

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Budget Committee**

**Meeting No. 16**

**Thursday, April 8, 1999.**

The Budget Committee met on Thursday, April 8, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:10 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair	X
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X
Councillor Blake Kinahan	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor David Shiner	X

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Filion
Councillor Ila Bossons	Councillor Anne Johnston
Councillor Raymond Cho	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Gordon Chong	

## 1999 OPERATING BUDGET

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

### 16.1 Corporate Services

#### *Facilities and Real Estate*

Ms. Susanne Borup, Executive Director, Facilities and Real Estate Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Facilities and Real Estate Division and answered Members' questions in that regard.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the Recoveries Program be reduced by \$1,062,362.00;
- (2) Utility Expenditures be reduced by \$1,200,000.00; and
- (3) the budget be reduced by a further \$400,000.00 for the April 16, 1999 meeting.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Ootes moved that the request from Toronto Community Council for an additional \$32,000.00 for 1999 to obtain additional space on the second floor of 160 Eglinton Avenue East for the Central Eglinton Community Centre be received; and further that the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to instruct the Community Centre to apply for a grant through the Municipal Grants Committee to cover the costs.

**(Carried)**

## **16.2 Works and Emergency Services and Associated ABCs (Balance of)**

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.

### ***Ambulance***

Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Ambulance Services Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for Ambulance Services and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, informing the Budget Committee of the impact on the Ambulance Services 1999 budget request of the Provincial Government announcement to fund 50 percent of the cost of land ambulance services and 100 percent of the Toronto Centralized Ambulance Communications Centre (Toronto CACC).

The Budget Committee:

- (1) received the aforementioned report;
- (2) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the Toronto Ambulance Budget as presented; and
- (3) requested the Chief Financial Officer to review the Provincial Government funding for the wrap-up meeting on April 16, 1999.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Ambulance Services Division - April 13, 1999)

### ***Support Services***

Mr. Bill Forrest, Director, Support Services Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for Support Services and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the Support Services Budget as presented.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Mr. Bill Forrest, Director, Support Services Division - April 13, 1999)

***Technical Services***

Mr. Tom Denes, Executive Director, Technical Services Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for Technical Services and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the Technical Services Budget as presented.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Mr. Tom Denes, Executive Director, Technical Services Division - April 13, 1999)

***Toronto Parking Authority***

Mr. Maurice Anderson, President, Toronto Parking Authority, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority and answered Members' questions in that regard.

A. Councillor Kinahan moved that:

- (1) an additional \$2 million be added for 'on street' parking; and
- (2) an additional \$0.5 million be added for 'off street' parking.

**(Carried)**

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

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- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the General Manager of the Parking Authority, ensure that the appropriate staff are made available to process expeditiously whatever legal assistance is required to give effect to changing the by-laws respecting a new rate policy for the City.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Maurice Anderson, President, Toronto  
Parking Authority - April 12, 1999)

***Water Waste Water***

Mr. Michael Price, General Manager, Water and Wastewater Services Division, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for Water and Wastewater Services and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee also had before it the following reports:

- (a) (March 22, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Financing the 1999 Water & Wastewater Capital and Operating Budgets", providing a number of financing options for the 1999 Operating and 1999-2003 Capital request of the water and wastewater program and recommending:
- (1) in the absence of capital expenditure reductions in 2000 and 2001:
    - (i) the capital financing strategy as outlined in Option (C)(ii) and Table 12 of this report, which provides for a combination of debenture financing (in an amount projected at \$65.0 million over the 2000-2003 capital works plan) and an increase in the average water rate (projected at 2.0 percent in the years 2000 and 2001), be endorsed in principle; and
    - (ii) the combined water and sewer rate and the rate charged to flat-rate customers, be increased by 2.0 percent effective January 1, 2000; and
  - (2) the rate increases for 2001 and debenture financing proposed, as shown in Recommendation No. (1) above for the years 2000 and 2001, be subject to a review of the 2000-2004 Water and Wastewater Program requirements prior to approval.

