

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

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

**Meeting No. 6**

**Monday, May 15, 2000**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, May 15, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:42 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:42 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X	X
Councillor Mike Feldman, Acting Chair	X	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X
Councillor Mario Giansante	X	X
Councillor George Mammoliti	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor Sherene Shaw	R	R
Councillor Mario Silva	X	X
Councillor David Soknacki	X	X
Councillor Mike Tzekas	R	R

Also Present:

Councillor Norman Gardner	Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Anne Johnston	Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan	

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on April 17, 2000, were confirmed.

### **6.1 Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (December 22, 1999) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause No. 2 contained in Report No. 6 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed "The Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance (GTMA): Midterm Review (All Wards)", which Council at its meeting held on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, struck out and referred back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for further consideration with the direction that the Board of Trade be invited to address the Committee in this regard.

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

- (a) (April 27, 2000) from Mr. George Fierheller, Chair, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, requesting permission to make a presentation to update the Committee on the key findings of the Hemson report and to provide an overview of the GTMA's Action Plan; and
- (b) (May 11, 2000) from Mr. George Fierheller, Chair, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, advising that the organizational and funding review of the GTMA has now been completed and forwarding a synopsis of the Hemson Consulting Ltd. Report (April 2000).

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

- Mr. George Fierheller, Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance; and
- Ms. Karen Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance.

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

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A. Councillor Ashton moved that:

- (1) the report (November 12, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be adopted, subject to deleting Recommendation Nos. (2) and (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
  - “(2) the City continue its partnership with the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance for the year 2000; and
  - (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, prior to the 2001 Operating Budget process, on alternative marketing strategies.”; and
- (2) the communication (April 27, 2000) from Mr. George Fierheller, Chair, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, be received.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Giansante moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance success in addressing issues raised by the City of Toronto Council and priorities within the City's Economic Development Program.

**(Carried)**

C. Councillor Feldman moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee providing a list of priorities on how available monies should be allocated in this area in 2001.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Mr. George Fierheller, Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance; Ms. Karen Campbell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance – May 23, 2000)

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 6)**

**6.2 The Toronto Board of Trade –  
“Improving Toronto’s Competitiveness”**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (April 27, 2000) from Mr. Todd Letts, Policy Advisor, The Toronto Board of Trade, requesting permission to make a presentation on “Improving Toronto’s Competitiveness”, focusing on the Board’s participation in the City’s Economic Development Strategy Steering Committee and recent initiatives and recommendations in the areas of intra-regional competitiveness, property tax, public-private partnerships, etc.

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

- Ms. Elyse Allan, President, Toronto Board of Trade and filed a copy of her submission; and
- Mr. Brad Henderson, Chair, Municipal Affairs Committee.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, 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 meeting of July 17, 2000, on the establishment of a Task Force on “Competitiveness for Toronto”, the composition of the Task Force and terms of reference for same.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Ms. Elyse Allan, President, The Board of Trade; Mr. Brad Henderson, Chair, Municipal Affairs Committee, The Board of Trade – May 23, 2000)

**(Clause No. 13(a), Report No. 6)**

**6.3 South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association (SEIEA)**

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.

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

- Mr. Ken Holmes, Member, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association;

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- Mr. Ian Brown, Executive Director, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association;
- Mr. Vince Madden, Member, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association;
- Mr. Al Brezina, Member, South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association; and
- Councillor Blake K. Kinahan, Lakeshore-Queensway.

A. Councillor Pitfield moved that:

- (1) the 'employer' groups, such as the South Etobicoke Industrial Employers Association, be circulated a copy of the draft Official Plan and other relevant documents;
- (2) the Official Plan Council Reference Group be requested to consult with representatives of industrial areas in the City of Toronto to be made aware of their concerns on future redevelopment; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to visit the industrial areas in the City, prior to the 2001 Capital Budget process, to hear what their requests might be, i.e., streetscaping, lighting, etc.;
- (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to keep the Economic Development and Parks Committee informed so that the Committee can provide input into the revitalization of employment lands through the Official Plan process; and
- (5) the aforementioned communication be received for information.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Giansante moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and appropriate staff, be involved with the Official Plan process immediately.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism –  
May 23, 2000)

**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 6)**

#### **6.4 Tradelink Toronto Business Plan 2000**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism reporting, as requested, in accordance with Clause No. 8 of Report No. 6 of The Economic Development Committee, adopted as amended by Council on April 13, 14 and 15, 1999, on the Business Plan for TradeLink Toronto for the year 2000; and recommending that the Economic Development and Parks Committee endorse the TradeLink Business Plan.

