

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 25, 1999.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:40a.m. to 12:25 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 Mario Giansante	
Councillor George Mammoliti	
Councillor Ron Moeser	
Councillor Kyle Rae	

Confirmation of Minutes

On a motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Minutes of the meetings held on April 6, 7, 8, 16 and 30, 1999, were confirmed.

19.1 Phase 1 Renovations to Toronto City Hall - Recommended Actions in Response to Office Consolidation Sub-Committee Motions and Additional Budget Requirements

Councillor Ron Moeser, Chair, Office Consolidation Sub-Committee, made a verbal presentation to the Budget Committee in connection with the Phase 1 Renovations to Toronto City Hall.

Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber, also appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with this matter.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved:
- (1) that the presentation by the Chair of the Office Consolidation Sub-Committee be received;
 - (2) that the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report back to the June 30, 1999 meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee, the said report to address the absolute details of costs associated with the renovations to City Hall, and include the following:
 - (i) renovations completed;
 - (ii) renovations in progress; and
 - (iii) cost of renovations of the City Hall Towers with an appendices indicating a planned renovation schedule for the said twin towers;
 - (3) that the Office Consolidation Sub-Committee review the requested report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services prior to same being presented to the Budget Advisory Committee; and

- (4) that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Policy and Finance Committee to assign any matters pertaining to the City Hall renovations and the financial implications thereof, for subsequent recommendations thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Chow moved that Councillor Jakobek's motion A(2) be amended by adding:

“(iv) public art portion;”.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Ootes moved that the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting on June 30, 1999, providing a critical path that will achieve the completion of City Hall renovations and occupancy of “permanent” staff by December 2000.

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Kinahan moved that the requested reports be submitted to the Administration Committee and that the Budget Advisory Committee deal with such reports after Administration Committee's consideration of same.

(Carried)

(Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Councillor Ron Moeser, Chair, Office Consolidation Sub-Committee; Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber; Ms. Susanne Borup, Executive Director, Facilities and Real Estate Division - May 26, 1999)

19.2 Feasibility Study - Proposed Etobicoke Centre for the Performing Arts

The Budget Committee had before it a report (January 27, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on January 26, 1999, referred the report (January 20, 1999) from the City Clerk, to the Budget Committee for consideration during the Operating Budget deliberations.

Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with this matter.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until the next regular meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee, and requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the subject project as well as other theatres throughout the City, and forward same to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber; Administrator, Economic Development and Parks Committee - May 26, 1999)

19.3 1999 Business Improvement Area Budgets Supplementary Report No. 2 - Long Branch Business Improvement Area (Ward 2 - Lakeshore-Queensway)

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 27, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Economic Development Committee on April 23, 1999, referred the report (April 19, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to the Budget Committee for information.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

19.4 Capital Accounts Closing

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 19, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on April 13, 14 and 15, 1999, struck out and referred back to the Budget Committee for further consideration Clause No. 11 of Report No. 7 of The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "Capital Accounts Closing"; and requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to again circulate to Members of Council the list of projects to be closed and/or transferred, in order that Members can indicate items of concern.

The Budget Committee also had before it a communication (May 21, 1999) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown, requesting that the following project allocations not be closed but retained in a south district parks budget for use to complete the projects:

- (1) Roundhouse Renovation, Project No. 216-994 in the amount of \$63,184.00;

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- (2) Parking Authority Lots 2 and 3, Project No. 216-454 in the amount of \$30,478.00; and
- (3) Old Terrace Roller Rink Replacement, Project No. 216-499 in the amount of \$180,415.00.

A. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the aforementioned report and the communication from Councillor Kyle Rae be referred to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to consult with the individual Commissioners to assess all projects and report back to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of June 30, 1999 in that regard, and further that Members of Council who have problems with any project, i.e., timing of closing capital accounts, resolve same with the Commissioners.

(Carried)

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

B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the letter pertaining to this matter from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be recirculated.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - May 26, 1999)

**19.5 Street Tree Planting Application - Toronto Atmospheric Fund
- Ward 10 (North York Centre) and Ward 12 (North York Seneca Heights)**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 3, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism advising that the application to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund to obtain funds to offset the request in the Capital Budget has been declined; and recommending that the Department proceed with the implementation of the project as originally set out in the 1999 Capital Works Program.