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- (b) (March 30, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in response to the Budget Committee's request for additional information with respect to the 1999 Operating Budget of the Water and Wastewater Division.
- (c) (March 31, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Water Rate Harmonization - Addendum (1)", in response to the motions raised by the Community Councils at their meetings of March 26-30, 1999, and providing additional options respecting water rate harmonization.
- (d) (April 7, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Impact of Tax Rate Cost Transfer to Water Rate on Service Harmonization Impact Analysis", providing a recalculation of the financial impact, by former municipality, of various service harmonization proposals, incorporating an adjustment for the \$18.4 million transferred from the property tax levy to the water rate during 1998.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned 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.

The Budget Committee further reports having had before it a report (March 22, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Harmonization of Water and Water Pollution Control Rates", providing a Background Study, which presents a review of the current practices and rate structure respecting the water and wastewater program and recommends a strategy towards a harmonized rate structure across the new city.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the report (March 22, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be adopted; and that the Chief Financial Officer be requested to consider spreading the water rate more evenly over five years.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that:
  - (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be required to provide a defined list of policies upon which the water rate can be based; and

- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a policy statement in this regard.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Ootes moved that the foregoing matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for further consideration.

(Lost)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Mr. Michael Price, General Manager, Water and Wastewater Services Division - April 13, 1999)

### 16.3 Urban Planning and Development Services

#### *Toronto And Region Conservation Authority*

Mr. J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer/ Secretary-Treasurer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (February 26, 1999) from the City Solicitor recommending that:

- (1) if City Council so decides, the City Solicitor be authorized to apply for special legislation to authorize City Council to disallow City Councillors who are members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority from being paid remuneration by the Conservation Authority, notwithstanding the provisions of section 37 of the Conservation Authorities Act and section 250 of the Municipal Act; and
- (2) that the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills that are required.

The Budget Committee also had before it a communication (March 22, 1999) from Mr. J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, giving notice that Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will be considering its 1999 Budget including non-matching municipal levy on April 30, 1999.

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

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A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority budget be reduced by \$16,000.00;
- (2) the report (February 26, 1999) from the City Solicitor, be adopted;
- (3) the draft by-law respecting legislation to authorize City Council to disallow City Councillors who are members of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority from being paid remuneration by the Conservation Authority, notwithstanding the provisions of section 37 of the Conservation Authorities Act and section 250 of the Municipal Act, be prepared for City Council with the recommendation that the effective date be April 1, 1999;
- (4) the Councillors' salary budget be adjusted in the event that the salary draw is reduced; and
- (5) the communication (March 22, 1999) from Mr. J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer/ Secretary-Treasurer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, be received.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Kinahan moved that the by-law in respect to Councillors' salaries be changed to the normal set amount minus the amount received from ABC's and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

**(Carried)**

C. Councillor Shiner moved that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, through City Council, be requested to review their policy of per diem and mileage allowance to its Board Members and report back to the Budget Committee in that regard, prior to the 2000 Operating Budget process.

