groups have requested to appear before the York Community Council; that the groups have relevant information to share with the local councillors and they should not be denied this opportunity; that the York Coalition on Homelessness has completed relevant research related to the York community; and that this issue is being brought forward for discussion to determine a clear protocol for dealing with local individuals and groups in the future.

**(h) Zero Tolerance for Garbage in Laneways - Ward 28, York Eglinton.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

- (1) endorsed the principle that garbage collection in laneways should be considered as part of the regular refuse and garbage collection;**
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to:**
  - (a) include in the City-wide report on garbage collection, the implementation of laneways forming part of the regular collection service; and
  - (b) report on the requests in the following communication:**

(November 1, 1999) from Councillor J. Mihevc requesting that:

- (a) vacuum machines be used to clean-up the laneways once per week;
- (b) crews clean-up the laneways once every one to two weeks; and
- (c) store owners be reminded that garbage placed in laneways should be placed in bins, not in boxes or plastic bags; as neighbourhoods close to these laneways are plagued by rodents; and also that particular attention be given to:
  - the laneway behind Pizza Pizza at Oakwood Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West, in particular the section between Oakwood Avenue and Clovelly; and
  - the section of the laneway between Rostrevor Road and Camberwell Road;and that staff report back as soon as possible.

**(i) New Bocce Courts at Fairbank Centre for Seniors  
- Ward 28, York Eglinton.**

**The York Community Council reports having requested the Director, Parks and Recreation, West District, to report on the concerns outlined in the following communication:**

(October 28, 1999) from Councillor Mihevc advising that in the summer of this year work was completed on new indoor bocce courts at the York Fairbank Centre for Seniors; that the contractor was contacted shortly after with a list of complaints regarding problems related to the courts; that none of the problems have been addressed; that the contractor has not returned calls; and that the members have submitted a petition requesting that the following issues be resolved as soon as possible:

1. that all wood be treated (due to humidity, etc.)
2. the echo in the bocce courtyard is extremely loud and should be rectified;
3. that a control box for heating be installed due to drastic fluctuations in temperature; and
4. that the fence on both sides of the lanes be extended by a minimum of 5 ft.; and

requesting that staff work directly with the contractor and report back on the action taken.

**(j) Request for a Flashing Light at Keywest Avenue and Dufferin Street - Ward 28, York Eglinton.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

- (1) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to report on the installation of a flashing warning light at Keywest Avenue on Dufferin Street; and**
- (2) received the following communication:**

(November 3, 1999) from Councillor R. Davis advising that a resident has indicated that due to the grade of Dufferin Street when travelling north it is difficult for motorists to be aware of vehicles turning east at Keywest Avenue; that a flashing warning light at this intersection would be a good safety feature to warn motorists; and requesting that staff investigate the feasibility of installing a flashing warning light.

**(k) Request for Review of Parking Restrictions on Romanway Crescent - Ward 27, York Humber.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

**(1) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to report on alternative parking during the summer months to the existing parking regulations on Romanway Crescent; and**

**(2) received the following communication:**

(November 5, 1999) from Councillor Nunziata advising that a resident has expressed concern with the Monday to Thursday, No Parking restriction from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; that this restriction during the winter months is suitable for snow removal purposes but that it should be relaxed during the summer months; and requesting that staff investigate this suggestion and report back.

**(l) Request for Alternate Side Parking on Handel Street  
Ward 27, York Humber.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

**(1) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to report on the introduction of alternate side parking on Handel Street between Foxwell Avenue and Ellins Avenue; and**

**(2) received the following communication:**

(November 16, 1999) from Councillor F. Nunziata, advising that a request has been received from a resident for alternate side parking on Handel Street between Foxwell Avenue and Ellins Avenue; and requesting that Transportation Services, District 1, report on this proposal.

**(m) Request for Alternate Side Permit Parking on Folkes Street  
Ward 27, York Humber.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

**(1) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, to report on the implementation of alternate side parking on Folkes Street; and**

**(2) received the following communication:**

(November 1, 1999) from Councillor F. Nunziata advising that several residents have requested alternate side permit parking on Folkes Street; and requesting staff to investigate the feasibility of this request and undertake a poll of the residents.

**(n) Approval Process for the Siting of Waterfront Windmills.**

**The York Community Council reports having received the following communication:**

(November 3, 1999) from the City Clerk, forwarding for information, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 4 of the Works Committee, headed "Approval Process for the Siting of Waterfront Windmill'sw, which was adopted, as amended, by City Council at its meeting held on October 26 and 27, 1999.

**(o) City of Toronto Boundary Identification Signs.**

**The York Community Council reports having:**

- (1) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to submit proposed designs for signage with respect to identifying neighbourhoods;**
- (2) agreed to a meeting of the four local Councillors to discuss this issue; and**
- (3) received the following communication:**

(October 5, 1999) from the City Clerk, forwarding a copy of Clause No. 4 of Report No. 3 of the Works Committee, headed, "City of Toronto Boundary Identification Signs", which was adopted, as amended, by City Council at its meeting held on September 28 and 29, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROB DAVIS**  
*Chair*

Toronto, December 2, 1999

*(Report No. 12 of The York Community Council, including an addition thereto, was adopted, without amendment, by City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999.)*