

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee**

**Meeting No. 5**

**Monday, April 17, 2000**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, April 17, 2000, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:44 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:42 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X
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	-

Also Present:

Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan	Councillor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Jack Layton	

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meetings held on and March 20 and 27, 2000, were confirmed.

#### **5.1 Woodbine Park – Sponsorship of Festival Green Bandshell (East Toronto)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (March 14, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing, as requested, further information on the outcome of the Request for Proposals for Sponsorship Opportunities at the new Woodbine Park, and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve, in principle, the proposal by Labatt Breweries of Canada, major proponent, and Rogers ATT Wireless and Pizza Pizza, as minor proponents, as contained in the communication dated March 10, 2000 (Attachment No. 1), as the basis for a sponsorship agreement and funding for the Woodbine Park Festival Green Bandshell, between the Co-sponsors and the City;
- (2) City Council authorize the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with other relevant City officials, to prepare and execute a sponsorship agreement and accept funds and financial security prior to May 1, 2000, generally in accordance with the proposal described in Attachment No. 1, and such additional terms and conditions considered necessary by the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the City Solicitor;
- (3) City Council authorize receipt of the sponsorship funding and increase the Parks and Recreation Division's 2000 Capital Budget expenditures and revenues to reflect the allocation of the \$650,000.00 to the Woodbine Park capital project and expend such funds to complete construction of the Festival Green Bandshell and related infrastructure by May 1, 2001, under the park construction agreement between EMM Financial Corp and the City of Toronto;
- (4) Council authorize that the annual contribution of \$35,000.00 for 2001 to 2010 be allocated for the purchase of capital improvements for Woodbine Park; and

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- (5) subject to satisfactory completion of Recommendation No. (2) by May 1, 2000, City Council concur with the relocation of up to six major events from the Kew Gardens and Ashbridge's Bay Park locations to the new Woodbine Park, commencing in September 2000, and request the appropriate City officials to provide notice by May 15, 2000, of the City's intent to issue permits for up to six major events at the new Woodbine Park venue, commencing September 2000, and its intent not to issue major event permits for the Kew Gardens and Ashbridge's Bay venue for the Year 2001.

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

- (a) (April 4, 2000) from Mr. Stanley B. Stein, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, Barristers and Solicitors, advising, on behalf of Molson Canada, that based on the clear language of the RFP and the best interests of all concerned, Molson's strongly opposes approval of the recommendations in the report (March 14, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; that if the City still intends to proceed with an agreement in the form proposed by the March 10th letter from the Sponsorship Group, then it is essential that the RFP be reopened with redefined terms, so that all concerned can reconsider and bid fairly on the revised proposal; and
- (b) (March 17, 2000) from Mr. Charlie G. Johnstone, Quattro Communications Inc., requesting that the subject matter be deferred to the next Committee meeting and their sponsors appear as deputants before the Committee.

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

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned matter sine die.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. All Interested Parties – April 25, 2000)

**(Clause No. 11(a), Report No. 5)**

## **5.2 South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (February 4, 2000) from Ms. Susan Keir, Principal, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association, requesting the City to define a policy on industrial and employment lands prior to proceeding with its strategy to encourage areas of ‘big change’ through residential redevelopment of vacant industrial sites.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Economic Development and Parks Committee deferred consideration of the foregoing matter at the request of the South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association, until its meeting to be held on May 15, 2000.

(Ms. Susan Keir, Principal, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – April 25, 2000)

**(Clause No. 11(b), Report No. 5)**

## **5.3 West Don Lands Committee – Workshop Final Report**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (February 28, 2000) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River, forwarding the Workshop Report, November 18 to 20, 1999, of the West Don Lands Committee, entitled “Obstacles and Opportunities – Realizing the Potential of the West Don Lands” and requesting that the West Don Lands Committee be invited to make a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on their work for the redevelopment of the West Don Lands.

Ms. Cynthia Wilkey, Member, West Don Lands Committee, gave a presentation, on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee, to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, providing Members with an update on the redevelopment of the West Don Lands.

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

**(Clause No. 11(c), Report No. 5)**

**5.4 FY2000 Cash Flow Adjustments to the Capital Works Program (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, requesting consideration of a minor amendment to the FY2000 Capital Works Program of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to allow a Parks and Recreation Facility Components Project to proceed expeditiously, and recommending that:

- (1) FY2001 cash flow for Phase 2 of the Don Valley Golf Course new irrigation system receive prior approval in the amount of \$450,000.00;
- (2) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to deleting Recommendation No. (2).

