

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 6, 1999.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, April 6, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:15 p.m.

Attendance

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

	2:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	7:13 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.
Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair	X	X
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Blake Kinahan	X	X
Mayor Mel Lastman	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor David Shiner	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor John Adams	Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Councillor Joanne Flint	Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Norman Gardner	Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Mario Giansante	Councillor Judy Sgro
Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Sherene Shaw
Councillor Joan King	Councillor Bruce Sinclair
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	

1999 OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget Committee had before it the 1999 Operating Budget, Summary of Budget Review Programs - Wrap up, for the various departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions of the City of Toronto.

Mr. Michael Garrett, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update of the 1999 Operating Budget and gave an audio-visual presentation to the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and answered Members' questions in that regard.

14.1 Standing Committees:

Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 24, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on March 24, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee the adoption of the 1999 Operating Budgets under the purview of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, subject to the following amendments:

(i) Consolidated Grants:

That the 1999 Consolidated Grants Budget be approved at the 1998 level of \$45,133,000.00 (gross) and \$43,209,000.00 (net), as originally recommended by the Municipal Grants Review Committee, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(ii) Social Services Division:

That the proposed cut to the WIACT (Worker's Information and Action Committee of Toronto) Program be deferred, pending an examination of this Program's role in relation to the City; that, as part of this review, the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to approach the Federal and Provincial Governments to request funding for the work of the WIACT Program; and further that the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on this matter by the end of the summer.

(iii) Public Health:

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That the service levels recommended by the Board of Health with respect to the Food Safety Program, the Tuberculosis Control Program, the Needle Exchange Program, and the Dental and Oral Health Program be supported in principle.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Corporate Services Committee

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 24, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Corporate Services Committee on March 25, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, that the original recommendations pertaining to those programs under the purview of the Corporate Services Committee, submitted to the Budget Committee by the Chief Administrative Officer on February 19, 1999, be adopted.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Economic Development Committee

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair, Economic Development Committee, advising that the Economic Development Committee will be transmitting to the Budget Committee for its meeting on April 7, 1999, notification of action taken by the Economic Development Committee at its meeting on March 29 and April 6, 1999, on the following items which require consideration by the Budget Committee:

- Item 1: Consideration of the 1999 Operating Budget;
- Item 3: Toronto Arts Council's 1999 Budget Submission;
- Item 4: Toronto Television Film Office Policy Direction and Update on Fees for Location Film Permit; and
- Item 25: Financial Benefits of International Partnerships - City to City Alliances - 1999 Program and Resource Requirements.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

Emergency and Protective Services Committee

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 24, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on March 23, 1999, received the following 1999 Operating Budgets:

- Ambulance Services;
- Fire Services;
- Toronto Police Services Board; and
- Licensing.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

Urban Environment and Development Committee

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 1, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Urban Environment and Development Committee on March 31, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that:

- (1) the rejected booking rate for Wheel Trans be held at two percent, which represents the same rate as 1998 and that funding for this adjustment be obtained from a portion of the recently announced funding from the Provincial Government for ambulance and health services in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the \$40,000.00 funding for the Cycling Ambassador Program, as provided in 1998, be reinstated in the 1999 Operating Budget.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Works and Utilities Committee

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 24, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works and Utilities Committee on March 24, 1999:

- (1) recommended the adoption of the programs embodied in the 1999 Operating Budget under the purview of the Works and Utilities Committee; and

- (2) requested that the Budget Committee review and reconsider the issue of public recycling igloos referred to in the synopsis of the recommendations of the Budget Committee under Solid Waste Management.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

14.2 Community Councils:

East York Community Council

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 31, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the East York Community Council on March 30, 1999, received the City of Toronto 1999 Operating Budget for information.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

Etobicoke Community Council

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Etobicoke Community Council on March 29, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that:

- (1) Public Health programs be expanded in the following areas:
 - (i) Dental Treatment Program;
 - (ii) Food Access Program;
 - (iii) Food Safety Program;
 - (iv) Tuberculosis Program; and
 - (v) AIDS/HIV Needle Exchange Program;
- (2) the Montgomery's Inn budget be reinstated in the original amount of \$399.0 thousand to provide for the continuation of the education component of the programs offered by Montgomery's Inn; and

