

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee**

**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, June 1, 1999**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:37 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:37 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.	In Camera Session 11:00 a.m. to 12:22 p.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	X	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	-	-
Councillor Milton Berger	X	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	X	X
Councillor Betty Disero	X	X
Councillor Dennis Fotinos	X	X
Councillor Tom Jakobek	X	X
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	X	-
Councillor Dick O'Brien	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X	-
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X	X
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X

(Note: The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recessed from 10:38 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.)

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee meeting held on May 4, 1999, were confirmed.

**7-1. Summary of the City of Toronto's Response to the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force Report and Implementation Plan.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint report (May 18, 1999) from Mayor Mel Lastman and the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

- (1) Council thank the chair and members of the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes for their work over the past year in fulfilling the mandate of the committee, and further, that future decision making on implementation of the City's homeless action plan occur through the standing committees of Council;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services convene a meeting of the chairs of the Capital Revolving Fund Reference Group, the Property Management Committee, the Advisory Committee for Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons and the Alternative Housing and Services Committee to ensure coordination of the implementation activities outlined in this report; and
- (3) appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing joint report.

**(Clause No. 5 - Report No. 10)**

**7-2. Resources for Access and Equity Functions  
And final Recommendations of the Task  
Force on Community Access and Equity.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the following:

- (i) report (May 19, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:
  - (1) the corporate Access and Equity Unit work with each commissioner to define the functions and reporting relationships for the assignment of dedicated corporate access and equity staff resources to assist individual departments in meeting access and equity objectives;
  - (2) the staff positions that were reassigned from the pool of corporate access and equity resources to the human resources business units in 1998 be explicitly defined and function as employment equity and human rights consultants, and the Executive Director of Human Resources report to the Administration Committee on how the expertise and skills of these employment equity and human rights consultants are being used to enhance the activities of the human resources business units;
  - (3) the 1999 approved budget of \$1,501,000 total gross expenditures (\$1,471,000.00 total net expenditures) and 21.3 equivalent funded staff positions for Access and Equity services be transferred from the Human Resources Division in the Corporate Services Department to the Strategic and Corporate Policy Division in the Chief Administrator's Office to facilitate the transfer of program management and administration of the corporate Access and Equity Unit from the Corporate Services Department to the Chief Administrator's Office, and the 1999 Operating Budget be adjusted accordingly;
  - (4) once in each term of Council, the City Auditor oversee an internal audit of the performance by the corporation as a whole in achieving its access, equity and human rights goals;
  - (5) in order to ensure that there is an external community perspective on the City's progress towards access, equity and human rights goals, the City organize an annual community consultation on access, equity and human rights issues that will provide input to planning, policy and program development in subsequent years;

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- (6) the Task Force on Community Access and Equity be requested to take this report into consideration during the preparation of its final report to Council; and
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (ii) communication (February 23, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the York Community Council on February 17, 1999, endorsed, in principle, the Draft Report of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity; and
- (iii) report (May 27, 1999) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton, forwarding the Action Plan and Final Recommendations of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity; offering the following recommendations respecting the report (May 19, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer:
  - “(1) that Recommendation No. (4) embodied in the report (May 19, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer be amended by deleting the word “internal”; and that the report be adopted as amended; and
  - (2) that the Action Plan and Final Recommendations of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity be approved as the policy and program framework for implementing access and equity;”; and

advising that the Task Force on Community Access and Equity has established an implementation sub-committee which will continue its work until December 31, 1999, by which time the new advisory committees and working groups will be in place.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Task Force on Community Access and Equity, appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (A) recommended to Council:
  - (1) the adoption of the report (May 19, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer; and

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- (2) the adoption of the Action Plan and Final Recommendations of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity appended to the report (May 27, 1999) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Task Force on Community Access and Equity, with the exception of Recommendations Nos. (11) and (13); and
- (B) referred Recommendations Nos. (11) and (13) of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on June 9, 1999.