**(Carried)**



*Urban Planning and Development Services*

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

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) report (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, entitled "1999 Operating Budget - Outstanding Issues - Municipal Licensing and Standards Division", identifying a number of matters in the Urban Planning and Development Services Department to be reported on;
- (b) report (March 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services requesting the Budget Committee to provide direction with respect to:
  - (i) providing \$40,000.00 in the 1999 Operating Budget to maintain the 1998 base funding level; and
  - (ii) the service expansion request in the additional amount of \$148,000.00;
- (c) report (February 23, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that Etobicoke Community Council on February 17, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that a review of the Park Lawn Road/Lake Shore Boulevard West Secondary Plan be included in the 1999 Works Program for Urban Planning and Development Services, West District;
- (d) memorandum (March 2, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, addressed to the Director, Budget Services, regarding the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Granting Budget; and
- (e) report (January 27, 1999) from the Director of Budget Services, addressed to the Board of Directors, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, outlining the recommendations of the Budget Committee related to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned 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.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) \$40,000.00 be reinstated in the budget to maintain the base level of funding for the Toronto Cycling Program;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the appropriate Commissioners, be requested to report back to the Budget Committee, as soon as possible, 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; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, in conjunction with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the proposal to establish the Council of Toronto Watershed no later than September 15, 1999.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Kinahan moved that up to \$100,000.00 be placed in the budget to assist in redoing the Secondary Plans in South Etobicoke; and further that if additional staff is required to complete this project, the Commissioner look at ways to do so by redeployment of existing planning staff and if no staff are available, contract staff be employed to complete the project.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services;  
c. Mr. Paul Bedford, Executive Director/Chief Planner, City Planning  
Division - April 13, 1999)

*Licencing*

Mr. Harold Bratten, Executive, Director, Municipal Standards and Licencing, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Licencing Division, and answered Members' questions in that regard.

- A. Councillor Kinahan moved that \$457,700.00 be reinstated in the Licencing budget.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Chow moved that the recommendation of the Budget Committee during the preliminary reviews to flatline the 1999 gross expenditure budget of the Licence Administration Service be rescinded, with the suggestion that the cost of legal services in the amount of \$211,100.00, which pertains to the Tribunal, should come from the Legal Division's budget.

**(Carried)**

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

- C. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Executive Director of Municipal Standards and Licencing, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee, no later than the first week in September 1999, on the proposed redirection of \$0.458 million from the Licence Administration budget to expenditures involving front-line operations.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services;  
Mr. Harold Bratten, Director, Municipal Standards Division;  
Mr. Bruce Robertson, Director of Municipal Licensing - April 13, 1999)

### ***510 Spadina Avenue - Installation of Permanent Barriers***

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) an appropriate amount be allocated in the 1999 Capital or Operating Budget for the design and installation of permanent barriers on Spadina Avenue by December 1, 1999, and that, in the meantime, temporary barriers be installed on Spadina Avenue to comply with the recommendation of the Toronto Transit Commission and that they be removed upon the installation of the permanent barriers;
- (2) the community be invited, with regards to streetscape, to comment on the design of the barriers; and
- (3) the streetscape design barriers be prepared at the same time as the design of the lanes or edge lines for bicycles;

and requested that the Committee's action in this respect be submitted to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 1999 Operating Budget process.

- A. Councillor Chow moved that this matter be deferred and considered at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting in June 24, 1999, with the Capital Variance report and further that possible funding be considered at that time.

**(Carried)**

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

- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Toronto Transit Commission be advised of the aforementioned decision and be requested to do the design work that is required in order to give effect thereto.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission - April 12, 1999)

#### **16.4 Other**

##### ***Chief Administrative Officer***

Mr. Michael Garrett, Chief Administrative Officer, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Chief Administrator's Office and answered Members' questions in that regard.

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The Budget Committee had before it the following reports:

- (a) (March 5, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled “Council-Initiated Task Forces”, addressing several questions raised by the Budget Committee regarding Council-initiated Task Forces; and
- (b) (March 25, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled “CAO Organizational Chart”, in response to the Budget Committee’s request for further information on the staffing reductions in the Chief Administrator’s Office.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

(1) the Chief Administrator’s Office delete one FTE being a vacant position.

**(Lost)**

(2) the reports (March 5 and March 25, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer, be received.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Ootes moved that the Chief Administrator’s Office budget be adopted as presented.

**(Carried)**

***Cost of Barricades for Larger Parades and Festivals***

C. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to provide a one page list of the cost of providing barricades for some of our larger parades and festivals, i.e., Santa Claus Parade, Caribana and the Gay Pride Parade.

