

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:15 a.m.

Attendance

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

	10:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.
Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair	X
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	X
Councillor Gordon Chong	Regrets
Councillor Olivia Chow	X
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor David Shiner	X

Also Present:

Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	

6.1 2000-2004 Capital Budget - Preliminary Review

The Budget Advisory Committee continued its preliminary review of the 2000-2004 Capital Budget and directed that it be forwarded to all Standing Committees and Community Councils for review and comment, together with the synopsis of the requests for information, to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the commencement of the 'wrap-up' meetings on December 9, 1999.

(Community Councils; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – November 17, 1999)

Works & Emergency Services:

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for Works and Emergency Services.

Mr. Barry Gutteridge, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the following 2000-2004 Capital Budgets and answered Members' questions.

Ambulance

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for Ambulance Services.

Mr. Ron Kelusky, General Manager, Ambulance Services Division, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the Ambulance Services budget and answered Members' questions.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Operating Budget impacts of Ambulance Services in the 2000-2004 Capital Program which include increased expenditures of: \$40,000.00 in 2000; \$110,000.00 in 2001; \$182,000.00 in 2002; \$194,000.00 in 2003 and \$251,000.00 in 2004 be approved.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

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- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the General Manager, Ambulance Services be requested to report back on emission testing of vehicles in consultation with the Police Service and the Fire Department.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Pitfield moved that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to provide information as to how the City of Toronto is going to budget for maintenance and replacement of defibrillator equipment;
- (2) the General Manager, Ambulance Services, be requested to report back on the following:
 - (a) the cost to outfit all paramedics with bullet proof vests and the pros and cons in that regard; and
 - (b) AVTEC and BACC projects being conditional upon 100 percent funding from the Provincial government.

(Carried)

(Community Services Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Children's Services Division; General Manager, Homes for the Aged Division; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division; General Manager, Social Services Division; General Manager, Ambulance Services Division; Fire Chief - November 17, 1999)

Fire

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for Fire Services.

Mr. Alan Speed, Fire Chief, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the Fire Services budget and answered Members' questions.

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- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Fire Chief be requested to report back confirming to the Budget Advisory Committee that the communication system that is being installed, particularly the transmitters on top of towers and buildings, etc., will accommodate the Police and Ambulance and the Works and Emergency Services Department at a later date.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Fire Chief be requested to report back on how other successful Fire Departments are addressing the issue of false alarms, how to discourage same and what technology is available in that regard.

(Carried)

(Community Services Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Children's Services Division; General Manager, Homes for the Aged Division; General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support Division; General Manager, Social Services Division; General Manager, Ambulance Services Division; Fire Chief - November 17, 1999)

Solid Waste Management

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for Solid Waste Management.

Mr. Angelos Bacopoulos, General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the Solid Waste Management budget and answered Members' questions.

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

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back on the impact of reducing the recommended Capital Budget by \$500,000.00, \$1 million or \$1.5 million.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

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- B. Councillor Chow moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to provide a statement that the City of Toronto will defer the Replacement Composting Facility Project only if an extension is granted to continue the usage of the Avondale Facility for another year.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back comparing and analyzing the expenditures at the City Transfer Stations, i.e., what is sent to landfills, the recycling of paper, the recycling of glass and the recycling of other and provide this information to the 2000 Budget 'wrap up' meetings.

(Carried)

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

- (1) expenditures at the Commissioner Street facility over the past 10 years; and
- (2) initial project approval for the MRF No. 2, i.e., what has been spent to date and what has been contracted.

(Carried)

(Works Committee; Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division; General Manager, Transportation Services Division - November 17, 1999)

Transportation

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for Transportation Services.

Mr. David Kaufman, General Manager, Transportation Services Division, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the Transportation Services budget and answered Members' questions.

- A. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to itemize bike lanes and traffic calming projects in subsequent budget submissions;

- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report back on the following:
 - (a) funding recommended in the 2000 budget for bike lanes and traffic calming;
 - (b) 1999 spending on bike lanes and traffic calming;
 - (c) phased approach for funding the Dufferin Street Jog Elimination project, including any funding that may be required in 2000 for initial construction;
- (3) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back on the feasibility of providing bicycle facility markings during road resurfacing and reconstruction.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back on the following:

- (1) providing a priority list for bridges and a 10 to 20 year plan in that regard; and
- (2) funding being reinstated in 2000 for the Redway Road Extension.

(Carried)

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

C. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report back on the impact of reducing the recommended Capital Budget by \$1 million, \$2 million or \$3 million.

(Carried)

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

(Works Committee; Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division; General Manager, Transportation Services Division - November 17, 1999)

Works and Emergency Services

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for Works and Emergency Services.

No Requests.

(Works Committee; Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division; General Manager, Transportation Services Division - November 17, 1999)

Toronto Parking Authority

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000-2004 Capital Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee requested the President of the Parking Authority, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, to report back on the expansion and financing of parking facilities along the major transit routes to encourage an increase in ridership on public transit.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation; Chief Executive Officer/City Librarian; President, Toronto Parking Authority; Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; Chief of Police; Chief Financial Officer, Toronto Port Authority; General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto Zoo; Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer, The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - November 17, 1999)

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The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Chair