

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting No. 5

Monday, October 4, 1999

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, October 4, 1999, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:42 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:42 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	-
Councillor Mike Feldman	X
Councillor Mario Giansante	X
Councillor Joan King	Regrets
Councillor George Mammoliti	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor Sherene Shaw	X
Councillor Mario Silva	X
Councillor David Soknacki	X
Councillor Mike Tzekas	X

Also Present:

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	Councillor Joe Pantalone
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Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on September 13, 1999, were confirmed.

5.1 Lester B. Pearson International Airport - Update by Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Board Members - All Wards

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising the Economic Development and Parks Committee of the update to be provided by the City's nominees to the GTAA Board of Directors on ongoing and planned activities at Lester B. Pearson International Airport (LBPIA); and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee received a presentation from Mr. Gerry E. Meinzer, Member, Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Airports Authority and Mr. Steve Shaw, P.Eng., Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Communications, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, on ongoing and planned activities at Lester B. Pearson International Airport (LBPIA).

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Shaw for their informative presentation.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the foregoing presentation.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Mr. Gerry Meinzer, Member, Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Airports
Authority; Mr. Steve Shaw, Vice President, Corporate Affairs and
Communication, Greater Toronto Airports Authority - October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 8(a), Report No. 4)

5.2 Tree Advocacy Planting Program - All Wards

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (September 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, recommending that:

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- (1) City Council approve, in principle, the Tree Advocacy Planting Program that will achieve the planting of approximately 60,000 trees for the Year 2000 as outlined in this report;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee and that the funding required be considered by the Budget Advisory Committee and Council as part of the 2000 Capital Program; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials in collaboration with the Tree Advocate, Councillor Pantalone:
 - (a) develop a program of community involvement for the tree plantings;
 - (b) authorize staff to solicit sponsorships and in-kind donations to implement this program as a Millennium project; and
 - (c) be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (September 28, 1999) from the City Clerk, recommending that:
 - (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee be advised that the Environmental Task Force endorses the Tree Advocacy Planting Program referred to in the joint report dated September 20, 1999 from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate; and
 - (2) consideration be given to expanding the Tree Advocacy Planting Program to include:
 - (a) the planting of additional trees in each Ward in the Year 2000; and
 - (b) the criteria for expanding the Tree Advocacy Planting Program have the flexibility to include major intersections, industrial areas and other locations, as identified by the local councillor(s) in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate;

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- (ii) (September 20, 1999) from Mr. Temple W. Harris, President, Toronto Construction Association (TCA), advising of the TCA's support for the Tree Advocacy Planting Program and offering assistance of the Association;
- (iii) (June 21, 1999) from Ms. Victoria Henriques, Secretary, Scout Troop 46, Scouts Canada, thanking Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity Niagara, for the invitation to participate in the tree planting millennium project; advising that the Scouts would be available from September 1999; and requesting staff to contact her to organize the details;
- (iv) (October 1, 1999) from Mr. Placido Lopes, Toronto, Ontario, expressing his full support for the Tree Advocacy Planting Program;
- (v) (October 4, 1999) from Mr. Ferg Devins, Director, Corporate Affairs, Molson Canada - Ontario Division, in support of the Tree Advocacy Planting Program;
- (vi) (October 1, 1999) from Mr. Reginald Lewis, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Regiment of Canada, in support of the Tree Advocacy Planting Program;
- (vii) (October 3, 1999) from Mr. Michael Izzard, P.Eng., LL.B, and Associates, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the Tree Advocacy Planting Program; and
- (viii) (October 1, 1999) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union Local 416, in support of the Tree Advocacy Planting Program.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Janet McKay, Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF);
- Mr. Tony Digiovanni, Landscape Ontario, Horticultural Trades Association; and
- Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity Niagara, Tree Advocate.

