

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Special Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 17, 2000

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Thursday, February 17, 2000, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9: 45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman	X
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	Regrets
Councillor Mike Feldman, Acting Chair	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	-
Councillor Raymond Cho	X
Councillor Mario Giansante	X
Councillor George Mammoliti	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor Sherene Shaw	X
Councillor Mario Silva	X
Councillor David Soknacki	X
Councillor Mike Tzekas	X

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Also Present:

Councillor Milton Berger	Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Councillor Sandra Bussin	Councillor Peter Li Preti
Councillor Douglas Holyday	Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Anne Johnston	Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Norm Kelly	Councillor Michael Prue
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan	Councillor David Shiner
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	Councillor Michael Walker

3.1 Toronto's 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games Bid – All Wards

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (February 11, 2000), from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Acting Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, seeking Council's approval of the application, to be submitted by the 2008 Toronto Olympic Bid Corporation (TO-Bid) and the Canadian Olympic Association (COA), to have the City of Toronto selected by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the host City for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and associated cultural festival.

Principal Recommendations

Based on the assurances covering potential or unforeseen deficits on the Olympic Games budget from the Province of Ontario, it is recommended that:

- (a) Council approve TO-Bid's Master Plan for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and associated cultural festival subject to the various recommendations herein;
- (b) Council approve the joint application to be submitted by the 2008 Toronto Olympic Bid Committee (TO-Bid), the City of Toronto and the Canadian Olympic Association (COA), to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) seeking to have the City of Toronto chosen to host the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and associated cultural festival;

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- (c) the Mayor of the City of Toronto, be authorized to sign an undertaking on behalf of the City of Toronto to commit to sign the Host City Agreement should Toronto be chosen to host the 2008 Olympic Games; such authority is subject to the Province of Ontario providing a guarantee that the Province will be responsible for any capital or operating deficit which may arise from the Olympic Games;
- (d) Council endorse as an Olympic legacy the provision of 800 to 1,000 housing units (20 percent to 25 percent of the total housing units) for qualifying families and individuals on Toronto's housing waiting list and 800 to 1,000 housing units (20 percent to 25 percent of the total housing units) for moderate market rental and low end of market condominiums;
- (e) Council endorse the development of a Resident's Rights Policy to ensure the protection of tenants, people without homes and neighbourhoods during the period prior to and during the Olympic Games;
- (f) Council secure from TO-Bid, the required commitments from the appropriate public and private stakeholders to ensure that the proposed housing strategy contained within this report is achievable;
- (g) City staff work with TO-Bid in a fiscally responsible manner to create a legacy of sustainability – of environmental, social and economic benefits in the context of the City's long-term waterfront plans that are integrated and mutually reinforcing;
- (h) Council support a Harmonized Environmental Assessment Process for the Olympic Bid that meets both federal and provincial Environmental Assessments and planning and development approval requirements;
- (i) City staff be authorized to participate in negotiations, community consultations and all related activities required to implement the recommendations in the report and to develop and promote the Bid;
- (j) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (k) City staff provide to Council regular progress reports on the development of Toronto's Bid application.

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Consolidated Recommendations

It is recommended that:

Finance

- (1) agreements be secured by TO-Bid with the federal and provincial governments for the provision, at their own cost, of the services within their respective jurisdictions that are required for the planning and staging of the Olympic Games;
- (2) TO-Bid and the COA, in consultation with the City of Toronto and other levels of government, will establish a mechanism for operating Olympic-related facilities once the Olympic Games end in accordance with an Olympic Games endowment fund;
- (3) for the identified private sector initiatives, a detailed plan be developed to ensure their financial viability and sustainability;
- (4) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report back to Council, should Toronto be awarded the games, on a strategy to fund the estimated operating costs to be incurred by City Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions;

Economic Development

- (5) the Economic Development Office be requested to work with TO-Bid to develop an effective relocation plan, that includes the provision of advice and assistance to businesses displaced by Olympic related installations, with a view to maintaining their presence within the City of Toronto;
- (6) the Economic Development Office be requested to work with Tourism Toronto to maximize the economic potential that the Olympic Games can realize;

Social Equity

- (7) TO-Bid be requested to assess the social-economic impact and equity plan report currently being prepared by the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto (CSPCT) and work with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to prepare an action plan and report to Council on the steps proposed to be taken;
- (8) the Commissioner Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to work with community, voluntary and private sectors to respond with appropriate recommendations for polices, programs, social investments and community grants to meet the City's public policy goals for social development and equity;