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, the adoption of the report (May 3, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the tree planting program or the lack thereof.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Committee Administrator, Economic Development and Parks Committee - May 26, 1999)

19.6 Standards for Structural Paving Rehabilitation Program

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (May 6, 1999) from Mr. A.J. Chocorlan, Interim General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission on May 5, 1999, received Toronto Transit Report No. 15 (May 5, 1999), entitled "Standards for Structural Paving Rehabilitation Program", and directed that it be forwarded to the Budget Committee for information.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Mr. A.J. Chocorlan, Interim General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
- May 26, 1999)

19.7 Transmittal of Evaluation of the Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library - Capital Budget Project

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 10, 1999) from the City Librarian advising that the Toronto Public Library Board on May 3, 1999, adopted the Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library report from the City Librarian, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Board adopt Option (2) as outlined in the Parkin Group report as the preferred option and convey this to the Budget Committee in May 1999, as requested; and

- (2) the Board proceed to working drawings for the new building in 1999, funded by expending the balance of the 1999 capital allotment for the Leaside project estimated at \$240,000.00.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 10, 1999) from the City Librarian; and
- (2) requested the City Librarian to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee during the year 2000 Capital Budget process outlining cost savings due to efficiencies in staffing and maintenance.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Librarian - May 26, 1999)

19.8 Transmittal of Proposed St. James Town Branch Report - Capital Budget Project

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 10, 1999) from the City Librarian advising that the Toronto Public Library Board on May 3, 1999, adopted the Proposed St. James Town Branch report from the City Librarian, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Board approve the report for transmittal to the Budget Committee; and
- (2) the priority for the St. James Town Branch be determined based on the outcome of the Library Board's branch review and in conjunction with the results of the Parks and Recreation study.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report.

(City Librarian - May 26, 1999)

19.9 Municipal Elections

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 6, 1999) from the City Clerk recommending that:

- (1) the background report, entitled "Election 2000", be received for information at this time;

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- (2) a copy of this report be circulated to all Members of Council; and
- (3) the City Clerk be authorized to undertake consultations with Members of Council, and through focus groups consisting of candidates, voters and other stakeholders, on the issues and draft proposals contained in the report; and report on any necessary legislative amendments, policies and procedures to Council in July and December, 1999.

Councillor George Mammoliti, North York Humber, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the aforementioned matter.

- A. Councillor Balkissoon moved that Recommendation No. (3) of the report (May 6, 1999) from the City Clerk, be amended by adding the word “all” after the words “consultations with”, so that such Recommendation now reads:

“(3) the City Clerk be authorized to undertake consultations with all Members of Council, and through focus groups consisting of candidates, voters and other stakeholders, on the issues and draft proposals contained in the report and report on any necessary legislative amendments, policies and procedures to Council in July and December, 1999.”;

and further directed that the abovementioned amendment be considered with Clause No. 25 of Report No. 6 of The Corporate Services Committee, headed “Municipal Elections”, which will be considered by City Council on June 9, 1999.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommend to Council the adoption of the report (May 6, 1999) from the City Clerk, as amended; and

- (2) requested the City Clerk to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee providing costs associated with municipal enforcement officers being available to deal with Councillors' requests regarding election improprieties encountered by Councillors during the municipal elections.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Chow moved that the Budget Committee request the City Clerk to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee providing costs associated with the following:

- (1) Youth Voting Program - enumeration of university students;
 and

- (2) Languages in the Voting Places - a Multi-Lingual questions.

(Carried)

(City Clerk; Director of Elections, City Clerk's Division; Councillor George Mammoliti, North York Humber; Committee Administrator, Budget Advisory Committee - May 26, 1999)

19.10 Toronto Youth Job Corps and Youth Outreach Toronto

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 19, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on May 19, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to enter into a funding agreement with Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) for expansion of Toronto Youth Job Corps for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, the total cost of the agreement not to exceed \$1,256,370.00 gross, and the City of Toronto's contribution to the program not to exceed the approved 1999 operating budget for Job Corps of \$156,370.00;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services identify and contract with an appropriate non-profit organization to deliver the program in the Jane Finch area;

- (3) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department be authorized to budget for the \$74,000.00 net impact for the year 2000 budget;
- (4) Toronto Youth Job Corps and Youth Outreach Toronto program management and administration be immediately transferred from the Social Services Division to the Social Development Division; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 5, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - May 26, 1999)

19.11 Request for Increase - 1999 Operating Budget - Homes for the Aged

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing an analysis of the impact and an exploration of the options that a reinvestment of provincial funding would have on the Homes for the Aged and recommending that:

- (1) the 1999 operating budget for the Homes for the Aged be increased by \$697,000.00 to enable the Division to access additional provincial funding, which is available to enhance nursing services;
- (2) this report be referred to the Community Services Committee for discussion of the policy issues and options outlined herein; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (May 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - May 26, 1999)

**19.12 Community Based Affordable Housing
Demonstration Project 647-657 Lawrence Avenue West
at Allen Road (Ward 8 - North York Spadina)**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 20, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Corporate Services Committee on May 20, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, subject to:

- (1) amending Recommendation No. (2) by deleting the words “on a long term basis at an initial” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “for a term of 49 years at a”, so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

“(2) vacant lands at 647-657 Lawrence Avenue West previously withheld from sale be leased to the not-for-profit corporation to be established jointly by Out of the Cold and Congregation Darchei Noam for a term of 49 years at a rate of \$2.00 per year, subject to terms and conditions which are satisfactory to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;” and
- (2) amending Recommendation No. (9) by adding before the word “advancement” the words “lease commencement date, the” so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

“(9) the lease commencement date, the advancement of the capital grant and second mortgage form the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing be conditional upon the not-for-profit group obtaining a first mortgage commitment within six months of the zoning by-law for the lands coming in to force.”

