

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Budget Committee**

**Meeting No. 9**

**Wednesday, February 24, 1999.**

The Budget Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:15 p.m.

Attendance

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

	9:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	1:50 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.
Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair	X	X
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	X	-
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Blake Kinahan	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X	-
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor David Shiner	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor John Adams		
Councillor Dennis Fotinos		
Councillor Mario Giansante		
Councillor Joe Pantalone		
Councillor Kyle Rae		
Councillor Sherene Shaw		

**9.1 1999 Operating Budget**

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for the various departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions of the City of Toronto.

The Budget Committee continued its preliminary review of the 1999 Operating Budget and directed that its recommendations be forwarded to all Standing Committees and Community Councils for review and comment, to report back to the Budget Committee prior to the commencement of the 'wrap-up' meetings on April 6, 1999.

(Standing Committees and Community Councils - March 5, 1999)

### **Works and Emergency Services**

Mr. Barry Gutteridge, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budgets and answered Members' questions in that regard.

#### ***Transportation***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for Transportation Services Division.

Mr. David Kaufman, General Manager, Transportation Services Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved:
- (i) that the reduction of \$19,000.00 for School Patrol Grants be accepted and the Finance Department confirm that this grant funding is provided and documented in the Police Services Budget.
  - (ii) that the following programs be reinstated:
    - (a) Surface Repair in the amount of \$343,500.00;
    - (b) Sidewalk Repair in the amount of \$171,800.00;

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- (iii) that the Works and Utilities Department provide alternative reductions in the amount of \$515,300.00;
- (iv) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee with a complete breakdown of the fee structure for permit fees so that the Budget Committee can make recommendations on the proposed increase in permit fees by \$600,000.00 for 1999 in the Transportation budget, noting that particular emphasis should be placed on the details concerning permit parking across the various former municipalities and what level should be recommended across the City; and
- (v) that funding for special leaf pick-up be eliminated throughout the City (recommended while considering the Solid Waste Management Operating Budget).

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Ootes moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on the harmonization of services, the said report to include, but not be limited to, Snow Plowing: a plan towards standardization throughout the City and how it is being addressed, to include overtime, i.e., some areas have sidewalk clearing, some areas have windrow clearing, etc.

**(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on how the Department is going to build up the reserve fund for snow removal.

**(Carried)**

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D. Councillor Shiner moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on:

- (i) sidewalk clearing;
- (ii) number of seniors receiving snow removal service;
- (iii) other options for snow clearing of sidewalks; and
- (iv) breakdown of snow removal by District.

**(Carried)**

E. Councillor Pitfield moved that the harmonization of permit fees for street parking be at the 'average' range, keeping in mind the sensitivity of the permit parking issue.

**(Carried)**

(Emergency and Protective Services Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. General Manager, Transportation Services Division - March 9, 1999)

***Fire***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for Fire Services Division.

Mr. Al Speed, Fire Chief, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

A. Councillor Shiner moved that, prior to the Budget Committee 'wrap-up' session, time be set aside to review all consultants hired by the Chief Administrative Officer in the last year, to include costs, the purpose for which they were hired and date of completion of contracts; and further requested that KPMG be invited to attend such meeting to answer Members' questions.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Chow moved that a Task Force Group, consisting of Councillors Balkissoon, Shiner, Pitfield and Chow (when available),

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be established to review the Fire Department's budget with a mandate to reduce the budget so it is more in line with the average reduction of other departments, the said review to include the administrative functions and an analysis of whether savings could be achieved in this area.

**(Carried)**

(Emergency and Protective Services Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Fire Chief - March 9, 1999)

***Ambulance***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for Ambulance Services Division.

Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Ambulance Service Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee providing an update on the cross border billings issue when further information becomes available.

**(Carried)**

(Emergency and Protective Services Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. General Manager, Ambulance Services Division - March 9, 1999)

***Solid Waste Management***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management.

Mr. Angelos Bacopoulos, General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

Mr. B. Guthrie, Past President, Local 545, appeared before Committee in connection with this matter.

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- A. Councillor Shiner moved:
- (i) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Works and Utilities Committee on:
    - (a) providing blue box service across the entire City, including single family residential homes and town homes;
    - (b) replacement of 'flower pot' bins in the former City of North York with the standard metal container bin system; and
    - (c) implementing a 'bagged' system for leaf pick-up throughout the City and what savings could be realized if this program were approved;
  - (ii) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee providing:
    - (a) a map of the City showing all the recycling locations, where residents can bring their recyclable materials to now at the transfer stations, and where the Scarborough transfer stations are, to see if there is a requirement to retain all the existing recycling locations; and
    - (b) a list of areas of the City that still may not be serviced by bagged leaf pick-up and the cost of that service;
  - (iii) that consideration of eliminating twice a week collection in the summer months for high need areas be deferred pending a report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services clarifying high need areas, including a map showing where the 'high need areas' are in the City and the cost of delivering this service;
  - (iv) that the Environment Days budget be reduced by \$50,000.00 (\$450,000.00); and

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- (v) that the twice a week garbage collection in North York be maintained until City Council deals with all harmonization services.