**(Carried)**

***Council Services***

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Mr. Jim Hart, Director, Council Services, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for Council Services and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it the following reports:

- (a) (March 11, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 2, 3 and 4, 1999, referred to the Budget Committee a Motion moved by Councillor Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Holyday, recommending that the office budget for Members of Council be immediately reduced from \$70,000.00 to \$35,000.00; and that guidelines also be established for the use of City limousines by Members of Council and that, in addition, a maximum of 10 trips be placed on the use of a City limousine by a Member of Council in a calendar year; and
- (b) (March 30, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer responding to the Budget Committee's request for further information on savings to be achieved by reduction of the Councillors' Global Budget.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned reports.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved:

- (1) that the Councillors' budget be reduced to \$59,000.00 per year; and
- (2) that the Council budget be adjusted by \$16,000.00 to reflect recommended limitations to Toronto Region Conservation Authority remuneration.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Councillors' budget be reduced to \$40,000.00 per year.

**(Lost)**

C. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Councillors' budget be reduced to \$50,000.00 per year.

**(Lost)**

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D. Councillor Shiner moved that:

- (1) official vehicles used by Councillors that are representing the City on official business be at no charge to the Councillor's budget;
- (2) official vehicles used for other purposes, be charged to the Councillor's budget at \$10.00 per trip;
- (3) official vehicles pooled by Councillors to attend official functions such as representing the City, be at no charge to the Councillor's budget; and
- (4) fifty percent of the usage of official vehicles be for the delivery of courier services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report back on the utilization and cost of same; and
- (5) the courier costs be reduced by \$200,000.00 and the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to work out the technical aspects of same.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Corporate Services; c. Mr. Jim Hart, Director, Council Services; Mr. Stan Burrows, Director, Fleet Management Services; Ms. Annalisa Mignardi, Administrative Assistant - April 12, 1999)

***Finance***

Ms. Wanda Liczyk, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Finance Department and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it the following reports:

- (a) (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Assessment Appeals - Temporary Staff in Finance Department (Revenue Services Division)", providing information and justification for the hiring of temporary staff in the Finance Department (Revenue Services Division) for a period not to exceed six months to assist in processing of assessment appeals; and recommending that:

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- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized to hire twenty additional staff as casual employees for a period not to exceed six months to assist in the processing of assessment appeals at a cost not to exceed \$325,000.00;
  - (2) funds in the amount of \$325,000.00 be provided from the Transition Reserve Fund; and
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to carry out the actions contained in Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2) of this report;
- (b) (March 28, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Revenue Services Call Centre", responding to a request from the Budget Committee for a strategy for handling the high volume of telephone inquiries during peak periods (tax billing) at the Revenue Services Call Centre and any additional costs required in that regard, and recommending that:
- (1) the Finance Department recruit 10 additional call centre operators on a contracted basis for up to 12 months beginning April 1999 and that funds in the amount of \$323,000.00 be allocated from the Transition Reserve Fund for this purpose;
  - (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to report back to the Budget Committee in early 2000 on the status of call volumes in the Revenue Call Centre;
  - (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be directed to allocate space and procure suitable workstations for 40 call centre operators and that funds in the amount of \$220,000.00 be allocated from the Transition Reserve Fund for this purpose; and
  - (4) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be directed to ensure that the computers in the Revenue Call Centre are upgraded to allow quick access to required tax and water systems by the end of April, 1999, prior to the billing of 1999 final property taxes;