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- (3) of the \$1.3 million required to maintain a flat-line consolidated grants budget, the amount \$898.6 thousand be retained and that this amount be applied on a pro rata basis across the City.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

North York Community Council

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the North York Community Council on March 29 and 30, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that:

Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

- (1) the flat-lining of the 1998 Grants Budget be supported and the resulting \$1.378 million be re-allocated within the 1999 Grants Budget;
- (2) the film permit fee be \$100.00 the first day and \$50.00 each additional day to a maximum of \$300.00 and in addition, \$75,000.00 for the film centre and the remainder be used to subsidize arts related programs for children in high needs areas;
- (3) the current \$11 million expenditure being proposed for the former City of Toronto for its commercial garbage pick-up be re-allocated;
- (4) (a) the City of Toronto re-affirm the policy of dedicating revenue generated by film permit fees to a reserve account, in order to fund on a 50 percent cost share basis with the Canadian Centre for Advanced Film Studies mutually agreed capital maintenance of the historical building on Bayview Avenue; and
(b) a maximum of \$75,000.00 per year be set aside in this reserve fund;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (1) the endorsement of the harmonized level recommended by the Board of Health, in the areas of tuberculosis, food safety, needle exchange and dental programs;

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Works and Emergency Services:

- (1) the compost funds for Environment Days remain at the same level as in 1998;
- (2) the reinstatement of a \$5.00 charge for blue boxes at Environment Day events;
- (3) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services re-evaluate the current City of Toronto WES SWM 1998 Operational Summer Garbage Collection map with a view to incorporating other areas of the City through input with Councillors and communities;
- (4)
 - (a) the proposed elimination of twice-a-week garbage collection in the former City of North York be replaced by a program to provide twice-a-week garbage collection throughout the new City of Toronto during the summer months for a net savings of \$0.2 million; and
 - (b) the resulting \$1.4 million cost be offset by reducing the expenditure for the free commercial garbage collection offered to some businesses from \$14 million to \$12.6 million;
- (5) the universal sidewalk clearing program be extended to the entire City and the additional costs be offset by reductions in other programs;
- (6)
 - (a) the boulevard parking fee be increased to \$120.00 per year from \$60.00 per year for an additional revenue of \$1,069,400.00;
 - (b) the permit parking fee be increased to \$120.00 per year from \$60.00 per year for an additional revenue of \$3,600,000.00;
 - (c) the commercial boulevard parking fee be increased to \$290.00 per year from \$220.00 per year for an additional revenue of \$299,915.00;
 - (d) parking meter rates be increased approximately five percent and the additional funds collected be allocated to public transit; and
 - (e) a 25 cent surcharge be placed on all parking lot fees and the funds generated be allocated to public transit; and

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- (7) (a) the one staff person per truck policy for multi-residential garbage collection be reviewed and that the review include, but not be limited to: speed of pick-up; type and suitability of vehicles; employee morale; customer satisfaction; and
- (b) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report back to the Community Councils by September of 1999;

Toronto Hydro:

- (1) the hydro rate be set at the weighted average of the five previous area municipalities except for the former City of Toronto;
- (2) the costs of operation be reduced to the average of the five former area municipalities other than the former City of Toronto; and
- (3) the former City of Toronto Hydro debt be restructured so as to allow for the rate reduction;

Toronto Police Service:

- (1) the acquisition of police helicopters be supported only if none of the operating costs accrue to the police budget.

The North York Community Council also recommended the adoption of the following motion:

“WHEREAS the 1999 Operating Budget does not benefit the former City of North York; and

WHEREAS the former Cities of Toronto, York and East York are the only areas that benefit from this Budget; and

WHEREAS garbage, snow removal and social programs are very important to the citizens of the former City of North York;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the North York Community Council meet with the Mayor of the City of Toronto to get his intervention on achieving a better deal for the North York Taxpayer with respect to garbage pick-up, snow removal and social programs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the meeting with the Mayor of the City of Toronto does not satisfy the North York Community Council, that an emergency meeting be called by the Chair prior to the next Council meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the North York Community Councillors discuss the options being considered to legally stop the proposed budget from passing at the next scheduled City of Toronto Council meeting.”

