

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**AGENDA**

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, June 22, 2000	Enquiry:	Patsy Morris
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		(416) 392-9151
	City Hall		pmorris@city.toronto.on.ca
	100 Queen Street West		

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.****CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.****DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS.**

The Deputation List will be distributed at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

10:00 a.m. Respecting Item No. 1
Complaint Made Under the Development
Charges Act – 559 Jarvis Street.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

- 1. COMPLAINT MADE UNDER *THE DEVELOPMENT*
CHARGES ACT, 1997 BY 1327115 ONTARIO LIMITED
RESPECTING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES PAYABLE FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF 559 JARVIS STREET.**

(PUBLIC HEARING.)

10:00 A.M.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and City Solicitor.
(June 8, 2000)

Providing information and recommendations for consideration at the hearing respecting a complaint made under Section 20(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 by 1327115 Ontario Limited regarding development of 559 Jarvis Street; advising that the Act provides

that after hearing the evidence and submissions of the complainant, the complaint may be dismissed or any incorrect determination or error in the calculation of the development charge that was the subject of the complaint may be rectified; that the amount of \$13,330 is payable in respect of a development charge for the development of 559 Jarvis Street; that this calculation is in full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Development Charges By-law and the Development Charges Act, and is immediately payable thereunder; that there was no error in the calculation of the development charge payable and the complaint filed in respect thereof has no merit; and recommending that:

- (1) the complaint respecting the development charge payable for the development of 559 Jarvis Street be dismissed; and
- (2) the amount of \$13,330.00 be confirmed as the development charge payable for the development of 559 Jarvis Street.

2. TOWARDS A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ONTARIO AND CANADA.

(PRESENTATION ITEM.)

Chief Administrative Officer
(June 6, 2000)

Advising that this report is intended to initiate a dialogue with the Provincial and Federal Governments about a new relationship between the City of Toronto and the other orders of government; that the directions recommended in this report are achievable within the existing constitutional framework; that the new relationships envisioned do not require secession or elevation of Toronto to provincial status; and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse, in principle, the changes that the City of Toronto should be seeking in its relationships with the provincial and federal governments, including its request to be established as a Charter City, as set out in this report;
- (2) Council endorse the strategy set out in this report to achieve the desired changes in the City of Toronto's relationships with the provincial and federal governments;
- (3) a Team Toronto, composed of a group of Councillors, be established that can provide advice to the Mayor and political guidance to staff on implementation of the strategy;
- (4) the terms of reference for Team Toronto, set out in Attachment No. 1, be adopted;
- (5) a copy of this report be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the federal Minister for the Greater Toronto Area, the Presidents of FCM and AMO, the leaders of the federal and Ontario official opposition parties and the heads of Council in the major cities in each Canadian province; and

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

**2(a). PROVINCIAL LOCAL SERVICES RE-ALIGNMENT,
MAKING IT WORK.**

Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(June 6, 2000)

Providing background on the Province's Local Services Realignment process, to highlight the difficulties this placed on Toronto and the reasons why the City is not able to absorb the net impact of this downloading, and to initiate a process to make the realignment work; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to contract an independent third party auditor acceptable to the Province, to verify the financial impacts on the City of the Province's Local Services Realignment;
- (2) this initiative be funded from the Corporate Contingency Account at a cost not to exceed \$20,000; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2(b) Mayor Mel Lastman
(May 12, 2000)

(DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING)

forwarding, for the consideration of the Policy and Finance Committee, a copy of correspondence between the Premier of Ontario and Mayor Lastman respecting provincial downloading.

2(c). City Clerk
(May 16, 2000)

(DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on May 9, 10 and 11, 2000:

- (1) received a presentation from Mayor Lastman, Mr. Patrick Moyle, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in response to the communication dated May 10, 2000, addressed to the Mayor, from the Premier of Ontario, with respect to provincial downloading;
- (2) was advised by Mayor Lastman that he would be submitting material to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 25, 2000, in this regard; and
- (3) referred the following motion by Councillor Ashton to the Policy and Finance Committee for further consideration with the material to be submitted by Mayor Lastman:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario bring transparency and accountability with respect to the financial impact of disentanglement and amalgamation by hiring an independent auditor to determine that provincial totals for service costs reflect the full and true costs of delivering these services.”

**3. ACCORD BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORONTO AND THE
GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY.**

(DEPUTATION ITEM.)

**(NOTE: A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MATTER, AND ALL
COMMUNICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS IN REGARD THERETO
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.)**

4. HARBOURFRONT – COMMITMENT TO RENEW OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH HARBOURFRONT CENTRE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2001 TO MARCH 31, 2006 - DOWNTOWN.

Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(June 12, 2000)

Recommending that:

- (1) the current annual commitment to Harbourfront Centre of \$750,000 per year be extended for an additional five years from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2006 or until Harbourfront ceases to exist, ceases to operate Harbourfront or loses its non-profit status;
- (2) the current arrangement between the City and Harbourfront Centre for operation of the parking lot on the lands known as MLQ2 be extended until the City provides notice that it has scheduled the park work – environmental remediation, site preparation, parking construction, park construction, and/or that it requires the site for special programming purposes, or until April 1, 2006, whichever occurs earlier;
- (3) the City enter into an agreement with Harbourfront Centre with respect to Recommendations 1 and 2 on such additional terms and conditions as deemed necessary or appropriate by the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
- (4) subject to City Council adopting Recommendation 1 above, the Government of Canada be advised that the City of Toronto has committed to extend the financial support requested by Harbourfront Centre from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2006 and be requested to confirm its commitment and join with the City in implementing a further five year financial plan to ensure its financial stability and continuation of its public activities without interruption when the Monahan Plan terminates; and
- (5) the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION TAX BACK GRANT:
PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION – ALL WARDS.**

Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and
Commissioner of Urban Development Services.
(June 8, 2000)

Defining a procedure for implementing Council's decision to offer conditional tax back grants as an incentive for private sector owners to conserve designated heritage properties; and recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the procedures for the Heritage Conservation Tax Back Grant Programme contained in the Attachment No. 1; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6. DECEMBER 31, 1999 OPERATING BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(June 13, 2000)

Recommending that:

- (1) the Operating variance report for period ending December 31, 1999, be received for information; and
- (2) the technical adjustments to the 1999 Operating Budget as outlined in Appendix F, be approved.

**7. CITY OF TORONTO QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
AS AT MARCH 31, 2000.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(June 5, 2000)

Summarizing the holdings in the City's investment portfolios; reporting on year to date returns; advising that the City continues to receive returns on its investments that generally exceed established benchmarks; that interest earnings attributable to the Operating Budget are projected to meet the budget expectations at year end; that the City's investments are in compliance with the Council adopted investment policies; and recommending that this report be received for information.

8. HOT WEATHER RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE SUMMER OF 2000.**(DEPUTATION ITEM.)**

City Clerk

(May 29, 2000)

Advising that the Board of Health on May 29, 2000, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the report (May 12, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health respecting the Hot Weather Response Plan for the Summer of 2000, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Medical Officer of Health call a Heat Warning when there is a weather forecast involving a Humidex 40 degrees Celsius or greater for at least a two day period, and that this Heat Warning activate the Hot Weather Response protocol as outlined in this report;
- (2) the Mayor declare a Heat Emergency when there is a weather forecast involving a Humidex greater than 45 degrees Celsius for at least a two day period, and that the Medical Officer of Health activate the City's emergency operations centre under the provisions of the City's Emergency Plan;
- (3) funds up to \$40,000 for the Hot Weather Response be reallocated within the Public Health 2000 Operating Budget from underspending in the Cold Weather Alert program;
- (4) Toronto Public Health continue to participate in research into the relationship between extreme hot weather and health impacts, including the establishment of a Toronto specific heat response threshold;
- (5) Toronto Public Health continue to develop a long-term plan that addresses the broader issues of climate change and global warming in collaboration with community partners and other stakeholders;
- (6) the Medical Officer of Health report to the Board of Health the results of the summer alerts in the fall of 2000;
- (7) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

- 8(a).** Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair
Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons
 (June 1, 2000)

Advising that the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons reviewed the Medical Officer of Health's report on the proposed Hot Weather Response Plan for the Summer of 2000, stating that the Advisory Committee considers the proposed Hot Weather Response Plan to be inadequate; and submitting recommendations in regard thereto.

- 9. SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL – CITY-WIDE BASKETBALL LEAGUE – ALL WARDS, SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
 (June 6, 2000)

Reporting as requested by the Scarborough Community Council on the issue of funding support for a venue in the Scarborough Community Council for the East District Teams playing in the City-wide Basketball League; advising that the Parks and Recreation Division, East District, has been able to identify sponsorship support to off-set the costs associated with the obligations of the home teams in the East District for participation in the City-wide Basketball League for the balance of this season; that further discussions will be held prior to 2001, on examining various options to off-set the costs associated with the operation of the program; and recommending that this report be received for information.

- 10. TRANSITION FUNDING FOR A UNIFIED BUSINESS APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DIVISION.**

Chief Administrative Officer
 (May 17, 2000)

Responding to a request for additional information from the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting of January 12, 2000 regarding the transition funding for a Unified Business Application System for the Transportation Services Division; advising that since amalgamation, the transportation business systems inherited from the former municipalities continue to be used; that in order to facilitate and support the harmonization of business procedures and the standardization of services across the City, a unified set of business systems is required; that this project is essential to ensure that current services are provided without increasing staffing levels or incurring other costs; that a total of \$2.83 million

annually in cost reductions and avoidances will be realized once these systems are in place; that the approval of the expenditure plan contained in this report is a key component to the amalgamation efforts of the Transportation Services Division of the Works and Emergency Services Department; and recommending that the condition on the above approval be removed and that the program be authorized to proceed with the Unified Business Application System.