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 report until its meeting of July 17, 2000.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Ms. Dianne Young, General Manager, Exhibition Place – May 18, 2000)

**(Clause No. 13(b), Report No. 6)**

#### **6.5 GigaThon 2000 – “Celebrating Canada’s Technology Entrepreneurs”**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (undated) from Mr. Julian Wharton, President, GigaThon Inc., requesting permission to make a presentation on GigaThon 2000, the first event of its kind for IT and new media industries to gain national recognition, venture capital, computer equipment and a chance to network with top technology players.

Mr. Julian Wharton, President, GigaThon Inc., appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- (1) recommended to Council that:
  - (a) June 15, 2000, be declared Technology and Media Day; and
  - (b) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

- (2) received the aforementioned communication for information.

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 6)**

**6.6 Annual Marathons in the City of Toronto (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (May 8, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services advising the Economic Development and Parks Committee of two marathons in the City of Toronto in the fall of 2000 and recommending that this report be forwarded to the Works Committee for information.

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

- (a) (April 27, 2000) from Mr. John Craig, Executive Coordinator, Ontario Track and Field Association, expressing concern about two separate organizations staging marathon races in the fall of 2000;
- (b) (April 19, 2000) from Ms. Julie McDowell, Chair, Marathon Strides Against MS, expressing support on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and the Marathon Strides Against MS Committee for the Canadian International Marathon (CIM) to be held in Toronto on October 15, 2000;
- (c) (February 8, 2000) from Mr. Alan R. Hudson, MB, FRCS(C), President and Chief Executive Officer, University Health Network, (Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital) expressing support for the sixth annual Canadian International Marathon;
- (d) (May 3, 2000) from Mr. Neville Kirchmann, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Princess Margaret Hospital, expressing concern with the proposed timing of approval for a second marathon as it would jeopardize the Canadian International Marathon's success, diminishing the revenue and attention it generates for the City of Toronto and the Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (e) (April 18, 2000) from Mr. Cory Freedman, National Manager, Team Diabetes, Canadian Diabetes Association, expressing concern that the granting of a road and traffic permit for a second marathon in the City on September 24, 2000, will be in direct conflict with the Canadian International Marathon scheduled for October 15, 2000;
- (f) (April 14, 2000) from Mr. John Stanton, President and Founder, Running Room Canada Inc., expressing support for the Canadian International Marathon and

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requesting the City to reconsider the approval of the permit for a second marathon just three weeks before CIM's established event;

- (g) (undated) from Mr. Stephen Stein, Toronto, Ontario, expressing support for the Canadian International Marathon; requesting the City to cancel the permit for a second marathon; and suggesting that the Parks and Recreation Division, with the help of the running community, design a policy on how many and where races should be held;
- (h) (April 27, 2000) from Mr. Ken Doucette, National Sports Manager, Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency, expressing support for the Canadian International Marathon and asking the City to reconsider their approval of a second marathon;
- (i) (undated) from Mr. Anthony J. Pin, President, Ontario Roadrunners Association, requesting the City to reconsider the granting of two marathons in Toronto over a three week period in the fall of 2000; and
- (j) (May 11, 2000) from Councillor Norman Gardner, North York Centre, expressing his objection to a request by the Toronto International Marathon to overturn a permit for the Mount Sinai/Scotiabank Marathon.