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- (c) (March 18, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing a summary of the financial impact, by former municipality, of the various service harmonization proposals, as well as the proposed water and approved hydro rate harmonization initiatives, tax rate harmonizations, Current Value Assessment (CVA) and the net financial and fixed assets brought into the amalgamated City by each former municipality, as requested by the Budget Committee, the Works and Utilities Committee and the Urban Environment and Development Committee; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (d) (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Tenant Tax Notification - Reduction in 1999 Finance Department Operating Budget”;
- (e) (April 1, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force on April 1, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee that:
  - (1) full notification of tax increases and decreases to all tenants and landlords in the City of Toronto be undertaken again in 1999;
  - (2) the Province be requested to undertake the notification process and cost for all tenants and landlords as it relates to the rent reduction provisions of the Tenant Protection Act; and
  - (3) the Province of Ontario be requested to review and amend Ontario Regulation 455/98 which requires that a ratio of 20 percent of taxes to rental income be used in the calculation of rent reductions and ensure it reflects a more appropriate ratio for rental properties of less than seven units and that it be completed prior to September 1999, which is the latest date for notices to be mailed to landlords in 1999;
  - (4) the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force refer this report to the Budget Committee for its consideration; and
  - (5) required funding be provided to implement Recommendation No. (1).

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

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A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the report (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Assessment Appeals - Temporary Staff in Finance Department Revenue Services Division", be adopted;
- (2) the report (March 28, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Revenue Services Call Centre", be adopted;
- (3) the report (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Tenant Tax Notification - Reduction in 1999 Finance Department Operating Budget", be adopted;
- (4) the report (March 18, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing a summary of the financial impact of the various service harmonization proposals, be received; and
- (5) the report (April 1, 1999) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, be received.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report back to the Corporate Services Committee and the Budget Committee on the following matters:

- (a) providing a methodology for the establishment of the account code structure in the City;
- (b) financial policies being implemented as part of the SAP financial system implementation; and

- (c) the foregoing request - (a) and (b) - be incorporated in the status report to the Corporate Services Committee on the SAP System implementation.

**(Carried)**

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 11, 1999)

***Parking Tag Operations***

Mr. Doug Reynolds, Parking Tag Operations, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for Parking Tag Operations and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee also had before it a report (March 31, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Parking Tag Operation Program 1999 Operating Budget", in response to a request for a report by the Budget Committee on March 5, 1999.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Pitfield 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 the Parking Enforcement expenditures as submitted on the basis that the program improve productivity in parking tag issuance so as to generate an additional \$1 million in revenues, pro-rated to result in a \$500,000.00 increase in 1999 budgeted revenues, be approved;
- (2) directed the budget analyst to work with the Parking Enforcement staff to ensure that this revenue target is met at year end and provide an updated report to the Budget Committee in September 1999 in this regard; and
- (3) received the report (March 31, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

***Receivables***

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On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee referred the following motion to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer with a request that she report to the Corporate Services Committee in that regard:

“That City Council request the Province to allow the City to use collection agencies to collect parking fines.”

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

*Mayor's Office*

Mr. Alan Slobodsky, Executive Assistant - Council Liaison, Mayor's Office, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the 1999 Operating Budget for the Mayor's Office and answered Members' questions in that regard.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee requested the Mayor's Office, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to report back to Budget Committee at its meeting on April 16, 1999, providing a review of monies spent for travel and whether or not any additional money is required for same, noting that requests for funding for travel will be at the call of the Mayor's Office.

(Mr. Alan Slobodsky, Executive Assistant - Council Liaison, Mayor's Office  
- April 12, 1999)

*Non Program Revenues and Expenditures*

Ms. Wanda Liczyk, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the Non Program Revenues and Expenditure 1999 budget and answered Members' questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it the following reports:

- (a) (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the 1999 Capital Financing Plan - Tax Supported Program;
- (b) (April 8, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Policy on Interest Paid on Assessment Appeal Refunds - Financial Implications of Interest Paid at Prime";
- (c) (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Annual Sinking Fund Levies for 1999", requesting Council's approval of the payment of the annual sinking fund levies for 1999 in order to fulfil the legislative requirements of the City of Toronto Act (No. 2) and the Municipal Act; and recommending that:
  - (1) the 1999 sinking fund levies, as detailed in this report, be approved;
  - (2) no reduction of sinking fund deposits be approved for 1999; and
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto; and
- (d) (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer proposing a capital financing plan for the 1999 tax supported capital program that supersedes Appendix "B" in the report (January 14, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer on the 1999-2003 Capital Works Program.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council:

- (1) adoption of the report (April 8, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Policy on Interest Paid on Assessment Appeal Refunds - Financial Implications of Interest Paid at Prime";

- (2) adoption of the report (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting Financing of the Capital Budget, subject to the following:
    - (a) Recommendation No. (7) be amended by adding the words “up to” after the word “Provincial” so that such Recommendation now reads:
      - “(7) the City request the second Provincial up to \$100 million interest free loan and that such loan be used for the purposes of funding 1999 amalgamation and related capital costs;”
- subject to the resolve of the Budget Committee at its meeting of April 16, 1999;
- (3) adopted the report (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Annual Sinking Fund Levies for 1999”; and
  - (4) adopted the report (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the 1999 Capital Financing Plan - Tax Supported Program.

## **16.5 Community and Neighbourhood Services**

### ***Public Health***

Dr. Sheila Brasur, Medical Officer of Health, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the Public Health 1999 Operating Budget and answered Members’ questions in that regard.

The Budget Committee had before it:

- (a) communication (January 25, 1999) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on January 25, 1999, recommended the adoption of Option (1) embodied in the report dated January 15, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting options for the harmonization of dental services; and further that:
  - (i) services be harmonized in the short term by extending the hours of some or all of the current clinic facilities to 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., at an additional

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- annualized operating cost of \$1.9 million for all sites in the former City of Toronto;
- (ii) the Board upgrade the current dental clinic facilities in Etobicoke to allow the clinic to operate with extended hours as described in (a) above, at an additional annualized operating cost of \$200,000.00 plus one-time costs of \$100,000.00 to upgrade the equipment and facility; and
  - (iii) a dental clinic be opened in the east end of the City at a capital cost of \$100,000.00 and additional annualized operating cost of \$350,000.00;
- (b) report (March 11, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on negotiations with the Ontario Dental Association respecting the harmonization of dental treatment services across the City and recommending that this report be received for information;
  - (c) communication (March 12, 1999) from Dr. Stephen Abrams, D.S., Chair, Ontario Dental Association Dental Benefits Task Force, providing the Ontario Dental Association's analysis of the City of Toronto's dental program, as requested by the Budget Committee at its meeting held on February 19, 1999;
  - (d) communication (April 1, 1999) from the Ms. Sharon Bessette, President, Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA), thanking the Budget Committee for including a member of the ODHA as a member of the Dental Task Force, advising that Ms. Donna Bowes, President of the Canadian Dental Hygienists' Association will represent the ODHA on this task force; and recommending that the Dental Task Force also include a representative from the Denturist Association of Ontario and a representative from the community;
  - (e) communication (February 22, 1999) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on February 22, 1999, adopted the report (February 16, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health, wherein it is recommended that:
    - (i) the Board of Health use the results of the analysis of the cost effectiveness of different service delivery options to ensure that whatever service delivery option is chosen for the provision of dental services, the cost of that option is comparable to or less than the direct service delivery model, and the level and quality of care is the same or higher than the direct service delivery model; and

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- (ii) this report be forwarded to Budget Committee for consideration;
- (f) (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “Response to Budget Committee and Chief Administrative Officer Requests Related to the 1999 Public Health Budget”;
- (g) (March 26, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “1999 Public Health Operating Budget”, seeking approval to amend the 1999 Operating Budget for Public Health incorporating enhanced funding for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program and extension of the existing agreement for the Provincial Food Service Program;
- (h) (April 1, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “The Chronology of Negotiations Between the ODA and the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto”, providing the various approaches and cost analysis of the proposals to provide harmonized dental services across the City of Toronto, the management structure of the dental program and the establishment of a dental task force;
- (i) (October 19, 1998) from the City Clerk, entitled “Reinvestment of Animal Licensing and Registration Fees”, advising that the Board of Health on October 13, 1998, recommended to the Budget Committee that:
  - (1) current licensing revenues continue to be utilized to defray operating expenses; and
  - (2) any additional licensing and registration revenues be used to fund retroactive program initiatives, subject to the review and resolution of these and other amalgamation-related issues;
- (j) (February 22, 1999) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on February 22, 1999, submitted to the Budget Committee, for information, the report dated February 12, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “Partnership Agreement between Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Chinese Restaurant and Food Services Association”, respecting a partnership agreement between Toronto Public Health and the Ontario Chinese Restaurant and Food Services Association;



