

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, June 1, 1999.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:10 p.m.

Attendance

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

	2:10 p.m. to 3:35 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 Joseph Pantalone	
Councillor Kyle Rae	

Confirmation of Minutes

On a motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Minutes of the meetings held on May 25, 1999, were confirmed.

20.1 Urban Planning and Development Services Department - Staff Resources

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 18, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Urban Environment and Development Committee on May 17, 1999, adopted, as amended, the report (May 11, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development, directed that the report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration of the financial implications and requested the Budget Committee to report thereon directly to City Council at its meeting to be held on June 9, 1999.

The Budget Committee also had before it the following reports:

- (i) (May 27, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the East York Community Council on May 26 and 27, 1999:
 - (1) directed that the Budget Committee, and Council, be advised that East York Community Council supports the Recommendations embodied in the report (May 18, 1999) from the City Clerk subject to confirmation of the backlog of work; and
 - (2) requested the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services to report to the Budget Committee at its meeting on June 1, 1999, providing statistics with respect to the backlog of work; and
- (ii) (May 28, 1999) from the Commissioner, Urban Planning and Development Services providing information to the Budget Committee on the backlog of work being experienced by Urban Planning and Development Services Department staff.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Joseph Pantalone, Trinity Niagara; and
 - Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown.
- A. Councillor Ootes moved that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to report back to the June 14, 1999, meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee providing a standard that takes into account the relevant variables that will demonstrate to Council the staff level required to satisfactorily address the issuance of building permits, etc.

(Carried)

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- B. Councillor Chow moved that the Budget Committee recommend to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Urban Environment and Development Committee embodied in the report (May 18, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Chow's Motion (B) be amended by adding:

- (1) that the additional staff be hired on a contract basis to a maximum of one year;
- (2) that the additional funding be from the contingency account; and
- (3) that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to review the staff complement of the Urban Planning and Development Services Department along with the volume of work and backlog, if any, and provide such information to the Budget Advisory Committee during the Year 2000 budget process.

(Carried)

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

- D. Councillor Jakobek moved that the reports (May 27, 1999) from the City Clerk and (May 28, 1999) from the Commissioner, Urban Planning and Development Services be received for information.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(City Council; c. Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development; Councillor Joseph Pantalone, Trinity Niagara; Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown; Committee Administrator, Urban Planning and Development Committee; Committee Administrator, East York Community Council - June 1, 1999)

**20.2 Development Charges Background Study -
Capital Program Review**

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer summarizing the capital projects included in the Development Charge Background Study dated April 19, 1999 and recommending that the development related capital program contained in the Development Charge Background Study be adopted.

The Budget Committee also had before it a report (May 19, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting held on May 11 and 12, 1999, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 9 of The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed "New Development Charges By-law", and drew attention to the following recommendation:

- “(6) that the Capital Program identified in the Development Charge Background Study be forwarded to the Budget Committee for its review.”

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to adding the following:

“that City Council request the Province to amend the *Development Charges Act* to allow the City to factor into the City’s calculation of the development charge the provincial expenditure of capital dollars for child care over the past 10 year period.”; and

- (2) received the report (May 19, 1999) from the City Clerk for information.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - June 1, 1999)

20.3 Toronto Harbour Commissioners Capital Re-Prioritization

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 27, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer responding to a request by the Budget Committee to report back on how the Capital Budget of the Toronto Harbour Commissioners would be reprioritized following project transfers (East Gap Dredging, Ship Channel Bridge Abutment Rehabilitation and Dockwall at 512 Berth Street) from operating to capital budgets; and recommending that the Budget Committee receive the report for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee received the aforementioned report from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and recommended that the 1999 Capital Budget be amended to reflect the re-prioritization as identified in the report.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Controller and Chief Financial Officer, Toronto Harbour Commissioners - June 1, 1999)

20.4 Police Reference Checks and the Hiring Process

The Budget Committee had before it a report (May 31, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on May 28, 1999, gave consideration to an oral presentation by Mr. David Kidd, CUPE Local 79, with respect to Police Reference Checks and the Hiring Process (Clause No. 6 of Report No. 8 of The Economic Development Committee) as it relates to City of Toronto employees and particularly Parks and Recreation employees; and recommended that:

- (1) City Council oppose any part of the charge for police reference checks being borne by City employees and that this expense be part of the Police Service Budget; and
- (2) no charge for these services be off loaded to non profit organizations, municipalities or school boards;

and further directed that the foregoing recommendations be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration at its meeting to be held on June 1, 1999.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Children and Youth Action Committee embodied in the report (May 31, 1999) from the City Clerk; and directed that Budget Committee's recommendations be forwarded to City Council for its meeting on June 9, 1999, for consideration with Clause No. 6 of Report No. 8 of the Economic Development Committee.

(City Council; c. Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Committee Secretary, Children and Youth Action Committee - June 1, 1999)

20.5 Sir Adam Beck School Pool/Recreation Centre

The Budget Committee had before it a communication (June 1, 1999) from Councillor Blake F. Kinahan advising that Councillor Irene Jones requested him to raise the matter of roof repairs to the pool at the Sir Adam Beck School Pool/Recreation Centre.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Budget Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for a report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Councillor Blake F. Kinahan, Lakeshore Queensway; Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore Queensway - June 1, 1999)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Chair