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

- Mr. John Craig, Executive Co-ordinator, Ontario Track and Field Association;
- Mr. Alan Brooks, Representative, Toronto Waterfront Marathon;
- Mr. David Reid, Representative, Toronto Waterfront Marathon;
- Mr. I. Grossman, Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation;
- Mr. J. Glassman, Canadian International Marathon;
- Mr. Morton Cohen, Marathon Runner;
- Mr. Neville Kirchmann, Princess Margaret Foundation;
- Mr. Alan Glass, Canadian International Marathon; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.

A. Councillor Feldman moved that:

- (1) the Canadian International Marathon and the Waterfront Marathon take place in the year 2000 as scheduled;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back, prior to the 2001 racing schedule, on the merits of having one or two marathons in the City of Toronto; and



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- (3) the aforementioned report and communications be received for information.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that any permit application that is submitted to the City of Toronto that meets the City's criteria be granted.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism –  
May 23, 2000)

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 6)**

**6.7 Sherwood Park/Sunnybrook Park – Dogs Off-Leash**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing an update on the dogs off-leash issue in Sherwood Park as per the direction of Council at its meeting of July 6, 7 and 8, 1999, and recommending that:

- (1) a portion of Sunnybrook Park be designated a dogs off-leash area;
- (2) signs be erected in Sunnybrook Park advising the public of the designated area, as shown on Attachment No. 1; and
- (3) when a portion of Sunnybrook Park is implemented as a dogs off-leash area, Sherwood Park be designated a dogs on-leash area.

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

In favour of an off-leash area in Sherwood Park:

- (a) (May 8, 2000) from Ms. Leslie C. Smith, Toronto, Ontario;
- (b) (May 8, 2000) from Ms. Fran Clark, Toronto, Ontario;
- (c) (May 8, 2000) from Ms. Cheryl A. Carpenter, Downsview, Ontario, in opposition to the proposed designation of Sherwood Park as an on-leash area, and requesting that some of the areas/trails in Earl Bales Park and the new Downsview Park be designated as leash-free;
- (d) (May 9, 2000) from Ms. Bryna Back, Toronto, Ontario;

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- (e) (May 9, 2000) from Ms. Suzanne Mackie, Toronto, Ontario;
- (f) (May 11, 2000) from Mr. John Hopkins, Toronto, Ontario, forwarding his written deputation outlining a list of observations and suggestions he will make to the Economic Development and Parks Committee Meeting on May 15, 2000;
- (g) (May 11, 2000) from Ms. Sandra Kellogg, Toronto, Ontario, stating objections and concerns regarding the implementation of the new off-leash area in Sunnybrook Park and the cancellation of the existing one in Sherwood Park;
- (h) (May 11, 2000) from Ms. Christina Sharp, Toronto, Ontario;
- (i) (May 11, 2000) from Ms. Constance and Mr. John Sheriff, Toronto, Ontario;
- (j) (May 11, 2000) from Ms. Donna Hackett, Toronto, Ontario;
- (k) (May 9, 2000) from Mr. Eric Pressman, Toronto, Ontario, suggesting the City adopt a new vision with respect to off-leash dogs in City parks and ravines, and that every neighbourhood park should have an area for dogs to be off-leash, albeit small areas in “block” parks and larger unfenced area in larger “regional” parks (such as Sherwood, Sunnybrook, Cedarvale, Earl Bales, Winfield, High Park, etc.);
- (l) (May 12, 2000) from The Moore Family, Toronto, Ontario;
- (m) (May 11, 2000) from Mr. Alastair T. Gordon, Toronto, Ontario, commenting on the proposed restrictions to the historic use of Sherwood Park by people with dogs;
- (n) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Tracey Riskie, Toronto, Ontario;
- (o) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Sandra Li-James, Toronto, Ontario;
- (p) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Linda Li, Toronto, Ontario;
- (q) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Doug Johnson, Toronto, Ontario;
- (r) (May 12, 2000) from M. Winn, Toronto, Ontario;
- (s) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Brant and Ms. Nadine Latham, Toronto, Ontario, in opposition to the elimination of the off-leash area in Sherwood Park, and expressing concern that Sunnybrook Park off-leash area is too small;
- (t) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Suzanne O’Connell, Toronto, Ontario;
- (u) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Donald Spratling, Toronto, Ontario;