The North York Community Council also recommended that the Chair of the North York Community Council approach the Chairs and Members of the Scarborough and Etobicoke Community Councils in order to create a united front against unfair increases.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Scarborough Community Council

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that Scarborough Community Council on March 25, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that:

- (1) the Recreation Division insurance coverage of Permit Users be reinstated for the full year in 1999, and that the Director of Parks and Recreation, East District, be requested to report to Scarborough Community Council in the fall of 1999 on the impact of insurance cancellation, after consultation with all Scarborough area user groups;
- (2) the Scarborough Quarter Century Club funding be retained in the Budget and funded at the same level as 1998, i.e., \$13,000.00, from the Corporate Non-Departmental Account;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to Budget Committee on:
 - (a) the impact of phasing in the water rate increase over a five-year period, as was undertaken with the introduction of Current Value Assessment;
 - (b) capping the commercial users at 2.9 percent for three years; and

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- (c) the financing of water meter installation for flat rate users through a user fee on the water consumption of such users;
- (4) water rate harmonization be initiated after all users within the City of Toronto are metered; and
- (5) since the harmonization of water and sewer rates across the City is being recommended on a revenue neutral basis:
 - (a) implementation be deferred to allow a complete public consultation process by Ward Councillors on a Ward by Ward basis;
 - (b) an implementation policy be considered for the budget year 2000; and
 - (c) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to develop phase-in financial impacts, similar to the implementation of Current Value Assessment.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Toronto Community Council

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 31, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that Toronto Community Council on March 30, 1999, recommended that:

- (1) recognizing that user fees, particularly those that are compulsory, such as garbage pick-up, are simply an alternative tax, no new user fees be charged to residents or businesses for services currently provided by the City at no cost;
- (2) as a general principle, services be harmonized up, not down, over time if necessary;
- (3) harmonization of funding for snow clearing services be prioritized so that pedestrian and transit access are the first priorities;
- (4) the funds of up to \$76 million from the provincial government's announced reduction in downloading (public health and ambulance funding) be used to reduce the impact of harmonization through the proposed service reductions and the proposed increases in user fee charges;

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- (5) commercial garbage charges for small properties not be implemented until such time as an economic impact study has been done and only if such a study indicates no negative impact;
- (6) as a clear message that Council's adoption of the Children's Charter has real substance, funding of Public Health programs directed at the health of children from conception onward, and which will give real effect to Clauses 8 and 9 of the Charter, be enhanced;
- (7) the \$14 million revenue item gained from the City transferring to quarterly payments to the school boards be removed from the Budget pending a resolution to the negotiations with the school boards and the Province;
- (8) the \$5 million in rental costs for day care spaces in schools be maintained in Children's Services;
- (9) the Board of Health report regarding the harmonizing of Tuberculosis, Needle and Methadone Therapy and Food Safety, be supported and approved;
- (10) dental care for children and seniors in low-income families be provided throughout the City;
- (11) the Cycling Budget's Ambassador program, and other cycling safety programs, be examined, so that the City can honour the recommendations respecting safety arising from investigations into cycling fatalities;
- (12) sufficient funds be provided to enable the full implementation of the City's portion of the Golden Task Force report;
- (13) in accordance with the original recommendations of the User Fee Committee respecting user fees for recreation:
 - (a) no user fees be charged for recreation; and
 - (b) fees be charged for specialized programs only;
- (14) in event that Council does not adopt Recommendation No. (13) above, the recommendations of the Budget Committee respecting recreation user fees be adopted, with the additional elimination of user fees for all adult drop-in centres; and
- (15) the heavy fee increases being imposed on residents of the former City of Toronto be rescinded.