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Budget Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of joint report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, as amended by the Corporate Services Committee; and
 - (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to ensure that in every instance where subsidized units are created by the City, the residents of such units must be from the City's existing prioritized waiting list and/or from shelter housing.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Jakobek's motion A(1) be amended by adding the following Recommendation:

“(11) that City Council request the Federal Government to rebate the GST for this community based affordable housing project.”

(Carried)

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Corporate Services - May 26, 1999)

19.13 Housing First Policy for Surplus City-Owned Property

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 20, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Corporate Services Committee on May 20, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (May 3, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) a Housing First policy, as outlined in the Appendix 'A', be adopted;

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- (2) a target of leveraging the development of a minimum of 900 affordable housing units on City-owned sites within the next three years be adopted, and staff report back on a quarterly basis on the progress of the Housing First policy;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, develop a five year capital program for housing and report back on the financing of such a program including the use of the Capital Revolving Fund and the method of obtaining future contributions to this Fund; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the steps necessary to give effect to these recommendations.

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

Councillor Jakobek moved that the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of joint report (May 3, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to ensure that in every instance where subsidized units are created by the City, the residents of such units must be from the City's existing prioritized waiting list and/or from shelter housing.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services - May 26, 1999)

19.14 Use of Sponsorship Revenues from Molson's Sponsorship Agreement for the Construction of Water Park Facilities - (High Park and Don River - Wards 29 and 25)

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Economic Development Committee on May 21, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, and requested the Budget Committee to consider any adjustment to the Capital Budget in that regard and report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its June 1, 1999 meeting for consideration by Council of this matter on June 9, 1999.

A. On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to the following:

(a) deleting Recommendation No. (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(1) the cost of the design and contribution of two water parks located at Regent Park and at a new park site in the King and Dufferin Street area be fully funded from revenues obtained from the Molson's Sponsorship Agreement through donations obtained from local businesses;”

(b) adding the following:

“the future funding from sponsorship revenues for water park facilities be part of the Capital Budget process with the source of funding to be identified as being from sponsorship revenues.”

(Carried)

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

- B. On motion by Councillor Jakobek the Budget Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee providing a plan as to the prioritization of the location of water parks keeping in mind the long list of wading pool renovations that are outstanding.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - May 26, 1999)

19.15 Voting and Vote-Counting System - Municipal Elections

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 20, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Corporate Services Committee on May 20, 1999, recommended to Council, the adoption of the report (May 6, 1999) from the City Clerk, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the use of voting place vote-counting machines in the City of Toronto elections;
- (2) Council approve the use of touch screen voting machines in the City of Toronto for institutional voting and the advance voting program;
- (3) the City Clerk be requested to report on the results of the Request for Proposal together with recommendations on the award of contract to the Administration Committee meeting in July 1999; and
- (4) authority be granted to introduce the necessary bill in Council to give effect to Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2);

and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Budget Committee for information.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

**19.16 External Legal Firms Retained
for Insurance Claim Defence**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 20, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Corporate Services Committee on May 20, 1999, received the joint report (May 6, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Budget Committee for its information.

The Budget Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

Councillor Jakobek moved that the Budget Committee meet privately to discuss real estate and personnel matters in accordance with subsection 55.7 of the Municipal Act.

(Carried)

The Budget Committee recessed at 11:55 a.m. to meet in camera to consider the aforementioned real estate and personnel matters.

Members Present:

Councillor Tom Jakobek
Councillor Bas Balkissoon
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Blake Kinahan
Councillor Case Ootes
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor David Shiner

The Board adjourned its private meeting at 12:20 p.m., and immediately reconvened in public session with the foregoing Members in attendance.

**19.17 Property Acquisition Request from L.A.C.A.C.
W.J. Morrish Store, North-west Corner of
Meadowvale Road and Kingston Road
(Ward 16 - Scarborough Highland Creek)**

The Budget Committee had before it a confidential report (May 20, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Corporate Services Committee on May 20, 1999, requested the Budget Committee to report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on June 9, 1999, respecting the acquisition of W.J. Morrish Store property.

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the aforementioned confidential report be adopted; and directed that City Council be advised of the concerns of the Budget Committee.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Balkissoon moved that L.A.C.A.C. identify their proposed usage of the subject building.

(Carried)

(City Council; Committee Administrator, Corporate Services Committee -
May 26, 1999)

19.18 Personnel Matter

The Budget Committee discussed a personnel matter and directed the Chair, on behalf of the Budget Committee, to meet with the Mayor and appropriate officials, to review the concerns raised.

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Chair