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – April 17, 2000)

**(Clause No. 11(d), Report No. 5)**

**5.5 Asian Long-Horned Beetle and Other Alien Forest Pests (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising of the spread of invasive organisms including alien forest pests is a growing threat to Canada's forests, including urban forests; increasingly, this issue is internationally recognized as one that has wide implications for biodiversity, ecosystem health, human health, natural resources, industries and international trade; it is imperative that Council recognize the issues and the steps forestry staff are taking in response to them; and recommending that:

- (1) the appropriate Civic officials be authorized to prepare a by-law which will allow City staff to enter private property to inspect for the presence of Asian Long-Horned Beetle or other alien pests that threaten our urban forests, or to remove infested trees as may be required;

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- (2) staff prepare a communications strategy and associated budget to increase public recognition of Asian Long-Horned Beetle, so that in the event of an introduction to Toronto, the infested area is discovered and isolated quickly to avoid the high cost of wide-spreading eradication program and to increase the potential for ultimate eradication of any outbreaks which occur in Toronto;
- (3) Council communicate its concerns about Asian Long-Horned Beetle and other alien forest pests to the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources, and to the Honourable Lyle Van Clief, Minister of Agriculture and Agrifood, responsible for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and that the Federal Government be asked to provide financial support for:
  - (a) immediate investigation of alternative packaging materials for trading with world markets, to enable wood packaging to be phased out within a shorter time frame rather than after the introduction of devastating pests;
  - (b) development of emergency response plans co-ordinating the roles of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canadian Forestry Service and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, to enable an effective shift from a focus of eradication to that of managing the spread and impact of pest introductions; the response plan for the Asian Longhorn Beetle is only one such plan, and a generic plan needs to be developed to address pests such as the Eurasian spruce bark beetle, *Ips typograpyhus* (L.), and that such response plans should address the need to support funding of control strategies on private lands;
  - (c) development of an effective research program for forest pests that answers questions about the biology of introduced and potential pests, possibility for control, development of monitoring tools (e.g., pheromones), monitoring protocols, assessment of potential impact of pest establishment, as well as development of suitable biocontrols and integrated pest management strategies;
  - (d) rebuilding the capacity of the Canadian Museum of Nature and the Canadian Forestry Service to taxonomically identify new pest species and their natural control agents;
  - (e) development of a federal program of public education which serves to prevent exotic pests from being introduced; and
  - (f) increasing staff resources available to enforce regulations, including domestic and international quarantines; and
- (4) Council communicate its concerns to the Honourable John C. Snobellen, Minister of Natural Resources, and the Province be asked to:

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- (a) participate in the development of emergency response plans described in Recommendation No. 3(b) above, with emphasis on the implementation of control strategies on private lands; and
- (b) develop a provincial program of public education to prevent exotic pest introduction and spread.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 5)**

**5.6 Extension of High Park Trackless Train  
Contract with Carla Construction and Maintenance Limited (Ward 19)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to ensure continued public service in this park from an existing private operator until a review of this service is completed, and recommending that:

- (1) the current agreement between the City and Carla Construction and Maintenance Ltd. to operate the Trackless Train Concession in High Park be extended for one year;
- (2) the operation of the Trackless Train continue subject to the same terms and conditions as set out in this report in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 5)**

**5.7 Commemorative Tree and Bench Program (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, requesting Council's endorsement of a Commemorative Tree and Bench Program that operates on a full cost recovery basis while contributing to the "greening" of the City and increasing park amenities, and recommending that:

- (1) the Commemorative Tree and Bench Program be full cost recovery with an application fee of \$600.00 for a commemorative tree and an application fee ranging from \$1,525.00 to \$2,050.00 for a commemorative bench, depending on its style and length;
- (2) commemorative certificates be available for both commemorative trees and benches at an additional cost of \$20.00 each; and commemorative plaques be available only for commemorative benches at an additional cost of \$60.00;
- (3) commemorative trees will be native hardwoods (60 millimetre calliper) and native conifers (250 centimetre height) with few exceptions and follow spring and fall application deadlines of February 1 and August 1, respectively, and will be replaced by the City, at no charge to the applicant, within five years of the original planting date or a subsequent replanting date if required;
- (4) the minimum commemorative bench application fee (i.e., \$1,525.00) be charged when a commemorative plaque is added to an existing bench; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 5)**