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The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

York Community Council

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that York Community Council on March 30, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that:

- (1) Option 'B' - Eliminating Basic Fees contained in the report (February 10, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be approved;
- (2) Fifty percent of new provincial grants be allocated to funding capital programs and that 50 percent be allocated for operational needs in the City, including:
 - (a) child care - increases to move towards paying actual costs;
 - (b) Food Access Grants (\$561,000.00) annualized at \$1,652,000.00;
 - (c) Dental Treatment Program (\$1,017,000.00) annualized at \$2,450,000.00;
 - (d) Reinstating the Workers Information and Action Centre (\$280,000.00);
 - (e) a three-year phase-in of all the consolidated grants budget;
 - (f) funding be maintained for the Cycling Ambassador Program and that this program be retained within Urban Planning and Development Services;
 - (g) \$100,000.00 be allocated for a door-to-door campaign to promote composting, water efficiency, tree planting and household energy audits; and
 - (h) the maintenance of pavement markings be harmonized;
- (3)
 - (a) no reductions be made to the TTC and Wheel Trans subsidies, and that the shortfall be financed by increases in parking meter rates and by Parking Authority surpluses;
 - (b) the York Community Council opposes any increase in TTC fares; and

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- (c) funds be increased for Wheel Trans to allow for an expansion of the eligibility criteria;
- (4) the issue regarding Harmonization of User Fees for garbage collection for commercial establishments be deferred for eight months to allow for further debate and discussion;
- (5) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on charging Film Permit Fees, based on a percentage of the value of the film;
- (6) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to allocate up to \$2,000.00 from within the existing budget, for the continuation of the Garden Contest in Wards 27 and 28;
- (7) it endorse similar City special events as passed by Council last year, provided there are no changes in the budget;
- (8) it endorse the Water Metering Program, to bring all flat rate customers onto the metering system across the City, within two years;
- (9) it endorse a City-wide residential water rate harmonization over a period of one year;
- (10) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to create the following City-wide traffic flow models:
 - (a) Toronto before all traffic calming measures; and
 - (b) Toronto with the current level of traffic calming;

when funds are deemed to be available; and

- (11) Whereas in the performance of its mandate to oversee the consolidation of all municipal grant programs for the amalgamated City of Toronto, the Municipal Grants Review Committee concluded that the 1999 consolidated community grants budget should be flatlined at the 1998 level; and

Whereas within a flatlined community grants budget there is \$1,378,000.00 available for allocation to begin leveling-up programs and services in under-resourced communities and areas; and

Whereas the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommended the flatlined grants budget for 1999 and the reallocation of the \$1.3 million to the Grants Budget; and

Whereas the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee supported this recommendation at its meeting of March 24, 1999; and

Whereas the Scarborough Community Council supported this recommendation at its meeting of March 25, 1999;

Therefore be it resolved that the Budget Committee recommend to Council:

- (a) endorsement of the position of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the 1999 Consolidated Grants Budget, specifically that the 1999 Consolidated Grants Budget be minimally flatlined at the 1998 level, thus including the \$1.3 million available for reallocation to the Grants Budget;
- (b) that Council find additional resources of \$1 million (the 1999 total being \$2.3 million) in order to fund a three-year process of harmonization and equalization of the Consolidated Grants Budget; and
- (c) that these new resources be focused on under-resourced communities.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

14.3 Environmental Task Force

The Budget Committee had before it a report (January 28, 1999) City Clerk advising that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on January 26, 1999, referred the report (January 8, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Environmental Task Force to the Budget Committee for a report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, wherein it is recommended that:

- (i) an Environmental Task Force operating budget of \$93,000.00 for 1999 as described in this report be approved; and
- (ii) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment (TIE) team, ensure that the approved funds for the Environmental Task Force budget are included in the appropriate 1999 operating budget requests.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee reported, for the information of the Budget Committee, having recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation embodied in the report (January 21, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair of the Environmental Task Force, viz:

“It is recommended that the Environmental Task Force be allocated \$16,000.00 for its activities until May, 1999, and that these funds be provided on a prior approval basis.”

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the reduction of the Environmental Task Force budget from \$95,000.00 to \$65,000.00.

