

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, January 13, 1999

The Budget Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 2:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Pitfield
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Miller
Councillor Minnan-Wong
Councillor Pantalone

1.1 1999-2003 Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Plan.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (January 13, 1999) from the Director, Budget Services Division, respecting outstanding issues related to the 1999-2003 Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Plan, and recommended the following:

Toronto Transit Commission

Project No. 921 - Shelters and Loops:

- A. Councillor Shiner moved:
- (1) that funding for Project No. 921, Shelters and Loops, be reduced by \$300,000.00; and
 - (2) that the decision as to the location of bus shelters to be installed in 1999 be on a per capita basis across the City, with the final decision being under the jurisdiction of the Community Councils.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Kinahan Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

B. Councillor Jakobek moved:

that the question of installation of bus shelters and loops be referred to the Urban Environment and Development Committee with a request that the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission report to the Urban Environment and Development Committee on the feasibility of installing bus shelters on a per capita basis with the final decision being under the jurisdiction of the Community Councils.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A.(1) by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A.(2) by Councillor Shiner, it lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

(General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; c. Urban Environment and Development Committee - January 20, 1999.)

Project No. 9320 - Control Thermostat

Funding, in the amount of \$176,000.00, for the subject project to be referred to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund for funding.

Councillor Kinahan moved:

- (1) that the Toronto Transit Commission 1999 Capital Budget be amended as follows:
 - (i) \$2.5 million - monies from insurance claim for subway accident to be used to fund the 1999 Capital Budget;
 - (ii) \$2.137 million - unspecified reductions; and
- (2) that the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission be requested to provide any details deemed necessary related to these reductions to the January 19, 1999 meeting of the Budget Committee.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion (1) by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion (2) by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Urban Planning

Sheppard Avenue East Phase I

Councillor Shiner moved the adoption of funding in the amount of \$941,000.00 for Phase I, Stage II of the Sheppard Avenue East Streetscape project between Leslie Street and Bayview Avenue and further requested that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services consult with the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, to ensure the proper time flow for the said project, taking into consideration the Toronto Transit Commission's construction schedule for the reconstruction of Sheppard Avenue East.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; c. General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission - January 20, 1999.)

Economic Development

Pearl Street - Lighting Improvements

Councillor Chow moved that funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Pearl Street Lighting Improvements be approved, conditional upon \$100,000.00 of matching funds being received from the Pearl Street merchants.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

Bloor-Yorkville BIA

The Budget Committee reports having referred the subject matter to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for further comments respecting the Streetscape Improvement Program on Bloor Street.

Mr. Bill Steiss appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with this matter.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - January 20, 1999.)

Transportation*Dufferin Street Jog Elimination*

Councillor Shiner moved that funding in the amount \$700,000.00 for the Dufferin Street Jog Elimination be approved and further that Councillor Pantalone and Transportation staff meet with Councillor Kinahan to review this project.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

Councillors Korwin-Kuczynski, Minnan-Wong, Miller and Pantalone appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with this matter.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Councillors Kinahan and Pantalone; General Manager, Transportation - January 20, 1999.)

Parks and Recreation*St Basil Community Centre*

The Budget Reports having tabled consideration of this matter until its meeting of January 19, 1999.

Kiwanis Pool - East York

The Budget Committee reports having deferred consideration of this matter until its meeting of January 19, 1999 and further requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to such meeting on:

- (1) the cost of a slide and installation of same; and
- (2) the required staffing (lifeguards) to be in attendance at swimming pools with slides and the ramifications of such staffing on the operating budget.

Leaside Memorial Community Gardens

The Budget Committee had before it a report (January 12, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, respecting a request in the amount of \$52,000, net of trade-in allowance, to purchase a replacement ice resurfacer for Leaside Memorial Community Gardens, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) approval be given to a loan in the amount of \$52,000 to fund the purchase of an ice resurfacer to be repaid by Leaside Memorial Community Gardens through its operating budget in the same manner as debentures; and

- (2) that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

The Budget Committee approved the foregoing recommendation.

Woodbine Recreation Funding

The Budget Committee approved the technical adjustment, (\$500,000.), to clarify the funding sources regarding the Woodbine Park funding, subject to revising Schedule C2, embodied in report (January 12, 1999) from the Director of Policy and Development, clarifying said adjustments, noting that the Budget Committee was advised that the gross total for this project does not change.

Playgrounds and Waterplays Study

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Kinahan Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

A. Councillor Jakobek moved:

- (1) that the \$90,000,00 for outside consultants to carry out the inspection to establish that playgrounds and waterplay areas meet CSA standards be struck out; and
- (2) that the playgrounds and waterplay areas be inspected by qualified City staff to ascertain if the said playgrounds and waterplay areas meet CSA standards.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Shiner moved:

that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development Committee on the feasibility of reassigning qualified staff to carry out the inspection of playgrounds and waterplay areas and replace such staff from other areas of the Division until such inspections are completed.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A.(1) by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A.(2) by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Economic Development Committee; General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division - January 20, 1999.)

Police Services

Front Counter Renovations

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Kinahan Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Jakobek moved that the amount of \$568,000.00 for Front Counter Renovations be struck out.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Solid Waste

Hiring of Consultants - Perpetual Care of Landfills

The Budget Committee had before it a report (January 6, 1999) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, addressing a request arising from the Budget Committee's review of the 1999 Capital Works Program at a special meeting held on December 18, 1998, wherein it is recommended that \$250,000 in consultants costs be deferred for consideration with the year 2000 Capital Budget and that the 1999 Capital Budget request for the perpetual care of landfills be reduced accordingly.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Kinahan Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Jakobek moved:

- (1) that the report (January 6, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be approved; and
- (2) that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report back to the Budget Committee, at its meeting on June 22, 1999, on the hiring of outside consultants City wide, including Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion (1) by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion (2) by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Ms. Barbara Hume-Wright - January 20, 1999.)

1.2 Other Matters.

Snow Removal

Councillor Chow moved that the Chief Financial Officer be requested to look into the establishment of a reserve fund for snow removal and report back to Budget Committee in that regard.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - January 20, 1999.)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Chair.