(Chief Administrative Officer - June 2, 1999)

**(Clause No. 2 - Report No. 10)**

**7-3. Smog Prevention and Reduction:  
Status Report and Work Plan.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (May 18, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

- (1) the appropriate departments, under the coordination of the Toronto Inter-Departmental Environment (TIE) Team, explore opportunities for funding from the National Climate Change Fund to assist the City in meeting its smog reduction targets;
- (2) City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to provide distribution and marketing services for the TTC Annual Metropass Discount Program to City of Toronto employees as an incentive to encourage reduction of employee automobile use;
- (3) City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission and the Finance Department to make TTC Metropasses available to City employees using a monthly payroll deduction program;
- (4) in support of this Employee Trip Reduction Program, City Council actively request that the Federal Minister of Finance make employer-provided transit passes an income tax-exempt benefit for employees;

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- (5) the City join the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP) in order to help the City monitor its progress in meeting its adopted greenhouse gas targets;
- (6) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Administrative Officer, as the co-chairs of the Toronto Inter-Departmental Environment (TIE) Team, report annually on the City's progress in achieving the milestones of the Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP);
- (7) City Council endorse, in principle, the installation of the proposed natural gas capacity at the Lakeview Generating Station with the intention of an eventual full conversion from coal to natural gas;
- (8) City Council request Ontario Hydro to adopt emergency measures which would provide for the reduction of power generation at the Lakeview Generating Station during smog alert days;
- (9) the Chief Administrative Officer explore with federal and provincial officials ways and means available to ensure that transboundary air pollution issues affecting the City are addressed; and
- (10) the appropriate City staff be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the following communications from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River:

- (i) (June 1, 1999) recommending that the following recommendations be adopted in addition to the Chief Administrative Officer's report:
  - (1) that the City immediately institute enforcement of the Anti-Idling Bylaw using a Part 3 Summons technique and that this enforcement be intensified during Smog Days;
  - (2) that the City Solicitor report directly to Council on June 9, 1999, on the status of the application for the "set fine" for the Anti Idling Bylaw which was approved unanimously by City Council early last year;
  - (3) that staff initiate car pooling at all of the former City Hall locations for Summer 1999, in consultation with the Toronto Environmental Alliance

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which has experience in helping many large institutions develop and instigate car pooling plans;

- (4) that staff be directed to immediately implement an employee parking policy for City Hall and all other work locations so that free commuting spaces become pay for parking, unless free parking is required because of a disability, contractual obligations, or an occupational health and safety concern; and that the Parking Authority of Toronto be responsible for the administration of the City Hall commuter spaces and a system be developed for other sites; and
  - (5) that existing City of Toronto materials that have been developed by Toronto Public Health on how children, the elderly and people with lung and heart conditions can deal with smog days be distributed to the public, possibly via doctors offices in conjunction with the Ontario Medical Association; and that the Chief Administrative Officer and Budget Committee report directly to Council on the funds required to and the source of the funds; and
- (ii) (May 31, 1999) recommending that Toronto Public Health develop and implement a comprehensive, season-long hot weather and air quality strategy. Further, that the target population include those at risk such as seniors, homeless, underhoused, inner city poor, persons with chronic illness and persons using psychotropic medications that increase sensitivity to sunburn; and that the strategy should include the following:
- (a) access to basic resources such as water, sun screen and hats;
  - (b) access to public facilities where individuals can seek cool shelter;
  - (c) a “no movement” policy for public parks and shaded areas;
  - (d) information on location of cool shelters and other available resources through existing networks; and
  - (e) fact sheets that would include information on health conditions that can be exacerbated by heat.

The following persons appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. John Wellner, Toronto Environmental Alliance, and filed a series of articles appearing in the Toronto Star in regard thereto; and

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- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.
  - A. Councillor Fotinos moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council that Council reiterate its support for the Toronto District Heating Corporation's Deep Lake Water Cooling Project, and that staff be instructed to finalize the Energy Sharing Agreement with the Toronto District Heating Corporation by the end of June 1, 1999. **(Carried)**
  - B. Councillor Saundercook moved that the City Solicitor, in his report to Council on June 9, 1999, as outlined in Recommendation No. (2) of the communication (June 1, 1999) from Councillor Layton, that he also report on the applicability of the provisions of Section 102 of the Municipal Act to passing an Anti-Idling By-law. **(Carried)**
  - C. Councillor Ootes moved that:
    - (1) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (May 18, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer; **(Carried)**
    - (2) Recommendations Nos. (1), (3), (4) and (5) embodied in the communication (June 1, 1999) from Councillor Layton, be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for a report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee. **(Carried)**
    - (3) Recommendation No. (2) embodied in the communication (June 1, 1999) from Councillor Layton, be approved as amended. **(Carried)**
  - D. Councillor Pantalone moved that Part (2) of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Ootes be amended to provide that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on June 9, 1999. **(Carried)**

**The decision of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee therefore is as follows:**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (A) recommended to Council:

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- (1) the adoption of the report (May 18, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer; and
  - (2) that Council reiterate its support for the Toronto District Heating Corporation's Deep Lake Water Cooling Project, and that staff be instructed to finalize the Energy Sharing Agreement with the Toronto District Heating Corporation by the end of June 1, 1999;
- (B) took the following action respecting the report (June 1, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton:
- (i) referred the following Recommendation No. (1) to the City Solicitor for report thereon to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on June 9, 1999:
    - “(1) that the City immediately institute enforcement of the Anti-Idling Bylaw using a Part 3 Summons technique and that this enforcement be intensified during Smog Days;
  - (ii) approved the following Recommendation No. (2), as amended:
    - “(2) that the City Solicitor report directly to Council on June 9, 1999:
      - (i) on the status of the application for the “set fine” for the Anti Idling By- law which was approved unanimously by City Council early last year; and
      - (ii) on the applicability of the provisions of Section 102 of the Municipal Act to passing an Anti-Idling By-law;” and
  - (iii) referred the following Recommendations Nos. (3), (4) and (5) to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on June 9, 1999:

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- “(3) that staff initiate car pooling at all of the former City Hall locations for Summer 1999, in consultation with the Toronto Environmental Alliance which has experience in helping many large institutions develop and instigate car pooling plans;
- (4) that staff be directed to immediately implement an employee parking policy for City Hall and all other work locations so that free commuting spaces become pay for parking, unless free parking is required because of a disability, contractual obligations, or an occupational health and safety concern; and that the Parking Authority of Toronto be responsible for the administration of the City Hall commuter spaces and a system be developed for other sites; and
- (5) that existing City of Toronto materials that have been developed by Toronto Public Health on how children, the elderly and people with lung and heart conditions can deal with smog days be distributed to the public, possibly via doctors offices in conjunction with the Ontario Medical Association; and that the Chief Administrative Officer and Budget Committee report directly to Council on the funds required and the source of the funds.”

(Chief Administrative Officer; City Solicitor - June 2, 1999)

**(Clause No. 3 - Report No. 10)**

**7-4. Review and Harmonization of Environmentally Responsible Procurement.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto adopt the Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy attached as Appendix A; and
- (2) Interim Purchasing By-Law No. 57-1998 be revised to include the new City of Toronto Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy.

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The following persons appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Steven Peck, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities Coalition;
- Ms. Monica E. Kuhn, Architect, Architecture Rooftop Gardens Permaculture Designs; and
- Mr. Rich Whate, Toronto Environmental Alliance, and filed a submission in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to adding the following Clauses to the Environmentally Responsible Procurement Policy contained in Appendix "A":

- “(7) given the environmental and economic importance of infrastructure, environmentally responsible procurement principles should be fully applied to construction design, processes, tendering and materials; and
- (8) given that many environmentally preferred products and services can produce a variety of tangible benefits, full consideration should be given to the long term and complete costs and benefits of green procurement.”

**(Clause No. 4 - Report No. 10)**

**7-5. Big City Mayors Caucus of the FCM  
April 29, 1999, Saskatoon  
Meeting Report.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (May 1, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, recommending that:

- (1) the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes consider the Saskatoon SHIP initiative and that the Chair convene a meeting with key stakeholders to investigate the feasibility of implementing such a programme in Toronto;

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- (2) the City of Toronto endorse, in principle, the introduction of a new by-law to make it an offense to possess a knife or other similar weapon in a public place, street, park or public transit, without a reasonable excuse. This offence would be punishable by a fine; and
- (3) the City Solicitor bring forward a by-law, modelled on the Montreal/Mount Royal/Lachine By-Law, for consideration by the appropriate Committees of Council.

A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) recommend to Council the adoption of Recommendation No. (1) embodied in the report (May 1, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River; and
- (2) refer Recommendation No. (2) embodied in the report (May 1, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Toronto Police Services Board for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee. **(Carried)**

B. Councillor O'Brien moved that Recommendation No. (3) embodied in the aforementioned report be referred to the City Solicitor for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee. **(Carried)**

(Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Toronto Police Services Board; City Solicitor - June 2, 1999)

**(Clause No. 23 - Report No. 10)**

**7-6. 1998 Adjustments Within Consolidated Grants.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee formally approve the recommendations put forth from Budget Committee on December 8, 1998, including the following:

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- (a) available funds in the 1998 consolidated grants budget be used to address one-time financial adjustments required in the AIDS Prevention Grants Program up to \$526.4 thousand; and
- (b) \$288.9 thousand be used to address one-time financial adjustments required in the Arts and Culture Grants Program.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 8 - Report No. 10)**

**7-7. Minor Recreation Grants - Eligibility Assessment of New Applicants.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May 10, 1999:

- (1) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism respecting Minor Recreation Grants - Eligibility Assessment of New Applicants, subject to amending Recommendation No. (3) to read as follows:
  - “(3) Alexandra Park Community Centre secure an incorporated community organization that has submitted a 1999 Minor Recreation application to act as trustee in order that the application/program be reviewed.”; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with appropriate Grants staff, to report to the new Grants Sub-Committee of the Policy and Finance Committee on setting allocation priorities beginning in the year 2000 for all high risk groups, i.e., youth, seniors etc.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 9 - Report No. 10)**

**7-8. Toronto Heritage Fund Grants Program.**

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May 10, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 30, 1999) from the Managing Director, Toronto Historical Board, wherein it is recommended that:

“to successfully provide grant funding from the Toronto Heritage Fund, Council top up the base fund by \$100,000.00”.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 10 - Report No. 10)**

**7-9. Graffiti Transformation Program -  
1999 Recommended Allocations.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May 10, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that:

- (1) grants be provided to community groups to engage in Graffiti Transformation as shown in Appendix A; such Grants are deemed to be in the interest of the Municipality;
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (3) early in 2000, the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services report on the evaluation of the Graffiti Transformation Program in 1999 with particular emphasis on the first year progress of new groups in former municipalities where the program was not previously available;

subject to amending the Appendix A referred to in Recommendation No. (1) above to provide that the grant allocation to “Homo Air Ectus” be increased by \$1,958.00 for a total 1999 allocation of \$26,000.00.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on June 9, 1999, on how this venture can be monitored to ensure that the Graffiti Transportation Project is actually being undertaken and the grant is being properly utilized.

(Chief Administrative Officer - June 2, 1999)

**(Clause No. 11 - Report No. 10)**

**7-10. Community Services Grants Program - Eligibility Assessment of New Applicants.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May 10, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the attached report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Community Services Grants Program - Eligibility Assessment of New Applicants, with the exception of the recommendations pertaining to the following applicants, referred to in Appendix "A":

- Association for Caribbean Advancement;
- Bloor Jewish Community Centre;
- Cypriot Community of Toronto;
- Down Syndrome Association of Scarborough; and
- North York Safety Village.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 12 - Report No. 10)**

**7-11. 1999 Recommended Grants Contingency Budget.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May

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10, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 30, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the allocation criteria as defined in this report be applied for the 1999 Consolidated Grants Budget to all ad hoc requests presented for funding; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 13 - Report No. 10)**

**7-12. Distribution of the Reallocated Grants Funding.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May 10, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 30, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the reallocation amounts within the 1999 approved Consolidated Grants budget be allocated to specific grants programs as described in this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 14 - Report No. 10)**

**7-13. Allocation Criteria for a Food  
Related Capital Grants Program.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on May 10, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the allocation criteria for a Food Related Capital Grants Program subject to amending section B. (2) of the Appendix A by adding thereto the following:

“(i) The geographic location of the activities.”

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 15 - Report No. 10)**

**7-14. Prepayment Interest and Discount  
on Advance Payment of Realty Taxes.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force on May 3, 1999:

- (1) adopted the report (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that no discount or prepayment interest be offered on taxes paid in advance of the due dates; and
- (2) thanked staff of the Finance Department and also requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report on the potential for administrative savings if the City collected permit parking and other fees in a like manner as property taxes and to report on whether any savings should be passed on to the affected ratepayer.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (March 29, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer wherein it is recommended that no discount or prepayment interest be offered on taxes paid in advance of the due dates.

**(Clause No. 16 - Report No. 10)**

**7-15. Greater Toronto Services Board  
1999 Budget and Business Plan.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 1999) from the Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board, advising that the Greater Toronto Services Board on May 7, 1999, adopted:

- (1) the "Greater Toronto Services Board 1999 Budget and Business Plan", as amended; and
- (2) a report (May 5, 1999) from the joint meeting of Interim Budget Advisory Working Group and the Interim Personnel Working and referring the following recommendations contained therein to the City Council for approval:

"(1) (i) recommended expenditure for the annual external audit be eliminated, and the budget accordingly reduced by \$5,000; and

- (3) the annual external Audit responsibility be conducted each year, at no cost to the Board, by the external auditor for the Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York, and the City of Toronto on a rotating basis, commencing with the City of Toronto for the 1999 Budget and the Region of Peel for the 2000 Budget."