14.4 Toronto Atmospheric Fund Granting Budget

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 30, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing an analysis of the 1999 Operating Budget submission for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and a summary of budget implications and recommendations.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that the budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Granting Budget be set at \$450,000.00.

14.5 Works and Emergency Services and Associated ABC's:

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

Mr. David Kaufman, General Manager, Transportation Services Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

Summary of Winter Operations - January 1999

The Budget Committee had before it a report (February 15, 1999) from the City Clerk forwarding the communication (February 3, 1999) from the City Clerk, outlining the action taken by York Community Council on January 20, 1999, with respect to the Snow Link Program, to the Budget Committee for consideration.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Lester B. Pearson International Airport - Noise Monitoring

The Budget Committee had before it a communication from the City Clerk, advising that City Council at its meeting on October 28, 29 and 30, 1998, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 3 of Report No. 21 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "Lester B. Pearson, International Airport - Noise Monitoring", wherein it is recommended that the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Committee contained in the transmittal letter (September 28, 1998) from the City Clerk be adopted.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

The Budget Committee considered the following budget programs and recommended:

Permit Parking Fees

- A. Councillor Ootes moved that the permit parking fees for on street, front yard and boulevard parking be set at \$84.00 per year across the City. **(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Ootes' motion be amended by adding, "the said fees to be reviewed in two years." **(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Chow moved that the permit parking fees for on street, front yard and boulevard parking be set at \$66.00 per year plus a 10 percent increase every year for four years. **(Lost)**

Algae Removal Service (Etobicoke)

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that \$100,000.00 be reinstated for Algae Removal Service in the former City of Etobicoke.

Snow Clearing

A. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) \$3.8 million be reinstated for sidewalk clearing annually, being \$1 million in 1999; and
- (2) \$250,000.00 be added in 1999 to commence the phase-in of harmonization of snow removal of sidewalks over four years.

(Carried)

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

B. Councillor Jakobek moved that existing snow removal programs be maintained with the frequency of such snow removal being reduced to eight times a year across the City.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

C. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back to the Works and Utilities Committee and the Budget Committee on how this program is going to expand over the next four years and exactly how the Commissioner plans to phase in each of the said four years, specifically the cost for the Year 2000, the said report to be submitted in September 1999 so that pre-budget approval can be given, if necessary, for the Year 2000 funding.

(Carried)

D. Councillor Shiner moved that the possible redeployment of City staff that are currently part of snow clearing programs, or may be available to assist in snow clearing programs, be considered to increase efficiencies and reduce costs.

(Carried)

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The Budget Committee also received a communication (April 2, 1999) from Ms. Sharon Andic and Ms. Helen Hansen, Feet on the Street, regarding the necessity of snow removal of sidewalks.

Special Leaf Pick-up

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the report (March 24, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Funding for 1999 Snow Clearing and Harmonization of Winter Maintenance Services", be adopted;
- (2) the report (March 31, 1999) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Substitute Current Budget Reductions for Transportation Services", be adopted.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Shiner moved that:

- (1) \$150,000.00 be reinstated for special leaf pick-up in areas defined by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and identified by City Council; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Works and Utilities Committee providing standards for this type of bulk leaf pick-up in the City.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Balkissoon moved that Councillor Shiner's motion be amended by adding that the report (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Special Leaf Pick-up" be submitted in conjunction with the aforementioned requested report.

(Carried)

The Budget Committee also received the following reports:

- (a) (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Transportation Division Revenues, 1998 and 1999";
- (b) (March 11, 1999) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, entitled "Winter Maintenance Activities - Harmonization of Service Levels";
- (c) (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Fee Structure Options for Road Allowance Permits and Permit Parking"; and
- (d) (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Special Leaf Pick-up".