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- (k) (February 22, 1999) from the Secretary, Board of Health, entitled “Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures Resulting from By-law No. 28-1999, a By-law Respecting Animals”, advising that the Board of Health on February 22, 1999:
- (1) submitted to the Budget Committee, for consideration when reviewing the proposed 1999 Operating Budget for Public Health, the report dated February 12, 1999, from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the impact of the By-law Respecting Animals upon anticipated revenues and expenditures within the 1999 Operating Budget; and
  - (2) referred the aforementioned report for consideration as part of the strategic planning process being undertaken by the Board of Health and the Public Health Division; and
- (l) (March 26, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health, recommending that the 1999 Operating Budget for Public Health be amended to include:
- (1) additional funds in the amount of \$2,867,000.00 gross and zero net budget for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program; and
  - (2) funds in the amount of \$124,565.00 gross and zero net for the third phase of the Provincial Food Service Program.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned reports and communications for information.

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

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) \$100,000.00 be ear marked in the grants envelope for the express purpose of providing capital funding, on a one time only basis, for the purchase of refrigerators, ovens, etc., on an emergency basis for volunteers providing food to the homeless, the said funding to be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services;

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- (2) \$800,000.00 be added to the Public Health budget for the expansion of the Dental Program for kids and seniors and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report back on whether, with this expansion, the pilot program for dental services can be included, providing the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee with a full review of the expanded program, including its successes and failures, prior to year end; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report back to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on the new management structure for the Dental Services Division in three months' time.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) \$400,000.00 be reinstated for the Food Safety Program;
- (2) \$500,000.00 be reinstated for the Tuberculosis Program; and
- (3) \$185,000.00 be reinstated for the Needle Exchange Program.

**(Carried)**

C. Councillor Pitfield moved that the previously approved Task Force include the Ontario Dental Hygienists Association and a representative from the Denturist Association of Ontario.

**(Carried)**

D. Councillor Shiner moved that the Ontario Dental Association be requested to report back to the Budget Committee and advise whether or not dentists who are members of the Association who acquire work from the City, are prepared to do pro bono work for the City.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Dr. Stephen Abrams, Chair, Ontario Dental Association; Ms. Sharon Bessette, President, Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association; c. Ms. Cora Isla, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Eric Gam, Executive Director, Social Development Division; Ms. Marna Ramsden-Urbanski, General Manager, Children's Services Division; Ms. Heather McVicar, General Manager, Social Services Division; Ms. Sandra Pitters, General Manager, Homes for the Aged; Medical Officer of Health - April 12, 1999)

## 16.6 Communications

The Budget Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (March 1, 1999) from Mr. Brian Mingo, Etobicoke, Ontario, suggesting that the Parks and Recreation Guide not be distributed to every household, but rather be made available on the City of Toronto Website for those who wish to access it;
- (b) (March 29, 1999) from Mr. Terry Mundell, President, Ontario Restaurant Association, expressing concern regarding the proposed implementation of user fees for commercial garbage pick-up; and
- (c) (March 30, 1999) from Mr. Ian M. Fraser, MD, FRCPC, Head, Division of Respiriology and Critical Care, The Respiratory Centre, Toronto East General Hospital, in support of the expansion of the public health personnel in the management of tuberculosis.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned communications for information.

(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 1:45 p.m.

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Chair.