A. Councillor Feldman moved that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the joint report (September 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate;

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- (2) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Environmental Task Force embodied in the report (September 28, 1999) from the City Clerk, being the expansion of the Tree Advocacy Planting Program to include:
 - (a) the planting of additional trees in each Ward in the Year 2000; and
 - (b) the criteria for expanding the Tree Advocacy Planting Program have the flexibility to include major intersections, industrial areas and other locations, as identified by the local Councillor(s) in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate; and
- (3) the Tree Advocate be requested to investigate the possibility of inviting the School Boards to participate in the Tree Planting Program by having children plant trees, which would enhance the Program, as well as having the children involved with the Program on a long term basis.

(Carried)

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

B. Councillor Ashton moved that:

- (1) Councillor Feldman's motion A. be amended by striking out Recommendation No. (2) of report (September 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
 - “(2) upon adoption by City Council of the aforementioned report, City Council forward same to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding aspect of the Tree Planting Program during the 2000 Capital Budget deliberations”;
- (2) the communication (October 1, 1999) from the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, be referred to

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Councillor Pantalone, Chair of Committee, and the Mayor's office for its consideration in the development of the Tree Planting Program; and

- (3) the aforementioned communications be received for information.

(Carried)

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Tree Advocate be requested to investigate whether a 'Plant a Tree for the Millennium' program could be established which would encourage residents to request that a tree be planted on the City-owned boulevard in front of their property.

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on a policy with regard to compensating homeowners that sustain damage to their property, i.e. drains, driveways, etc., caused by the growth of City-owned trees in front of their property, the said report to be in consultation with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.

(Carried)

- E. Councillor Shaw moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to submit an update, on a regular basis, on sponsorships with the corporate sector and community involvement in the Tree Planting Program.

(Carried)

(Mayor Mel Lastman; Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Committee Secretary, Environmental Task Force; Mr. Temple W. Harris, President, Toronto Construction Association; Ms. Victoria Henriques, Secretary, Scout Troop 46, Scouts Canada; Mr. Placido Lopes, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Ferg Devins, Director, Corporate Affairs, Molson Canada - Ontario Division; Mr. Reginald Lewis, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Regiment of Canada; Mr. Michael Izzard, P.Eng., LL.B, and Associates, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union Local 416;

Ms. Janet McKay, Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF);
Mr. Tony Digiovanni, Landscape Ontario, Horticultural Trades Association -
October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 4)

**5.3 Expansion of Victoria Village Arena - Agreement with the
Canadian Macedonian Federation (Ward 11 - Don Parkway)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it the following:

- (1) report (June 2, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that:
 - (a) the appropriate City officials be authorized to enter into negotiations with the Canadian Macedonian Federation for an agreement based on the key points of the letter of intent referred to in this report; and
 - (b) upon successful completion of the negotiations, such agreement be brought forward to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and City Council for review and consideration, and not be executed until approval has been obtained; and
- (2) Victoria Village Expansion - Supplementary Agreement (October 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Greek Community of Metropolitan Toronto Inc. and the Canadian Macedonian Federation (CMF).

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (June 21, 1999) from Mr. James. G. Karas, President, Pan-Macedonian Association of Ontario Inc., requesting to make a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and requesting a postponement for the hearing of deputations;
- (ii) (undated) from Mr. Michael Papadouris, AHEPA, requesting to make a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and to have the matter deferred to the North York Community Council meeting;

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- (iii) (September 30, 1999) from Mr. Glenn Cuthbertson, Vice-President, Victoria Village Community Association, advising of his support to endorse the construction of a new community recreational centre on the site presently occupied by the Victoria Village Arena;
- (iv) FAX (September 30, 1999) from the Residents of the Community of Parkview Hills submitting a Petition with 34 signatures in support of the foregoing matter;
- (v) FAX (September 30, 1999) from the Residents of the Community of Parkview Hills submitting a further Petition with 47 signatures in support of the foregoing matter; and
- (vi) (October 3, 1999) from Ms. Margaret Boersma and Mr. Steve Carroll, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the foregoing matter.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Spero Bassil, President, Canadian Macedonian Federation;
- Dr. Tasos Karantonis, Greek Community of Metropolitan Toronto Inc.;
- Mr. Michael Dosman, President, Victoria Village Community Association; and filed a copy of a petition containing approximately 70 names in support of the foregoing matter; and
- Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Don Parkway.