**5.8 Pedicabs on Toronto Island – Pilot Project (Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to authorize the implementation of a pilot project on Toronto Island involving the provision of pedicab service to visitors and residents and to obtain approval for staff to negotiate and execute a license agreement for this operation, and recommending that:



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- (1) a program for the provision of pedicab service on Toronto Island be implemented on a pilot basis for the 2000 season;
- (2) staff be authorized to negotiate and execute a license agreement for the operation of pedicabs at Toronto Island by Orient Express Rickshaws;
- (3) if the pilot project for 2000 is deemed successful, that staff initiate a proposal call for the provision of pedicab service on Toronto Island on a longer term basis; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 5)**

**5.9 Standardized Forestry Policies (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval to standardize various forestry policies pertaining to tree planing, care and maintenance, protection and removal of trees which are located on City owned land, and recommending that:

- (1) residential bare root tree planting be provided by Forestry Services on City property at no fee;
- (2) residential balled and burlapped or wire basket tree planting be provided by Forestry Services on City property at a fee of \$400.00 per tree plus G.S.T.;
- (3) the tree pruning standard detailed in this report be received for information; and
- (4) the policy for tree removal be reconfirmed such that Forestry staff are authorized to remove City trees which are dead, structurally hazardous or no longer viable to maintain in healthy and safe condition;
  - (a) no tree species be exempt from protection under this policy and that forestry staff consider each case for tree removal on its merits including appropriateness of the tree to the site; and
  - (b) any request for healthy tree removal which is approved be conditional on:

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- (i) the applicant providing payment to the City in an amount to cover the appraised tree value, removal and replacement costs; and
- (ii) the applicant planting replacement tree(s), if in the opinion of Forestry staff, space is available on private or public property or on either property adjacent to the applicant's property.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 5)**

**5.10 PATH Walkway System (Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an update on the progress of Promotions Link Inc. to implement a Public Access Terminal System in the PATH Walkway System (hereinafter called "PATH") and to request authority to hire a contract project manager to address issues and possible options for the management respecting maintenance, system installations and expansion, and communication and liaison associated with the PATH Walkway System, and recommending that:

- (1) a contract project manager be hired for up to one year, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00, inclusive of all benefits, to address issues of management respecting maintenance, system installations and expansion, communication and liaison with PATH property owners, and marketing and promotion related to the PATH Walkway System, and that the cost be charged to the professional and technical services expenditure category of the Local Partnerships program of the Economic Development Division 2000 Operating Budget and recovered from funds available in former City of Toronto Economic Development Services Account #216-642 (presently WBS No. CED 007) "Central Improvements – Waterfront – Underground Malls";
- (2) Promotions Link Inc. provide a comprehensive financing and implementation plan, acceptable to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, by October 2, 2000, as described in (Attachment No. 1), failing which Promotions Link Inc.'s exclusive rights to use the name "PATH" and associated Official Marks will terminate on that date;

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- (3) subject to Promotions Link Inc. complying with Recommendation No. (2), that Clause No. 2 of Report No. 2 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, adopted, as amended, by Council at its meeting on October 1 and 2, 1998, be amended to provide Promotions Link Inc. with exclusive rights to use the name "PATH" and associated Official Marks for the period ending October 2, 2001, provided that Promotions Link Inc.:
  - (a) enter into a licensing agreement with the City with respect to the use of "PATH" and associated Official Marks for the purposes of a Public Access Terminal System (PATS), subject to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
  - (b) install a PATS terminal(s) in the PATH Walkway System, other than on City property;
- (4) Promotions Link Inc. be permitted to install a prototype terminal and kiosk Public Access Terminal (PATS) in City Hall and/or Metro Hall at no cost to the City, subject to Promotions Link Inc. entering into the licensing agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (5) this matter be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a communication (Undated) from Mr. Michael Homsy, President, Promotions Link Inc., advising that due to the significant financial investment they are committing to undertake in this venture, they are requesting an amendment to Recommendation No. (3) changing the initial timeframe for exclusive rights to use the name "PATH" and associated Official Marks for the period ending October 2, 2001 to October 2, 2002, and adding "renewable bi-annually thereafter".