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the following Recommendations of the Greater Toronto Services Board, embodied in the foregoing communication (May 10, 1999) from the Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board:

"(1) (ii) recommended expenditure for the annual external audit be eliminated, and the budget accordingly reduced by \$5,000; and

- (3) the annual external Audit responsibility be conducted each year, at no cost to the Board, by the external auditor for the Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York, and the City of Toronto on a rotating basis, commencing with the City of Toronto for the 1999 Budget and the Region of Peel for the 2000 Budget."

**(Clause No. 24 - Report No. 10)**

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met privately to give consideration to the following item No. 7-16 having regard that the confidential report (May 20, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer deals with a confidential legal matter:

**7-16. Incorporation of the Toronto Hydro Corporation.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential report (May 20, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer respecting the incorporation of the Toronto Hydro Corporation.

The Chief Administrative Officer and Mr. David McFadden, Legal Advisor, Smith Lyons, Barristers and Solicitors, gave an overhead presentation to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Mario Silva, Trinity Niagara; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee embodied in the confidential communication (June 1, 1999) from the City Clerk which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover.

(City Council; c: Chief Administrative Officer; City Solicitor; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - Confidential - June 1, 1999)

**(Clause No. 1 - Report No. 10)**

**7-17. Year 2000 Priority One Business  
Functions Status Report - May 1999.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (May 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services advising that the City of Toronto's 2000 readiness program is moving forward as anticipated; that Council will continue to receive progress reports as requested; and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee refer this report to Council for its information.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee concurred with the recommendations embodied in the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 25 - Report No. 10)**

**7-18. Street Tree Planting Application -  
Toronto Atmospheric Fund -  
(Ward 10 - North York Centre) and  
(Ward 12 - North York Seneca Heights).**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999:

- (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, wherein it is recommended that the Department proceed with the implementation of the tree planting project in the North Parks and Recreation District as originally set out in the 1999 Capital Works Program; 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.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 17 - Report No. 10)**

**7-19. Transmittal of Evaluation of the  
Leaside Neighbourhood Branch  
Library - Capital Budget Project.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999:

- (i) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 10, 1999) from the City Librarian wherein it is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:
  - “(1) 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) 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.”; and
- (ii) 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.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 18 - Report No. 10)**

**7-20. Toronto Youth Job Corps and  
Youth Outreach Toronto.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999, 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, wherein it is recommended that:

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- “(1) City Council authorize the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to enter into a funding agreement with Human Resources Development Canada 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 Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 19 - Report No. 10)**

**7-21. Homes for the Aged -  
1999 Operating Budget.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (May 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it is recommended 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;

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- (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”; and
- (ii) (May 31, 1999) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, CUPE Local 79, providing information on potential sources of funding for the Homes for the Aged; advising that there will be a Request for Proposals (RFP) for long-term care beds issued by the Provincial government, with a July 30, 1999 deadline (option 1); and requesting that the Committee recommend that the General Manager of the Homes for the Aged Division respond to this Request for Proposals before the July deadline.

Ms. Anne Dubas, President, CUPE Local 79, accompanied by Ms. Carmen Smith, Secretary -Treasurer, appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 20 - Report No. 10)**

**7-22. Community Based Affordable Housing Demonstration  
Project - 647-657 Lawrence Avenue West at Allen Road  
(Ward 8 - North York Spadina).**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999:

- (i) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities 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, as amended by the Corporate Services Committee, subject to adding the following Recommendation:
  - “(11) that City Council request the Federal Government to rebate the GST for this community based affordable housing project.”
- (ii) 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.

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk, subject to inserting the following new Recommendation No. (2) in the joint report (May 4, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services; and renumbering the remaining Recommendations accordingly:

“(2) Council declare surplus the property known as number 647-657 Lawrence Avenue West for the purposes of, and to the extent required by, the lease recommended herein, and that the appropriate City Officials take all steps necessary to give effect to by-law No. 551-1998;”;

so that the Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned joint report now reads as follows:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the business case from Out of the Cold and Congregation Darchei Noam for below market rental housing be accepted as an Affordable Housing Demonstration Project;
- (2) Council declare surplus the property known as number 647-657 Lawrence Avenue West for the purposes of, and to the extent required by, the lease recommended herein, and that the appropriate City Officials take all steps necessary to give effect to by-law no. 551-1998;
- (3) 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;
- (4) the continued provision of below-market rental units by the not-for-profit group be secured through the review provisions in the land lease agreement with the City;