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- (v) (May 10, 2000) from Ms. Mary Anne Cecutti and Mr. Steve McAdam, Toronto, Ontario;
- (w) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Evan Thompson, Toronto, Ontario;
- (x) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Dorothy and Mr. Bob McCulloch, Toronto, Ontario;
- (y) (May 11, 2000) from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, Toronto, Ontario;
- (z) (May 10, 2000) from Vancy Kasper, Toronto, Ontario;
- (aa) (May 10, 2000) from Mr. Fred Kasper, Toronto, Ontario;
- (bb) (May 11, 2000) from Mr. Brian McCabe, Toronto, Ontario;
- (cc) (May 11, 2000) from R. Patterson, Toronto, Ontario;
- (dd) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Jeff Smith, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ee) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Roberta Halpenny, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ff) (May 13, 2000) from Mr. Jonathan Rogers, Los Angeles and New York, U.S.A.;
- (gg) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Virginia Luks, Toronto, Ontario;
- (hh) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Cynthia and Mr. Eric Luks, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ii) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Ted and Ms. Betty Warburton, Toronto, Ontario;
- (jj) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Mario, Ms. Simona and Ms. Suzanna Gasparetto, Toronto, Ontario;
- (kk) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Gay Halpenny, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ll) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Sheri Schickler, Toronto, Ontario;
- (mm) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Barry T. Applebee, Toronto, Ontario;
- (nn) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Shirley Mareniuk, Toronto, Ontario;
- (oo) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Philip Creighton, Toronto, Ontario;
- (pp) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Diane Knoefel, Toronto, Ontario;

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- (qq) (May 11, 2000) from A.J. Dyck, President, York Condo 121, in favour of an off-leash area in the wooded area of Sherwood Park and in favour of Sunnybrook Park being designated as an off-leash area;
- (rr) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Judith Blakely, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ss) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Gail Gibson, on behalf of the Sherwood Park Dog Owners Association;
- (tt) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Thomas, Ms. Mary, Ms. Holly and Mr Tom Akin, Toronto, Ontario;
- (uu) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Sid Dolgoy, Toronto, Ontario;
- (vv) (undated) from G.C. Adams, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ww) (May 15, 2000) from Ms. Naomi Kane, Toronto, Ontario;
- (xx) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Jamie Rowland, Toronto, Ontario;
- (yy) (May 15, 2000) from Mr. John Boyce, Toronto, Ontario;
- (zz) (May 15, 2000) from Ms. Wynn Theriault, Toronto, Ontario;
- (aaa) (May 12, 2000) from Mr. Michael Maguire, Toronto, Ontario;
- (bbb) (May 12, 2000) from Marijan Zelic, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ccc) (May 15, 2000) from Ms. Karen Theriault, Toronto, Ontario;
- (ddd) (May 14, 2000) from Ms. Martha, Mr. Gordon and Ms. Laura Tamblyn, Toronto, Ontario;
- (eee) (May 15, 2000) from Councillor Anne Johnston, North Toronto, recommending that the Committee adopt Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2), and receive Recommendation No. (3); and

In opposition to an off-leash area in Sherwood Park:

- (fff) (May 10, 2000) from Ms. Stephanie Thorson, Co-founder of the group Friends of Sherwood Park, in support of designating Sherwood Park as an on-leash park.

Councillor Anne Johnston, North Toronto, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

- A. Councillor Feldman moved that the report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the aforementioned communications be referred back to staff for further consideration and report thereon in the next term of Council.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that Councillor Feldman's motion A. be amended by adding the words "to the appropriate Community Council."