Mr. Scott Cavalier, representing Promotions Link Inc., appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

- A. Councillor Shaw moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to Recommendation No. (2) being amended to provide that the comprehensive financing and implementation plan include the potential for licensing fees.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that Councillor Shaw's motion A. be amended by deleting the words "October 2, 2001" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "October 2, 2002" and add after such date "negotiable bi-annually thereafter" in Recommendation No. (3), so that the Recommendation now reads as follows:

"(3) subject to Promotions Link Inc. complying with Recommendation No. (2), that Clause No. (2) of The Economic Development and Parks Committee Report No. 2, adopted, as amended, by Council at its meeting on October 1 and 2, 1998, be amended to provide Promotions Link Inc. with exclusive rights to use the name 'PATH' and associated Official Marks for the period ending October 2, 2002, negotiable bi-annually thereafter, provided that Promotions Link Inc.:

- (a) enter into a licensing agreement with the City with respect to the use of 'PATH' and associated Official Marks for the purposes of a Public Access Terminal System (PATS), subject to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
- (b) install a PATS terminal(s) in the PATH Walkway System, other than on City property;"

**(Carried)**

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Mr. Michael Homs, President, Promotions Link Inc. – April 17, 2000)

**(Clause No. 11(e), Report No. 5)**

### **5.11 Official Plan of the "Concentration Camp" Location Now Sited in the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 29, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to the request from the Economic Development and Parks Committee on February 17, 2000, to report on the submission from the Canada Camp Commission; and recommending that this matter be referred to the Board of Governors, Exhibition Place, for resolution.

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Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair, Board of Governors, Exhibition Place, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the aforementioned report to the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place for report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Board of Governors, Exhibition Place; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair, Board of Governors, Exhibition Place --April 25, 2000)

**(Clause No. 11(f), Report No. 5)**

**5.12 2000 Budgets – Business Improvement Areas: Report No. 3**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 29, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, bringing forward the Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 220 of the Municipal Act, as amended; noting that Council approval is required to permit the City to collect funds through the tax levy on behalf of the BIAs; and recommending that:

- (1) Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2000 expenditure requests of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2000 Budget Request (\$)
Bloor/Bathurst-Madison	27,772.00
Bloordale Village	119,961.00
Greektown on the Danforth	326,577.00
Keele-Eglinton	21,729.00

- (2) a copy of this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and

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

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 6, Report No. 5)**

### **5.13 East District Festivals and Events held Throughout the Year, and Events and Festivals Held in Albert Campbell Square**

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

- (a) (March 29, 2000) from the City Clerk, advising that the Scarborough Community Council on March 23, 2000:
- (1) referred the reports (February 25 and 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration; and
  - (2) recommended that the Economic Development and Parks Committee request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to seek funding support, such as utilized for events in the Mel Lastman Square and Nathan Phillips Square, in order to encourage groups to use the Albert Campbell Square, and submit an implementation plan thereon to the Scarborough Community Council;
- (b) (February 25, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to the request of the Scarborough Community Council to submit a report on various festivals and events held throughout the year, and recommending that this report be received for information; and
- (c) (February 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to the request of the Scarborough Community Council at its meeting of February 15, 2000, to submit a list of all of the activities held in Albert Campbell Square over the last two years; those planned for this year and to comment on attendance levels and the success of the events, and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the aforementioned reports to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

**(Clause No. 11(g), Report No. 5)**

**5.14 Toronto – Rochester Fast Ferry, Project Status (Don River)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, informing the Economic Development and Parks Committee about the status of the Toronto - Rochester Fast Ferry Project; noting that three companies have now expressed interest in establishing a ferry service and staff from the City of Rochester, Monroe County, Toronto Port Authority and the City of Toronto are jointly preparing a Request for Qualifications in order to ensure other companies are aware of the opportunity and to begin assessing the capabilities of the possible ferry operators; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

**(Clause No. 11(h), Report No. 5)**

**5.15 Status Report from the Toronto Inter-Departmental Environment (TIE) Team Pesticides Sub-Committee**

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

- (a) (March 16, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, forwarding for information, a status report on the reduction of pesticide use by the City of Toronto, and recommending that this report be received for information.
- (b) (February 7, 2000) from Mr. John Macintyre, TIE Pesticides Subcommittee Co-chair and Ms. Connie Clement, TIE Pesticides Pesticides Subcommittee Co-chair, providing a progress report to the Toronto Inter-departmental Environment Team about the phasing out of pesticide use on City-owned lands; the report emphasizes the achievements to date in the Parks and Recreation Division of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism (EDCT), identifies resource requirements to continue to reduce pesticide use in this division and corporate-wide, and describes activities planned for 2000; and
- (c) (March 22, 2000) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on March 22, 2000, recommended that the Budget Advisory Committee provide funds for the continued phasing-in of the Integrated Plant Health (IPH) Program to reduce the use of pesticides by the City of Toronto, as set out in the status report (March 16, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned reports and communication for information.