A. Councillor Tzekas moved that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (June 2, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
- (2) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the Victoria Village Expansion - Supplementary Agreement (October 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Greek Community of Metropolitan Toronto Inc. and the Canadian Macedonian Federation (CMF), subject to adding the following:

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“that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to assist the Macedonian and Greek communities to create a dispute mechanism upon which this mandate can be realized.”;

- (3) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council that the City encourage public and private partnerships with business and multicultural groups in the establishment of community centres and other City facilities; and

(Carried)

- (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Facilities and Real Estate Division, be requested to report directly to Council for its meeting of October 26, 1999, on the appraised value of the City land upon which this proposed project will be built.

(Lost)

- B. Councillor Giansante moved that Councillor Tzekas' motion A.(2) be amended by adding the following:

“the said mechanism to include a means to protect the City with regard to censorship or its authorization of the material being displayed in the Community Centre; and further that the mechanism include a disclaimer that the City does not sanction materials or actions, and that the City be held harmless for any initiated actions;”.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Don Parkway; Mr. James G. Karas, President, Pan-Macedonian Association of Ontario Inc.; Mr. Michael Papadouris, AHEPA; Mr. Glenn Cuthbertson, Vice-President, Victoria Village Community Association; Residents of the Community of Parkview Hills; Ms. Margaret Boersma and Mr. Steve Carroll, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Spero Bassil, President, Canadian Macedonian Federation; Dr. Tasos Karantonis, Greek Community of Metropolitan Toronto Inc.; Mr. Michael Dosman, President, Victoria Village Community Association - October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 4)

5.4 Urban Initiatives

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (September 13, 1999) from Ms. Katherine Pigott, Riverdale Community Business Centre, requesting an opportunity to make a deputation on the experiences of Urban Initiatives.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Joan Roberts, Kensington Market Action Committee, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Ms. Barbara Finlay, Coordinator, Parkdale/Liberty Economic Development Committee, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Ms. Katherine Pigott, Director, Riverdale Community Business Centre;
- Mr. David Melville, Kensington Market Action Committee;
- Mr. Henry Calderon, Project Director, West Toronto Junction Team; and
- Mr. Michael Rosenberg, Toronto, Ontario.

On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the communication (September 13, 1999) from Ms. Katherine Pigott, Riverdale Community Business Centre, and all other relevant material distributed at the October 4, 1999 meeting of the Committee, to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Ms. Joan Roberts, Kensington Market Action Committee;
Ms. Barbara Finlay, Coordinator, Parkdale/Liberty Economic Development Committee; Ms. Katherine Pigott, Director, Riverdale Community Business Centre; Mr. David Melville, Kensington Market Action Committee; Mr. Henry Calderon, Project Director, West Toronto Junction Team; Mr. Michael Rosenberg, Toronto, Ontario - October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 8(b), Report No. 4)

**5.5 Economic Development Partnership Program
Grants 1999 Second Round - All Wards**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that:

- (1) Economic Development Partnership Program grants totalling \$36,700.00, be allocated to four projects, as set out in Appendix 1;
- (2) the disbursement of the Economic Development Partnership Program allocations be conditional on satisfying the 1999 Economic Development Partnership Program goals and criteria as set out in Appendix 2 and on project specific conditions set out in Appendix 4;
- (3) first round applicants, namely, the Apparel Industry Development Corporation and the Toronto Bio-Technology Business Incubator, be given an extension to November 1, 1999, to meet the criterion required to fully release their funding allocation, as detailed in Appendix 5; and should these initiatives be unable to meet this criterion, the funds may be reallocated, subject to a future report for Council approval; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a communication (September 30, 1999) from Ms. Anna Gibson, Acting Director, Green Tourism Association, requesting the Economic Development and Parks Committee to give consideration to the reallocation of funds, should any become available, from the second round of the Economic Development Partnership Program Grants 1999, as additional funds would be helpful in ensuring that Green Tourism has an attractive and professional product to promote green tourism options available in Toronto.

- A. Councillor Feldman moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the communication (September 30, 1999) from Ms. Anna Gibson, Acting Director, Green Tourism Association, be received for information.

