

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 8

Friday, February 25, 2000

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 25, 2000 in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:05 a.m.

Attendance

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

	10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	10:55 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.
Councillor Tom Jakobek, Chair	X	X
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	Regrets	Regrets
Councillor Gordon Chong	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor David Shiner	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Kyle Rae	
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8.1 2000 Operating Budget – Preliminary Review

The Budget Advisory Committee continued its preliminary review of the 2000 Operating Budget and directed that it be forwarded to all Standing Committees for review and comment, to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the commencement of the ‘wrap-up’ meetings on April 3, 2000.

(Standing Committees; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; All Interested Parties – March 6, 2000)

Toronto Parking Authority

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority.

Mr. Maurice Anderson, President, Toronto Parking Authority, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee and answered Members’ questions.

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

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Advisory Committee requested that:

- (1) the Toronto Parking Authority increase the minimum base payment from \$2 million to \$6 million for off-street parking and that the said payment be paid in equal monthly installments;
- (2) pay/display equipment be capitalized and be funded by the Toronto Parking Authority’s sources and the Toronto Parking Authority’s Capital Budget be increased by \$5.832 million gross and \$0 net;
- (3) further changes to the revenue sharing agreement be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for consideration, in consultation with the President of Toronto Parking Authority; and
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer meet with the Toronto Parking Authority as soon as possible regarding the development of a business plan for the transfer of the Parking Enforcement Unit from the Toronto Police Service to the Toronto Parking Authority and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 21, 2000 in that regard.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Toronto Police Service

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2000 Operating Budget for the Toronto Police Service.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following reports:

- (a) (October 12, 1999) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, addressed to the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled “Update on the Toronto Police Service Year 2000 Operating Budget”;
- (b) (February 21, 2000) from the Chief of Police, entitled “Response to City Auditor’s Report – Review of Controls Relating to Overtime and Premium Pay”;
- (c) confidential report (February 22, 2000) from the City Auditor, entitled “Audit Reports Relating to the Toronto Police Service”;
- (d) (February 24, 2000) from the City Solicitor and the City Auditor, entitled “Access to Information in Toronto Police Service Records and the City Ability to Complain to the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCPS)”;
- (e) (February 21, 2000) from the Chief of Police, entitled “Parking Enforcement Audit”;
- (f) (January 26, 2000) from the Chief of Police, entitled “2000 Operating Budget”; and
- (g) (February 21, 2000) from the Chief of Police, entitled “2000 Operating Budget Update”.

Councillor Norm Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, Deputy Chief Steve Ressor and Mr. Frank Chen, Director of Budgets, Toronto Police Service, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee and answered Members’ questions.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Emilia Valentini, Member, Toronto Police Services Board; and
- Mr. Jeff Lyons, Member, Toronto Police Services Board.

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A. Councillor Shiner moved that:

- (1) all Departments be requested to provide a breakdown by FTEs for 1998, 1999 and 2000, including filled positions, vacant positions, total positions, additional line for transfers in and an additional line for transfers out, how many transfers were filled and how many were vacant for the 2000 Operating Budget 'wrap-up' meetings;
- (2) the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 21, 2000 on the following:
 - (i) providing the budgeted staff complement by senior management, civilians and uniformed officers and the actual staff complement from 1994 to the year 2000; and
 - (ii) cash contribution to and draws from the vehicle reserve for the Toronto Police Service over the last seven years, including write-off and salvage proceeds; and
- (3) the Chief of Police and the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report to the Toronto Police Services Board and the Budget Advisory Committee within the next two to three weeks on actions that can be taken to reduce the staffing of the Toronto Police Service audit function.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 21, 2000 on the following:
 - (i) response to the Auditor's recommendations in the past relating to the Toronto Police Service that have financial implications;

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- (ii) details of expenditure results for each Division in 1998 and 1999 on an account by account basis for each expenditure category, including regular pay, call back pay, court pay, overtime, shift and other premium pays as well as non-salary accounts;
 - (iii) computer equipment leasing costs, i.e., has it gone up, etc.; and
 - (iv) opportunities to reduce car rental requirements further given the acceleration of vehicle purchases over the last three years; and
- (2) the Members of the Toronto Police Services Board be requested to meet informally with the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the 2000 Operating Budget 'wrap-up', to discuss significant issues with regard to the Toronto Police Service budget.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Pitfield moved that:

- (1) the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 21, 2000, on the \$10.4 million (after Budget Advisory Committee recommended reductions) to address service pressures;
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to reduce the Toronto Police Service budget by the amount of the service pressures indicated in 2000;
- (3) the Toronto Police Service audit function be transferred to the City (\$400,000.00), which assumes five positions at about \$55,000.00 per position;
- (4) the Community Action Policing Reserves be reduced by \$700,000.00, the monies to be used to redirect separation hire lag resources and assumes the two month lag of 120 positions mid-year because of the overlap;
- (5) legal costs, based on the City Solicitor's point of view, be reduced by \$300,000.00, which assumes the costs spread over time;

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- (6) the 'Materials and Supplies' be reduced by \$400,000.00 because of a mandated efficiency;
- (7) the sale of stolen goods released to the City be reduced by \$300,000.00, which assumes the 1999 reported level of sales;
- (8) the 'Reclassification Reserve' be reduced by \$2 million, which assumes replenishment in 2001 and an enhanced number of retirements; and
- (9) the new enhancement program requirements be reduced by \$700,000.00 to be absorbed by any increase in staffing approved by the City.

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 21, 2000:

- (1) as to why the request for the 'Legal Representation at Coroners' Inquests' is for \$700,000.00 when each of the past few years additional monies were required; and
- (2) providing further information on 'General Items' (Line 68, Document 1.39e) being \$148.043 (actual) in 1997 and \$332.587 (actual) in 1999.

(Carried)

- E. Councillor Chong moved that the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, be requested to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 21, 2000, on the reason why the legal representation at Coroners' Inquests can not be done in-house.

(Carried)

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Executive Director, Facilities and Real Estate; Director, Fleet Management; Director, Council and Support Services; President, Toronto Parking Authority; Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board;

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Chief of Police; Mr. Frank Chen, Director of Budgets, Toronto Police Service - February 29, 2000)

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; General Manager, Children's Services Division; General Manager, Social Services Division; Director, Corporate Communications Division; City Auditor; Executive Director, Information and Technology Division; Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division; Director, Services Integration and Support; Director, Fleet Management Services; Director, Council and Support Services; General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division; Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; Fire Chief; Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Chief of Police; Mr. Frank Chen, Director of Budgets, Toronto Police Service - February 29, 2000)

(President, Toronto Parking Authority - February 29, 2000)

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board - February 29, 2000)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Chair