**(Clause No. 11(i), Report No. 5)**

**5.16 Toronto Arts Council – City of Toronto  
Arts and Culture Grants – January to December 1999**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (March 2000) from Mr. Kim Tomczak, President, Toronto Arts Council, forwarding a report on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants covering the full 12 months of 1999 (January to December), describing the economic impact of the City's financial investment in the arts community and the impressive array of new work, creativity and community animation which resulted.

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

**(Clause No. 11(j), Report No. 5)**

**5.17 Intercontinental Warehouse Inc.**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (March 23, 2000), from Mr. E.K. Cashen, President, Intercontinental Warehouses Inc., expressing appreciation to the Economic Development Division of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department for providing valuable assistance in guiding his company through the proper channels to secure the needed permits and approvals for construction on a new state of the art freezer and dry facility at 225 Rexdale Boulevard.

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

**(Clause No. 11(k), Report No. 5)**



**5.18 Extension of Boat Rental Concession at Centre Island to Jain and Company of Canada Ltd. (Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to ensure continued public service at Centre Island from an existing private operator until a review of this service is completed, and recommending that:

- (1) the current agreement between the City and Jain and Company of Canada Ltd. to operate a boat rental concession at Centre Island be extended for the 2000 operating season;
- (2) the operation of the boat rental concession continue subject to the same terms and conditions as set out in this report in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 5)**

**5.19 “Field of Dreams” – Toronto Blue Jays Charitable Foundation (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking authority to receive funds from the Toronto Blue Jays Charitable Foundation to upgrade some of the City’s baseball facilities, and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto accept this contribution and the Toronto Blue Jays Charitable Foundation be thanked for their generosity and interest in our facilities;
- (2) the City Treasurer create the appropriate accounts to receive contributions and expenditures related to the work; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back to the May 15, 2000, meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee with respect to what the City's plans might be to build more hardball diamonds around the City which could qualify for these funds in the future.

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 5)**

**5.20 New Century Sagamihara Plan – A Comprehensive Urban Development Plan to Greet the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2000) from the Mayor of Sagamihara, Japan, respecting the "New Century Sagamihara Plan - A Comprehensive Urban Development Plan to Greet the 21st Century", and thanking the City of Toronto for approving a policy of continuing the relationships with the twenty-six cities throughout the world that had friendly relations with the City prior to amalgamation.

Councillor Sherene Shaw filed a communication (March 28, 2000) from Mayor Isao Ogawa, City of Sagamihara, Japan, respecting Toronto's International City-to-City program.

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

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the aforementioned communications to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on how to embrace this relationship with Sagamihara.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism  
- April 25, 2000)

**(Clause No. 11(1), Report No. 5)**

**5.21 Main Street Ontario Millennium Funding  
- Healthy City Principles**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (March 29, 2000) from the City Clerk, advising that the Millennium Task Force at its meeting of March 27, 2000, received a communication (March 3, 2000) from The Honourable Helen Johns, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, addressed to the Project Manager, Millennium Office, advising that the City of Toronto's Main Street Ontario application has been approved and that the City of Toronto will receive millennium funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the "Healthy City Principles" project.

On motion by Councillor Giansante, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report and directed that it be forwarded to City Council for information.

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 5)**

**5.22 Draft By-law – City Street Trees (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 12, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval to repeal the seven existing City Street Trees By-laws and replace them with one uniform by-law; and recommending that:

- (1) Article 1, Chapter 331, Trees, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code; By-law 118-97 of the former Borough of East York; Article 1, Chapter 243, Trees, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code; By-law 211-74 of the former Metropolitan Toronto; By-law 31729 of the former City of North York; By-law 21682 of the former City of Scarborough; and By-law 2507-92 of the former City of York, be repealed; and
- (2) authority be granted for the introduction of a bill in Council, substantially in the form attached, to implement a unified by-law regarding trees on City streets.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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

**5.23 Poet Laureate for City of Toronto**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (April 12, 2000) from Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek, requesting the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to prepare a report regarding the selection of a Poet Laureate for the City of Toronto, the said report to include the process of choosing a candidate, the length of the candidate's term, and the duties of the position and also include a provision that the appointment not encumber the City in any way financially or otherwise, except possibly to reimburse incidental expenses incurred in the performance of the position, and report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;  
c. Councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough Highland Creek – April 25,  
2000)

**(Clause No. 11(m), Report No. 5)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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Chair