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- (9) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to examine opportunities for new social and other community investments to be made as a result of new municipal revenues to be realized from the Olympic Games and report to City Council accordingly on potential investments;
- (10) TO-Bid commit to being guided by the City's social development principles and the City's policy on access and equity with regards to the planning, development and operation of the Olympic Games;

Transportation

- (11) the City of Toronto, in co-operation with the federal and provincial governments, ensure that Union Station receives the required improvements for TTC and GO Transit facilities in time for the Olympic Games in 2008;
- (12) the City of Toronto, in co-operation with the federal and provincial governments, advance the acquisition of GO Transit engines and accessible rolling stock, accessible TTC subway cars and buses and related facility improvements, identified in their respective long-term capital programs, to ensure transit services can accommodate the large volumes of passengers predicted during the Olympic Games;
- (13) TO-Bid be requested to review the proposed timing of the Olympic Games to ensure that they are staged during the summer vacation period, to reduce the load on the transportation system, and facilitate the leasing of transit vehicles and availability of temporary employees and volunteers;
- (14) TO-Bid be requested to immediately organize an Olympic Transportation Committee, chaired by an experienced transportation professional, and that this Committee develop an Olympic Transportation Master Plan in co-operation with City of Toronto staff;

Planning

- (15) Council endorse, in principle, a waterfront Olympic Bid which distributes venues and villages across three major rings of activity – west at Exhibition Place, central around Union Station and east in the Portlands; and complements these rings with additional venues within easy commuting distance from the Athletes' Village;
- (16) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to work with TO-Bid to develop a "Structure Plan" for each of the three rings on the central waterfront, which identifies priority views, street patterns and a framework for new parks and open space;

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- (17) TO-Bid, in consultation with the City, be requested to hold design or design build competitions for all new venues, villages and plazas being built for the Olympic Games;
- (18) TO-Bid be requested to work with the Toronto Port Authority and Urban Development Services to finalize plans for the location of the Athletes' Village;
- (19) existing heritage buildings and heritage features on the waterfront be preserved and incorporated into new facilities wherever feasible;

Environment

- (20) TO-Bid be directed to modify Section 3.2 - Cleaner Environment in the Master Plan, so that its environmental themes, principles and objectives are consistent with those identified in Council's Strategic Plan and the City's draft Environmental Plan;
- (21) a detailed municipal plan be prepared by the City to accommodate the proposed Olympic and Media Villages, venues and associated infrastructure projects;
- (22) servicing of Olympic sites with other utilities, (i.e., telecommunications, high speed data, video connections, gas, phone, hydro) be coordinated through the Toronto Public Utilities Coordinating Committee;
- (23) policies be established by TO-Bid to ensure that the construction and demolition waste generated by the private sector during construction of the new buildings is re-used and recycled to the greatest extent possible;
- (24) a comprehensive "Harmonized Project Review Process" be designed and implemented to successfully coordinate the planning, development and approval processes, as well as the scheduling and construction of all Olympic and waterfront and related initiatives;
- (25) City Council support a Harmonized Environmental Assessment (EA) Process, that meets both the federal and provincial requirements, that can be applied to Olympic projects and activities, and all other waterfront and related initiatives occurring simultaneously, including the appropriate elements of the Wet Weather Flow Master Plan;
- (26) Council endorse, in principle, a Harmonized EA Process integrated with other public consultation and planning processes, including the Wet Weather Flow Master Plan process;
- (27) a Harmonized EA Process be considered as the basis for the City's process for all Olympic servicing and waterfront-related facilities;

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Culture

- (28) City Council endorse the Cultural Program developed by the TO-Bid Arts and Culture Committee, as outlined in the Toronto 2008 Olympic Master Plan;
- (29) TO-Bid be requested to continue to promote the dynamic cultural Olympic program for the 2008 Olympic Games; and
- (30) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to establish a staff team under the direction of the Managing Director of Culture to work with the Arts and Culture Committee to develop an implementation plan for the Cultural Program.

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

- (a) (February 10, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting held on February 9, 2000, received the presentation from Mr. W. Dawson, Superintendent, Service Planning and Monitoring, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled, "2008 Toronto Olympic Bid - TTC Issues"; and that the Toronto Transit Commission approved the following resolutions:
 - (1) that the Toronto Transit Commission recommend that:
 - (a) all TTC Capital costs must be covered:
 - (i) in co-operation with the Federal and Provincial Governments;
 - (ii) added platform at Union Station;
 - (iii) accelerated elevator program; and
 - (iv) accelerated long-term capital program for fleet acquisition; and
 - (b) all TTC Operating costs must be covered:
 - (i) TO Bid budget covers expected operating costs; and
 - (ii) any excess costs the responsibility of City;