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- (5) subject to the final approval of the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, that the following funds be provided from the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing:
  - (a) a capital grant of \$10,000.00 per unit to a maximum of \$240,000.00; and
  - (b) a no-interest, second mortgage of up to \$600,000.00, for a maximum of 35 years, to be repaid to the Capital Revolving Fund from net cash flow;
- (6) the final amount of the second mortgage from the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing be adjusted by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to reflect the budget reductions from the use of innovative building technologies, budget refinements, or other cost-saving measures;
- (7) in order to reduce the cost of private construction financing, City officials are authorized to disburse the capital grant from the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing to the not-for-profit corporation as soon as possible after the building permit is issued;
- (8) Council agree in principle that all planning, development and building permit fees and charges for 647-657 Lawrence Avenue West, should be waived or forgiven and that:
  - (a) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services waive all application fees or costs of giving notice under *The Planning Act*;
  - (b) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, report by September 1999, on the measures required to exempt this development from building permit fees and the payment in lieu of parkland; and
  - (c) Toronto Hydro be requested to waive or forgo any required connection fee or charge;

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- (9) the cost of the 22-metre centre median on Lawrence Avenue West required as a condition of previous site plan approval be provided for in the 2000 Works and Emergency Services capital budget. The current estimated construction cost is \$8,000.00;
- (10) the lease commencement date, the advancement of the capital grant and second mortgage from 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.”
- (11) City officials be authorized to take such actions as are required to implement these recommendations; and
- (12) City Council request the Federal Government to rebate the GST for this community based affordable housing project.

**(Clause No. 6 - Report No. 10)**

**7-23. Housing First Policy for Surplus  
City-Owned Property.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999:

- (i) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities 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;
  - (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

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- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the steps necessary to give effect to these recommendations.”; and
- (ii) 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.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 7 - Report No. 10)**

**7-24. Use of Sponsorship Revenues From Molson’s Sponsorship Agreement for the Construction of Water Park Facilities - (High Park and Don River - Wards 19 and 25).**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on May 25, 1999:

- (i) 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:
  - (1) 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;”
  - (2) 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.”; and

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- (ii) 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.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (May 26, 1999) from the City Clerk, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:

- “(1) the cost of the design and construction 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 and through donations obtained from local businesses;”.

**(Clause No. 21 - Report No. 10)**

**7-25. 1999 Operating Budget Follow-up Items.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (May 27, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing follow up information to the 1999 Operating Budget, specifically, the payment of interest on assessment appeals, options for the use of the estimated \$46.2 million OMERS surplus to be received by the City in 1999 and 2000 and in-year capital approvals; advising that funding in the amount of \$3.6 million is currently provided in the 1999 Operating Budget under Non-Program Expenditures for the payment of interest on assessment appeals; that the funds originating from the deferral of the OMERS premium that resulted from the above-average performance of their investment portfolio, will impact either the City’s reserve fund or debt position, depending upon the disposition of these funds; and recommending that:

- (1) (a) the recommendations as contained in Recommendation No. 214 of Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee Report No. 8, Clause No. 1 (April 26 and 27, 1999), regarding payment of interest on assessment appeal refunds, be adopted with an amendment to recommendation (ii) to delete the words “six

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major Canadian chartered banks” and replace with “banks as listed on Schedule 1 of the *Bank Act*”;

- (1) (b) if Council adopts the motion of Councillor Adams, and the revised recommendations as outlined in this report, recommendation (ii) should be revised to delete the words “six major Canadian chartered banks” and replace with “banks as listed on Schedule 1 of the *Bank Act*”; and recommendation (v) be revised to read:

“(v) that the former City of Toronto’s Municipal Code be amended to provide that any overpayments made on, or after January 1, 1998, which are eligible for assessment appeal refunds, shall have interest applied from one month from the date that the Notice of Decision is received from the Assessment Review Board by the City;”

- (2) the recommendations as contained in Recommendation No. 213 of Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee Report No. 8, Clause 1 (April 26 and 27, 1999), regarding financing of the 1999 capital works program, be adopted; and
- (3) prior to consideration of any in-year changes following Council approval of the capital works program for new or expanded initiatives, such requests be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee on the full cost and source of funds for such initiatives.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 22 - Report No. 10)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:22 p.m.

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Chair.