(Carried)

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 4)

**5.6 Addition and Renovations to Heron Park Community
Recreation Centre Contract No. 221-1999 - Scarborough
Highland Creek (Ward 16)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (September 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending that Tender Call No. 221-1999 for the addition and renovations to Heron Park Community Recreation Centre be awarded to M.J. Dixon Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$6,527,000.00, including all taxes and charges, being the lowest Tender received.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the joint report (September 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 4)

**5.7 1999 Business Improvement Area Budgets Supplementary
Report No. 5 Village of Islington Business Improvement Area**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 13, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 1999 expenditures of the Village of Islington Business Improvement Area of \$15,570.00;
- (2) a copy of this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;
- (3) the levy and collection of a special charge for the 1999 taxation year for the Village of Islington Business Improvement Area be authorized;
- (4) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and

- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (September 13, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 4)

**5.8 Appointment of a New Design Exchange
Board Member - All Wards**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that Council appoint a representative to sit on the Design Exchange Board for the period ending November 30, 2000.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a communication (September 8, 1999) from Mr. J. Urban Joseph, Chairman of the Board, The Design Exchange, advising the Committee that they have invited Councillor Michael Tzekas, Scarborough Wexford, to serve on the Board of the Design Exchange.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee noted that City Council, at its meeting held on September 28 and 29, 1999, appointed Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek, to the Board of Directors of The Design Exchange.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report and communication.

(Clause No. 8(c), Report No. 4)

**5.9 City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants -
January to June, 1999**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a written submission (August 1999) from Ms. Anne Collins, President, Toronto Arts Council, submitting for information, a report on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants for the period January to June, 1999.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

(Ms. Anne Collins, President, Toronto Arts Council - October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 8(d), Report No. 4)

5.10 Toronto Employer Database - All Wards

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, informing the Committee on the work currently being undertaken by the Economic Development Division to develop a City of Toronto Employer Database; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for information.

(Clause No. 8(e), Report No. 4)

5.11 Toronto Wins 1999 Marketing Canada Awards - All Wards

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, informing Members of Council that brochures prepared to promote Toronto's Economic Development Façade Improvement Program as well as an innovative "in pack" promotion publication prepared by the City of Toronto, in partnership with Tourism Toronto and Labatt Breweries of Canada, have each won a first place Marketing Canada Award; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Mr. James Villeneuve, Director, Government Affairs, Labatt Breweries of Canada, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report (September 16, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and directed that the said report be forwarded to Council for information.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Mr. James Villeneuve, Director, Government Affairs, Labatt Breweries of
Canada - October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 4)

5.12 Long Term Plans for Parks and Recreation Facilities - All Wards

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 17, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information, as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its previous meeting, on a public consultation work plan in relation to long term planning for parks and recreation facilities; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Shaw, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report (September 17, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for information.

(Clause No. 8(f), Report No. 4)

5.13 Final Report of the Program Director for the Yonge Street Regeneration Program

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (September 21, 1999) from Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown, submitting the final report (March 1999) of the Program Director for the Yonge Street Regeneration Program to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for information and transmittal to City Council.

On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the final report (March 1999) from the Program Director for the Yonge Street Regeneration Program, and directed that it be forwarded to Council for information.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 4)

5.14 Development Charges on Non-Residential Development

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (September 13, 1999) from Mr. Bill Palander, RIM, President, Toronto Real Estate Board, applauding the City's efforts in keeping development charges at the lowest possible level, providing an exemption for industrial-commercial development, and providing a phasing-in period for the new charges.

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On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Acting Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Toronto Economic Development Corporation, to report to the November 8, 1999 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on issues related to stimulating reinvestment in employment areas within the City, including brownfield sites, and a process to address these issues comprehensively; and
- (2) received the foregoing communication (September 13, 1999) from Mr. Bill Palander, RIM, President, Toronto Real Estate Board, for information.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Mr. Bill Palander, RIM, President, Toronto Real Estate Board; Acting Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; President and Chief Executive Officer, TEDCO - October 6, 1999)

(Clause No. 8(g), Report No. 4)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Chair