

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, February 1, 1999

The Budget Committee met on Monday, February 1, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 3:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Lastman
Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Balkissoon
Councillor Chow
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Pitfield
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor Augimeri
Councillor Berger
Councillor Feldman
Councillor Filion
Councillor King

3.1 North York Performing Arts Centre.

The Budget Committee had before it:

- (1) transmittal (January 27, 1999) from the City Clerk, forwarding a joint report (January 25, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Mr. Glenn Garwood, North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation Executive Manager, respecting the North York Performing Arts Centre (Ford Centre) - 1999-2000 Concert Series;
- (2) report (February 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing additional information respecting the North York Performing Arts Centre; and
- (3) confidential report (January 29, 1999) from the City Solicitor.

A. Councillor Jakobek moved:

- (1) defer consideration of the foregoing matter to allow the Chair of the Budget Committee to meet with the Mayor, relevant staff, representatives from the North York Performing Arts Centre Emergency Committee and the North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation Board of Directors, to review the existing budget with a view to drastically reducing same;
- (2) that a special meeting of the Budget Committee be held on Thursday, February 4, 1999, to further discuss the aforementioned matter and report thereon directly to City Council at its meeting on February 4, 1999;
- (3) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to Economic Development Committee and Council on the establishment of a Performing Arts Task Force to review and report to Economic Development Committee and Council on the state of 'live' theatre in Toronto.

B. Councillor Ootes moved:

the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested report to Economic Development Committee and Council on the status of the Ballet and Opera Companies having their own theatre and the impact on theatre space in the City of Toronto.

C. Councillor Shiner moved:

the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to Economic Development Committee and Council on the continuing activity of the North York Performing Arts Centre Art Gallery and how the work of the Art Gallery could be coordinated with other Art Galleries.

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 A.(3) by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

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

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

Mr. James McGuffin, Chair, Board of Director, North York Performing Arts Centre (Ford Centre) addressed the Budget Committee in connection with this matter.

3.2 1999 Capital Budget Requests for Prior Authorization for Specific Capital Projects.

The Budget Committee, at its special meeting on February 1, 1999, had before it a report (January 30, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing a list of capital projects which are considered to be urgent and require prior expenditure authorization and immediate financial approval in advance of Council's approval of the 1999 Capital Budget at its meeting of March 2, 1999.

On a motion by Councillor Jakobek the Budget Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report subject to adding:

“the Commissioner of Works and Utilities be requested to report directly to City Council on the status of the Western Beaches Storage Tunnel project.”

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

Chair.