11. USE OF HOMES FOR THE AGED CAPITAL RESERVE FOR UPGRADES TO THE RESIDENT SECURITY SYSTEM.

Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
(May 24, 2000)

Requesting Council approval for the Homes for the Aged Division to draw on funds available in the Homes for the Aged (HFA) Capital Reserve, so that the resident security system may be upgraded in various Homes to decrease the risks associated with residents at risk to wander; and recommending that:

- (1) staff be directed to proceed immediately with the resident safety upgrades identified in the body of this report, at a total combined cost of no more than \$250,000.00;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to approve future expenditures from this account, providing the total dollar value of the project does not exceed \$250,000.00; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

12. CRITERIA FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 3(16) OF THE ASSESSMENT ACT; REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR 260 ADELAIDE STREET EAST, TORONTO'S FIRST POST OFFICE; AND REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION OF 78-80 GERRARD STREET EAST, GALLERY ARCTURUS

City Clerk
(May 30, 2000)

Advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force on May 30, 2000:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:
 - (1) the criteria, as set out in Appendix A of the report (May 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, for consenting to property tax exemptions under Section 3(16) of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, be adopted, subject to the addition of a new criteria 3(4) to read:

“3(4) Each application is unique and should be considered on its own merits.”

- (2) despite the criteria contained in the report (May 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and since the First Post Office at 252 Adelaide Street East is a unique historical part of Toronto which provides an exhibit of historical benefits to the community; and since there are no admission fees charged; and since it is a non-profit organization; the requirement for a 99 year lease or ownership be waived and the First Post Office be exempted from property tax under Section 3(16) of the Assessment Act, as long as the space is occupied by Toronto’s First Post Office;
 - (3) O.P.A.C. provide a space utilization report respecting the First Post Office at 252 Adelaide Street East to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
 - (4) Council not consent to exempt the space occupied by the Gallery Arcturus on the land municipally known as 78 Gerrard Street East under Section 3(16) of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990;
 - (5) the request put forward by the Gallery Arcturus for property tax exemption be forwarded to the Non-Profit Working Group of the City of Toronto’s Business Reference Group for consideration in their development of a comprehensive tax policy for charitable and similar organizations;
 - (6) The City Clerk be instructed to inform Toronto’s First Post Office, the Gallery Arcturus, and the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation of Council’s decision with respect to Recommendation No. (2) and Recommendation No. (3) above; and
 - (7) The appropriate civic officials be authorized and directed to take any necessary action to give effect to the foregoing; and
- (B) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to forward to the Committee a summary of those buildings granted exemption under Section 3(16) of the Assessment Act with the amount of annual taxes foregone.

13. ETOBICOKE SAFETY COMMITTEES

Councillors Rob Davis and Brad Duguid, Co-Chairs
Task Force on Community Safety
(May 25, 2000)

Advising that the Task Force on Community Safety at an informal meeting on May 8, 2000, requested its Co-Chairs to recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the recommendations of the Etobicoke Community Council respecting the Etobicoke

Safety Committees be adopted subject to Recommendation No. (2) being amended to read as follows:

- “(2) the Grants Sub-Committee be requested to review an application from the Etobicoke Safety Committees;”

so that the Recommendations of the Etobicoke Community Council now read as follows:

- “(1) a new organization be established to be known as the Etobicoke Safe Community Association (ESCA), comprised of five citizen representatives of each of the three existing community safety groups; (Crime S.C.O.P.E., Etobicoke Safety Council, Toronto Crime Prevention Association), and one representative of each of the following:
- Etobicoke Community Council;
 - Toronto District School Board;
 - Toronto Catholic District School Board;
 - Toronto Police Service;
 - Toronto Fire Service;
 - Community Social Planning Council of Toronto; and
 - Crime Concerns;
- (2) the Grants Sub-Committee be requested to review an application from the Etobicoke Safety Committees;
- (3) the Association liaise with the Etobicoke Community Council in an advisory and advocacy capacity in the development of community programs to increase the safety consciousness of the public, government, business and industrial sectors of the Etobicoke community, including, but not limited to:
- (i) traffic safety;
 - (ii) local crime prevention;
 - (iii) safe, clean neighbourhoods (vandalism/gangs); and
 - (iv) high priority issues that may occur from time to time, such as drug dealing/abuse, housing standards, etc.; and
- (4) the Association continue to avail itself of the outside financial and advisory resources available to existing groups.