**(Lost)**

B. Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Budget Committee:

- (i) providing a review of the commercial garbage collection and examining the possibility of:
  - (1) charging a fee for commercial garbage pickup; and
  - (2) offering a discount or free collection for compost, glass, cardboard and other recyclable materials; and
- (ii) submitting an implementation strategy and related costs for phasing-in Recommendation No. (2)(a) over three years, i.e., chart format showing Years 1, 2 and 3, what the impact would be, what the revenues would be, etc.

**(Carried)**

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

C. Councillor Jakobek moved:

- (i) that twice a week waste collection be eliminated in all areas of the City.
- (ii) that the yard waste collection to be harmonized throughout the City in the summer months;
- (iii) that the implementation of a fee for lost or additional recycling containers (blue/grey boxes) and damaged or worn-out recycling containers be replaced free of charge;
- (iv) that the three bag limit for waste to be placed at the curbside by residents NOT be approved;
- (v) that the elimination of free disposal by City residents at transfer stations and the landfills NOT be approved;

- (vi) that the contribution to the Equipment Reserve Fund continue; and
- (vii) that public recycling igloos not be eliminated.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Works and Utilities Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. General Manager,  
Solid Waste Management Services Division - March 9, 1999)

### ***Support Services***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for the Support Services Division.

Mr. Bill Forrest, Director, Support Services Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

Councillor Shiner moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back on the annual cost of producing the garbage schedule calendars.

**(Carried)**

(Works and Utilities Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Director, Support Services Division - March 9, 1999)

### ***Technical Services***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for the Technical Services Division.

Mr. Tom Denes, Executive Director, Technical Services Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

The Budget Committee made no requests respecting the foregoing budget.

(Works and Utilities Committee - March 5, 1999)



(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Executive Director,  
Technical Services Division - March 9, 1999)

### ***Toronto Parking Authority***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority.

Mr. Maurice Anderson, President, Toronto Parking Authority, appeared before Committee in connection with this budget and answered Members' questions.

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

Councillor Jakobek moved that the President of the Toronto Parking Authority be requested to ensure that, in setting new rates, the TPA Board make increases for parking as equitable as possible across the City and that the Board report back to the Budget Committee on any increase in the City's share of net revenues as a result of implementing revised parking rates during 1999.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Emergency and Protective Services Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. President, Toronto Parking Authority - March 9, 1999)

### **Urban Planning and Development Services**

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for the Urban Environment and Development Services Department.

Ms. Virginia West, Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budgets and answered Members' questions in that regard.

Mr. Paul Bedford, Executive Director Chief Planner, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

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- A. Councillor Chow moved that the \$108,000.00 Toronto Cycling Program, consisting of \$68,000.00 from Urban Planning and \$40,000.00 from Transportation, be deleted and TAF be requested to fund the Cycling Program (including a service expansion request of \$148,000.00); the transfer of the said program to be conditional upon TAF having sufficient funds available.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the appropriate Commissioners, be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on any necessary changes in the staff complement in City departments that review planning applications, site plan applications or building permits to facilitate a reasonable turnaround for all applications, including turnaround time for comments from other departments.

**(Carried)**

(Urban Environment and Development Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services - March 9, 1999)

***Licensing***

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget for the Licensing Division.

The Director, Licensing Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

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

- A. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on recovering the full cost of \$701,000.00 related to the implementation of the Task Force recommendations with respect to the taxicab industry.

**(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Chow moved:

- (i) that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on the potential annualized savings/efficiencies from the merger of the Licensing Division with Municipal Standards; and
- (ii) that the Licensing Administration Division budget be referred back to the budget analyst, to work in conjunction with program staff to achieve savings to flatline the 1999 gross expenditure budget.

**(Carried)**

(Emergency and Protective Services Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services - March 9, 1999)

### **Corporate Services**

Ms. Margaret Rodrigues, Commissioner, Corporate Services, appeared before Budget Committee in connection with the following budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

### ***Council***

The Budget Committee had before it:

- (a) the 1999 Operating Budget for the Council and Support Division; and
- (b) joint report (February 23, 1999) from the City Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting a Hospitality Allowance for Community Councils.

Mr. Jim Hart, Director, Council and Support Division, gave an overview presentation and answered Members' questions.

A. Councillor Jakobek moved:

- (i) the adoption of the joint report (February 23, 1999) from the City Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to striking out the sum of "\$30,000.00" in Recommendation No. (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "up to \$25,000.00";

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- (ii) that each Councillor's office budget be reduced by ten percent to \$63,000.00 (total of \$399,000.00);
- (iii) that the \$30,000.00 reduction of Association of Municipalities of Ontario fees be accepted and further that the Association of Municipalities (AMO) fees be transferred from Non-Program Budget to Council Budget; and
- (iv) the reinstatement of \$44,900.00 in interdepartmental recoveries.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Council Transportation budget be reduced by 10 percent (\$48,000.00) in 1999.

**(Carried)**

(Corporate Services Committee - March 5, 1999)

(Commissioner of Corporate Services - March 9, 1999)

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

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Chair