Solid Waste Management

Mr. Angelos Bacopoulos, General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

Service Level Harmonization

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 16, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Urban Environment and Development Committee and the Works and Utilities Committee at its joint meeting on March 16, 1999:

- (1) adopted the report dated March 11, 1999, from the General Manager, Transportation Services, headed "Winter Maintenance Activities - Harmonization of Service Levels", subject to adding to Recommendation No. (1) the following:
 - "and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to review and report on new methods to clear windrows in areas where current mechanical methods cannot be utilized";
- (2) adopted Recommendations Nos. (1), (2), (3), (4), and (6) embodied in the report dated March 12, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, headed "Revised 1999 Solid Waste Management Service Harmonization Recommendations", subject to adding to Recommendation No. (3) the following:

“all leaves to be bagged, except in areas identified by Council”; and

- (3) submitted, without recommendation, Recommendations Nos. (5), (7) and (8) embodied in the aforementioned report dated March 12, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned reports and directed that they be forwarded to the special meeting of City Council on April 26 and 27, 1999, for consideration with the 1999 Operating Budget.

Blue Boxes

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that a \$5.00 fee be charged for the replacement of blue and grey boxes, except for those distributed at Environment Days (\$60,000.00).

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that blue and grey boxes be made available at a fee of \$5.00, including at Environment Days.

(Lost)

Commercial Garbage Collection

- A. Councillor Balkissoon moved that Recommendation No. (7) embodied in report (March 12, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be adopted, viz:

“that effective July 1, 1999, a mandatory service fee be charged for small commercial locations receiving more than twice-a-week garbage collection at an annual rate of \$300.00 for three times a week garbage collection, \$1,200.00 for five times a week garbage collection and \$1,600.00 for six times a week garbage collection to be phased in over three years.”

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Balkissoon’s motion be amended by adding, “the phase in being in 1999, 2000 and completed by 2001.”

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Chow moved that small commercial properties that receive more than twice-a-week garbage collection be charged half the amount proposed and that this service be harmonized across the City over four years.

(Lost)

The Budget Committee also received the following communications in connection with the aforementioned matter:

- (a) (April 6, 1999) from Mr. Ron Chemij, Days Inn - Toronto East - Beaches;
- (b) (March 18, 1999) from O. Chabarsky, Manager, West End Medical Pharmacy;
- (c) (March 31, 1999) from Mr. Johnny Longo, Toronto; and
- (d) (March 10, 1999) from Mr. Andrew S. Musial, Pharmacy Shoppe.

Residential Garbage Collection

- A. Councillor Chow moved that twice-a-week garbage pick-up continue in North York in the summer months; and further that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to Works Committee in the Fall of 1999 on providing an extra pick-up, phased in over three years in the summer months across the City, the said extra pick-up being for compostable materials only.

(Carried)

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

- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that \$800,000.00 be included in the budget for twice-a-week garbage collection in 'high need' areas only as defined by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and that a map of the said areas and associated costs be provided to the Committee at its meeting of April 16, 1999.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Shiner moved that twice-a-week garbage collection be provided across the entire City in the summer months, the subject

budget be flatlined and savings come from efficiencies within the Division.

(Lost)

Fire Services

Mr. Al Speed, Fire Chief, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the recommendations of the Budget Committee Task Force, established to review the Fire Services budget, be adopted.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Ootes moved that the Fire Chief be requested to report back to Emergency and Protective Services Committee providing a comparison on of absenteeism between the City of Toronto and other major cities in North America.

(Carried)

Toronto Transit Commission

Mr. David Gunn, Chief General Manager, and Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

- A. Councillor Kinahan moved that:
- (1) \$1.5 million be reinstated in the Toronto Transit Commission budget for Wheel Trans; and
 - (2) \$2.4 million be reinstated in the Toronto Transit Commission general budget, as recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer - net reduction to conventional transit (net of \$0.5 million reduction to reflect anticipated traction power savings in 1999).

(Carried)

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. General Manager, Transportation Services Division;

General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division; Fire Chief;
Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commissioner; General Secretary,
Toronto Transit Commission - April 12, 1999)

14.6 Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Ms. Shirley Hoy, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

Toronto Housing Company

Mr. Derek Ballantyne, General Manager, Toronto Housing Company, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 1999 Operating Budget of the Toronto Housing Company.

The Budget Committee also received a report (April 1, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "Toronto Housing Company - Allocation of Savings", in response to a request by the Budget Committee for a report on the feasibility of operational savings made by the Toronto Housing Company being reinvested in service enhancements.