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- (2) that the City ensure, that as part of the Olympic Bid process, the Transportation Plan be fully accessible and that any necessary capital projects to be undertaken by the Toronto Transit Commission are appropriately funded;
- (3) that the Commission formally request an opportunity to give the aforementioned presentation by Mr. Dawson to the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its special meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2000 concerning the 2008 Olympic Bid;
- (b) (February 8, 2000) from Mr. Temple W. Harris, President, Toronto Construction Association and Mr. John Cartwright, Business Manager, Toronto-Central Ontario Building and Construction Trades Council, in support of Toronto's Bid for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games;
- (c) (February 4, 2000) from Mr. Bob Murphy, Toronto, Ontario, in support of the Toronto Olympic Bid;
- (d) (February 10, 2000) from Ms. Joanna Kidd, Co-Chair, Toronto Bay Initiative, providing comments and suggestions on the proposed Toronto 2008 Olympic Bid; and
- (e) (February 14, 2000) addressed to Mr. John Bitove, Jr., President and CEO, Toronto 2008 Olympic Corporate, from Mr. Morley Kells, MPP, Ontario Olympics Commissioner, Chair, Ontario Olympics Waterfront and Development Agency, advising of the Province's continued dedication to assist TO-Bid in its endeavours to bring the 2008 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to Toronto, Ontario.

The following persons gave presentations to the Economic Development and Parks Committee regarding the 2008 Olympic Bid:

- Mr. David Crombie, Chair of the Board of Directors, TO-Bid;
- Mr. John Bitove, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, TO-Bid;
- Ms. Sandra Levy, Chair, Villages Committee, 2008 Olympics;
- Mr. Jeff Adams, Olympian and Chair of the Access Committee, 2008 Olympics;
- Mr. Curtis Hibbert, Athlete;
- Mr. Rahul Bhardwaj, Member of the Community Outreach Committee, 2008 Olympics;
- Ms. Veronica Tennant, Chairperson, 2008 Olympic Arts and Culture Committee, and filed a copy of her presentation;
- Mr. Robert Fung, Waterfront Redevelopment Task Force;
- Mr. Joe Halstead, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
- Mr. Paul Bedford, Executive Director and Chief Planner, Urban Development Services;

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- Ms. Wanda Liczyk, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
- Mayor Mel Lastman; and
- Mr. Rick Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission.

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

- Ms. Janet Youdell, Ontario March of Dimes, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Ms. Marilyn Kowan, Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Mr. Gary Malkowski, Director, External Affairs and Employment Development; and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Al Reeves, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Scott Bremner, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Larry Cain, Resident;
- Mr. John Przybyszewski, Resident;
- Ms. Delores Lawrence, Board Member Team 2008;
- Mr. Frank Cannarella, Olympic Athlete;
- Ms. Marilyn Roy, Toronto Bay Initiative, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Mr. Curt Arnett, Olympic Athlete;
- Mr. Mark Rourke, Olympic Athlete;
- Mr. Sheldon Bergson, Resident;
- Ms. Lauri Sue Robertson, Handidactis Inc., and filed a copy of her submission;
- Mr. Warren Sawkiw, Resident;
- Ms. Karen Carter, Resident;
- Ms. Sylvia Sweeney, Resident;
- Ms. Molly Killingbeck, Resident;
- Mr. Robert Bettauer, National Sports Centre;
- Ms. Carrie Lawson, Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sports;
- Mr. Colin Hood, on behalf of the Ontario Association of School Athletic Association;
- Mr. Gideon Ng, Interested Party;
- Mr. Ron Aldridge, 1964 Olympian – Field Hockey;
- Ms. Michelle Brownrigg, Foundation for Active Healthy Kids;
- Mr. Elio Antunes, Executive Director, Ontario Physical and Health Education Association;
- Ms. Jennifer Lynn, Resident;
- Dr. Jeoff Edwards, on behalf of the Canadian Cricket Association
- Mr. Hari Venkatacharya, Resident;
- Ms. Diane Ratnik, Resident;
- Ms. Sarah Vance, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Mr. Maurice Field, Resident;
- Mr. Richard Milgrom, Resident;
- Mr. Bruce Kidd, University of Toronto;