**14. POWER INTERRUPTIONS IN WARD 16, SCARBOROUGH HIGHLAND CREEK.
(DEPUTATION ITEM.)**

(DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING)

Chief Administrative Officer
(May 24, 2000)

Forwarding for information a report from Toronto Hydro concerning its action plan to address power outages in Ward 16.

**15. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION – DECEMBER 31, 1999.**

General Secretary
Toronto Transit Commission
(June 1, 2000)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission on May 31, 2000, adopted the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Commission for the year ended December 31, 1999 without amendment, and directed that a copy be forwarded to Toronto City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee for information, as required by the City of Toronto Act.

16. NEW TELEPHONE CHARGES TO COUNCILLORS' OFFICES.

City Clerk
(June 5, 2000)

Advising that the Telecommunications Steering Committee on June 1, 2000, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) with respect to new telephone charges to Councillors' offices, these amounts be charged against the General Council budget, rather than Councillors' office budgets, with funds provided from the Corporate Services Information and Technology budget;
- (2) should a shortfall result, such amount be charged against the Corporate Contingency Account; and
- (3) the City Clerk be requested to report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee with respect to these costs advising of any resulting shortfall.

17. MONDEO PARK DEVELOPMENT – ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM TRIDEL DEVELOPMENT – SCARBOROUGH WEXFORD

Report addressed to the Economic Development and Parks Committee
From the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism
(May 31, 2000)

Requesting approval to increase the 2000 Capital Budget sub-project account for the Mondeo Park Development by \$24,517.98 at net zero cost to the City; and recommending that:

- (1) funding in the amount of \$24,517.98 from Tridel be accepted by the City;
- (2) expenditures and revenues in the Parks and Recreation 2000 Capital Budget, Mondeo Park Development (SAP capital account CPR103-14) be increased by \$24,517.98 and be applied to finishing grading and sodding of the site;
- (3) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(NOTE: THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE, FROM ITS MEETING ON JUNE 19, 2000, RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MATTER, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.)

18. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM BUILDING PERMIT FEES IN THE SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY.

City Clerk
(May 23, 2000)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on May 9, 10 and 11, 2000, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Soknacki

Seconded by: Councillor Ashton

“**WHEREAS** there have been a number of requests for exemptions from building permit fees in the Scarborough Community; and

WHEREAS in the Scarborough Community, all applicants have been exempted from building permit fees, regardless of staff recommendations; and

WHEREAS applicants for exemption have generally expressed their support of City programs and objectives as a reason for their exemption; and

WHEREAS there is a need to establish a City-wide policy in this regard;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) City staff be requested to report to the Policy and Finance Committee on a City-wide policy which considers to which groups or land uses, if any, it would be appropriate to grant an exemption from building permit fees;
- (2) staff consider, with any recommendation for the exemption of building permit fees, how any City Agency, Board, Commission or Department could find it suitable to use such facilities for City or City-supported programs;
- (3) staff consider what conditions might be appropriate to place on facilities for full or partial exemption from fees, these conditions may include insurance coverage, staffing for City usage and minimum amounts of time available for City use;
- (4) staff be requested to report on the financial impacts of any such recommendations and how the financial impacts would be reported; and
- (5) no further exemptions for building permit fees be allowed until Council approves a City-wide policy in this regard.”

IN CAMERA **In accordance with the Municipal Act, a motion is required for the Committee to meet privately and the reason must be stated.**

IN CAMERA

**19. PLANNING APPLICATION FEES,
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION AND PARKLAND
DEDICATION PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR 650 LAWRENCE AVENUE
WEST (WARD 8 – NORTH YORK)**

City Clerk
(June 14, 2000)

Forwarding confidential Recommendations from the Planning and Transportation Committee respecting Planning Application Fees, Building Permit Application and Parkland Dedication Payment Requirements and Development Charges for 650 Lawrence Avenue, such recommendations to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the receiving of advice that is solicitor-client privilege.

20. EXEMPTING NON-PROFIT HOUSING FROM PLANNING APPLICATION FEES, BUILDING PERMIT FEES AN PARKLAND DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS.

City Clerk
(June 14, 2000)

Forwarding Recommendations from the Planning and Transportation Committee respecting the exempting of Non-Profit Housing from Planning Application Fees Building Permit Fees and Parkland Dedication Requirements, such recommendations to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the receiving of advice that is solicitor-client privilege.

21. IN CAMERA. LEGAL ADVICE RESPECTING NOT-IN-USE GAS PIPELINES.

City Clerk
(June 1, 2000)

Submitting confidential recommendations from the Telecommunications Steering Committee meeting held on June 1, 2000, regarding Legal Advice Respecting Not-In-Use Gas Pipelines, such recommendations to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter being considered relates to the security of the property of the municipality, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

ANY OTHER MATTERS.