Shelter, Housing and Support

Hostel Ombudsperson Pilot Project

The Budget Committee had before it a report (September 10, 1998) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on September 10, 1998, recommended to the Budget Committee the adoption of the report (August 20, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Hostel Ombudsperson Pilot Project.

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the Shelter Housing and Support until the next special meeting of the Budget Committee to be held on April 16, 1999.

Consolidated Grants

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

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee recommended that:

- (1) \$282,400.00 be added to the Consolidated Grants budget;
- (2) the report (March 30, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, entitled "Realignment of Graffiti Removal Grant", be adopted;
- (3) all requests for grant increases be referred to the Municipal Grants Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide a document to Members of the Budget Committee indicating how the grants' funding is disbursed.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee also received the following:

- (a) report (March 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Toronto Arts Council Budget Request"; and
- (b) communication (April 6, 1999) from Mr. Peter Clutterbuck, Co-Director, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto and Coordinator, Community Voices of Support, regarding the Consolidated Community Grants Budget.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. General Manager, Toronto Housing Company; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division - April 12, 1999)

14.7 Toronto Police Service

Councillor Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board and Mr. David Boothby, Chief of Police, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the following 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (February 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on February 9, 1999, received the communication (January 6, 1999) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, respecting the Toronto Police Service - Human Resource Strategy for the Years 1999-2003; and directed that it be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 1999 Operating Budget.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the Toronto Police Service budget be confirmed at \$522.9 million net;
- (2) 193 new officers be hired resulting in a total hiring of 256 uniformed officers;
- (3) \$7.5 million for the purchase of new vehicles be adopted; and
- (4) the Chairman, and relevant Members of the Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to meet with the Task Force established by the Budget Committee to review the Toronto Police Service budget to consider additional adjustments and report back to the Budget Committee at its special meeting scheduled for April 16, 1999, in that regard.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

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B. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) prior to ordering the 100 unmarked vehicles and the release of the \$7.5 million, the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to provide a list of functions that the said vehicles would be used for; such list to include the exact number of vehicles assigned to each function;
- (2) there be no contracting out of cleaning services;
- (3) there be no degradation of patrol and other community services due to the pilot project for helicopters, including corporate fundraising and the cost of police personnel; and further that there be no operating cost accrued to the police budget as a result of the said pilot project;
- (4) the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to report back to the Budget Committee on the following:
 - (a) a review of the clothing allowance for plain clothes police officers; and
 - (b) the reassigning of 12 superintendents from Police Headquarters to other front line areas; and
- (5) the Fleet Manager be requested to report back to Budget Committee providing a more thorough review of the Police fleet.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the recommendations of the Budget Committee Task Force established to review the Toronto Police Service budget, be adopted.

(Carried)

D. Councillor Shiner moved that the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to report to the Emergency and Protective Services on unmarked police vehicles that can be marked so as to show a greater police presence on the streets of the City of Toronto; and that the said report be presented to the Budget Committee at its special meeting of April 16, 1999.

(Carried)

The Budget Committee also received the following reports and directed that they be forwarded to City Council for consideration at its special meeting on April 26 and 27, 1999 of the 1999 Operating Budget:

- (a) (February 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Emergency and Protective Services Committee on February 9, 1999, received the communication (January 6, 1999) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, respecting the Toronto Police Service - Human Resource Strategy for the Years 1999-2003; and
- (b) (September 14, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee respecting the proposed establishment of an Air Service.

Parking Enforcement

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that a \$250,000.00 reduction in expenditures be adopted; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report back to the Budget Committee on April 16, 1999 providing:
 - (a) a review of the requested reductions respecting parking enforcement and confirm or not confirm the drop in revenue; and
 - (b) the cost related to hiring a contract person to do the work now being done by the consultant.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

The Budget Committee also received a confidential communication (March 23, 1999) from Ms. Marianne Chen, Analyst, Labour Relations, Toronto Police Service, for information.

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(Note: All background reports and communications submitted to the Budget Committee during the 1999 Operating Budget deliberations are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Chair