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- Mr. Charles Smedmor, Interested Person, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Norm Hayman, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Steven Shea, Ernst and Young;
- Mr. Robert Snoek, Interested Person;
- Mr. Bob Bezanfon, Federation of Metro Tenants Association, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Cliff Martin, Social Housing Advocacy Network;
- Mr. Bruce Bryer, Resident;
- Ms. Kira Heinich, Resident;
- Mr. James Alcock, Resident;
- Ms. Bridget Tobin, Student;
- Mr. Jim Duckworth, Interested Person;
- Ms. Maxine Armstrong, Member 2008 Team;
- Mr. Bruce Roberts, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. John Cartwright, Construction Trades Council, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Ms. Catherine Hill, Resident;
- Mr. Peter Shepherd, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Ms. Leslie Hayman, Resident;
- Mr. Michael Kerr, CultureLink Settlement Services;
- Mr. Peter Smith, Portland Citizen Action Committee;
- Mr. Paul Clifford, President, Hotel/Restaurant Employees Union Local 75, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Salim Qadri, Resident;
- Ms. Sherole Gabriel, Interested Party;
- Ms. Jan Borowy, Bread Not Circuses Coalition, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Mr. Michael York, Representative of the Carpenter's Union;
- Mr. James Waddell, Interested Party;
- Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates;
- Ms. Karen Warsick, Resident;
- Mr. Chaitanya Kalevar, Resident;
- Mr. Guy Bradbury, Resident;
- Mr. Ross Boback, Canada Camp Commission, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. Edward Lee, Tai Kwon Do Association;
- Mr. David Carmichael, ParticipACTION;
- Dr. Jeremiah Dolan, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, Chair, Toronto Transit Commission;
- Councillor Michael Walker, North Toronto; and
- Councillor Sandra Bussin, East Toronto.

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the questioning of the deputants be limited to one question per Committee Member due to the number of deputations to be heard at today's meeting.

(Carried)

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B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council, the adoption of the aforementioned joint report (February 11, 2000), from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Acting Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, subject to amending Recommendation No. (14) under the heading of "Transportation" by adding the words "and further that the Mayor be requested to appoint three Members of Council to the Olympic Transportation Committee", so that such Recommendation reads as follows:

"(14) that TO-Bid immediately organize an Olympic Transportation Committee, chaired by an experienced transportation professional; that this Committee develop an Olympic Transportation Master Plan in co-operation with City of Toronto staff; and further that the Mayor be requested to appoint three Members of Council to the Olympic Transportation Committee;"; and

- (2) the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, a representative from the Province of Ontario, and any other relevant parties at the discretion of the Commissioner, be requested to meet to discuss the transportation needs for the Olympics and amend the report (February 11, 2000) on the Toronto Olympic Bid, if necessary, prior to Council's final decision on the 2008 Olympic Bid on February 29, March 1 and 2, 2000.

(Carried)

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C. Councillor Cho moved that:

- (1) Councillor Mammoliti's motion A. (1) be amended by adding the following:
 - (a) City Council seek the Federal Government's written commitment for resources to support Toronto's 2008 Olympic Bid and the cost of building the necessary infrastructure should the City's Bid be accepted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC); and
 - (b) the Toronto Olympic Bid Committee be requested to ensure that all major Olympic Village structures to be built by the private sector, i.e., Olympic Athletes and Media Villages, be barrier-free, such as automatic doors, wheelchair ramps, sound activation, etc., for people with physical disabilities; and
- (2) the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the cost of installing at least one elevator at every Subway Station in the City of Toronto by the year 2008 for physically challenged residents in Toronto and around the world who will be visiting Toronto during the 2008 Olympic Games, including the feasibility of cost sharing the construction of these elevators by the federal and provincial governments.

(Carried)

D. Councillor Shaw moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to continue to consult with communities throughout the City during the Olympic Bid process by conducting public meetings at the various Civic Centres.

(Carried)

E. Councillor Tzekas moved that the City Solicitor be requested to report directly to City Council for its meeting on February 29, March 1 and 2, 2000, on the validity of the agreement by The Honourable Morley Kells, MPP, Ontario Olympics Commissioner, to reaffirm the Provincial Government's commitment of support for the Bid being formulated by the Canadian Olympic Organization and Toronto under the umbrella of TO-Bid.

(Carried)

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- F. Councillor Giansante moved that an independent review of the TO-Bid be conducted by such organization as the KPMG and that the City defer dealing with this matter for two months as there is no urgency; and that extensive notification be given of four public meetings to be held in four jurisdictions of the City of Toronto, i.e., Etobicoke, Toronto, North York, Scarborough, to allow citizens to address their concerns with regard to the Toronto Olympic Bid.

(Lost)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; City Solicitor; Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; The Honourable Morley Kells, MPP, Ontario Olympics Commissioner - February 18, 2000)

(Members of Council - February 18, 2000)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 3)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Acting Chair