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;  
c. Interested Parties – May 18, 2000)

**(Clause No. 13(c), Report No. 6)**

## **6.8 City of Toronto Culture Plan**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism responding to a request from the November 29, 1999 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism provide a report on a plan for Culture, Arts and Heritage; and a further request from the March 20 and March 27, 2000 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Toronto Arts Council, review and report on ways of increasing revenues to the City's arts and culture sector without putting additional pressures on the property tax base; and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism develop a Culture Plan for the City of Toronto, in consultation with community partners, including the elements outlined in this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to the following:

- “(a) that a draft Culture Plan be presented to Economic Development and Parks Committee prior to December 31, 2000; and

- (b) that the said draft Culture Plan also include a section on how applications for funding will be evaluated and granted in the upcoming year, especially with respect to giving real consideration to applicants not now receiving funding and providing evidence that the granting process is transparent, fair and accessible.”.

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

**6.9 Toronto Biotechnology Incubator  
Commercialization Centre (TBCC)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism seeking endorsement, in principle, from Council for the development of a private-public partnership that will create a biotechnology business incubator in Toronto; informing Council of a request by the Toronto Biotechnology Commercialization Centre (TBCC) Board of Directors for City financial support for the incubator; and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse, in principle, the efforts of the Board of Directors of the TBCC to develop a biotechnology business incubator in Toronto;
- (2) the appropriate City officials be directed to evaluate the feasibility of the TBCC Board request for City funding and report back on specific actions and recommendations;
- (3) the applicability of this project be reviewed for consideration under the Federal/Provincial/Municipal infrastructure program; and
- (4) 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 (May 12, 2000) from Mr. George Masters, Chair, Biotechnology Commercialization Centre Fund Advisory Committee, Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology, providing an update on the status of Toronto's proposal for this initiative.

Mr. Borys Chabursky, Interim General Manager, Toronto Biotechnology Incubator Facility, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and filed a copy of his submission.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
- (2) the aforementioned communication be received for information.

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

#### **6.10 Design Tax Credit (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism informing the Economic Development and Parks Committee of the opportunity to pursue a design tax credit for manufacturers, with the Provincial Ministries of Finance and Economic Development and Trade; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development Division undertake an analysis of the benefits to Toronto businesses of a design tax credit;
- (2) the Economic Development Division consult with business organizations and individual companies on the potential benefits of this initiative;
- (3) the City request the Ministries of Finance and Economic Development and Trade to explore this opportunity; 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. 7, Report No. 6)**

**6.11 “Complete Count Committee” – Statistics Canada  
and the City of Toronto (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (May 2, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism proposing an approach to elevate the participation of Toronto residents in the 2001 Census; advising that increased local participation in this national enumeration will yield information/data that is of long term value and benefit to the City; and recommending that:

- (1) the City support, in principle, enhancing participation levels of Toronto residents in the 2001 Census;
- (2) a “Complete Count” Committee be established to unite the efforts of Statistics Canada and the City of Toronto in promoting the 2001 Census, the committee to be chaired by Councillor George Mammoliti with the participation of two other Councillors as well as staff representatives from City departments and agencies whose facilities or services can contribute to this effort including: Office of the Mayor, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Special Events, Corporate Services, Urban Planning and Development Services, Community and Neighbourhood Services, Finance, Toronto Housing Company, Toronto Public Library, as well as members of the community at large;
- (3) upon completion of the Census in 2001, Statistics Canada and the City look at ways to enhance the quality, depth and range of data collected about households and businesses in the City of Toronto; 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:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to adding the following:  
  
“that Councillor Ashton, Scarborough Bluffs, and Councillor Pitfield, East York, be appointed to the “Complete Count Committee”; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back on the possibility of setting up a registry so that socially isolated and homeless persons may participate in the 2001 Census.



(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;  
c. Councillor George Mammoliti – May 23, 2000)

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 6)**

**6.12 Lawrence Heights Waterplay  
(North York Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism requesting approval of a change of location for the Lawrence Heights Waterplay and that funds from the Bathurst Heights outdoor basketball account be re-directed to the waterplay account; and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the change of location for the waterplay from Lawrence Heights Community Centre to two separate locations within Flemington Park, one on the east side of the Allen Expressway and one on the west side;
- (2) Council approve the transfer of \$40,000.00 from the approved \$90,000.00 for Bathurst Heights outdoor basketball account to these waterplay facilities; and
- (3) the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – May 16, 2000)

**(Clause No. 13(d), Report No. 6)**

**6.13 Charter Operator for the Trillium  
(Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism requesting authorization for the negotiation and execution of an agreement for a charter operator for the ferry the Trillium; and recommending that:

- (1) staff be authorized to negotiate and enter into a suitable agreement with Great Lakes Schooner for the provision of the services outlined in Request for Proposal P121.99, Charter Operator for the Trillium; and

- (2) 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 (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79, regarding the foregoing matter.

Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79 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:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) received the aforementioned communication for information.

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 6)**

**6.14 Establishment of a Task Force on User Fees  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (May 1, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its Special Meeting held on April 26, 2000, in adopting as amended the 2000 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation, recommended that a short term Task Force be established, consisting of five members, to review the matter of User Fees and report thereon to Council for its meeting of July 4, 2000.

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

- (a) (May 12, 2000) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79, requesting the Economic Development and Parks Committee to aim for the elimination of Recreation user fees and urging Council to establish a strategic planning process that will address the long-term problems with user fees and their solutions; and
- (b) (May 15, 2000) from Dr. Lee Morrison, Executive Director, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, urging the Economic Development and Parks Committee to recommend a longer-term process to establish a broader Strategic Plan for Public Recreation in Toronto, in addition to the short-term Task Force on User Fees that has been mandated by City Council.

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

- Ms. Karen Wirsig, Community and Social Planning Council of Toronto;
- Ms. Anne Dubas, President, CUPE, Local 79;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River; and
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park.

A. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

(1) the Task Force be named "Recreation User Fee Task Force";

(2) in the event that City Council increases the number of Members from five to eight, the following Councillors be appointed as Members of the Recreation User Fee Task Force:

- Councillor Bas Balkissoon, Scarborough Malvern;
- Councillor Blake F. Kinahan, Lakeshore Queensway;
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park;
- Councillor George Mammoliti, North York Humber;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River;
- Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek;
- Councillor Jane Pitfield, East York; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Seneca Heights.

**(Carried)**

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

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- B. Councillor Ashton moved that:
- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on ways to deal with a broader strategic plan on a long term basis for public recreation in Toronto;
  - (2) the foregoing recommendations be referred to the Striking Committee for its information, and request the Striking Committee to submit any recommendations it may have directly to City Council for its meeting on June 7, 2000, for consideration with the foregoing recommendations of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
  - (3) the aforementioned communications be received.
- (Carried)**

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Striking Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – May 16, 2000)

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

**6.15 Appointment of a Representative of the Royal Ontario Museum to the Collections and Conservation Board (Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism implementing Council's process for appointing a representative from the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) to the City's Collections and Conservation Board; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee nominate Mr. Dan Rahimi, Director of Collections, Royal Ontario Museum, to represent the ROM on the City's Collections and Conservation Board, for a term expiring on November 30, 2003, or until his successor is appointed; and
- (2) 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 (March 26, 2000) from Mr. Dan Rahimi, Director of Collections, Royal Ontario Museum, expressing an interest in serving on the Collections and Conservation Board for the City of Toronto.

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

- (1) recommended to Council that Mr. Dan Rahimi, Director of Collections, Royal Ontario Museum, be appointed to the City's Collections and Conservation Board, for a term expiring on November 30, 2003, or until his successor is appointed; and
- (2) received the communication (March 26, 2000) from Mr. Dan Rahimi, Director of Collections, Royal Ontario Museum.

**(Carried)**

**(Clause No. 11, Report No. 6)**

#### **6.16 Sustainability Roundtable Membership**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (April 20, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, by adoption of Clause No. 4 of Report No. 11 of The Policy and Finance Committee on December 14, 1999, established the Sustainability Roundtable and a listing with regard to the membership thereto; and recommending that the Economic Development and Parks Committee appoint a representative to the Sustainability Roundtable, and that the said appointment be in effect to the end of the current term of Council.

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

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council that Councillor Jane Pitfield, East York, be appointed as the Economic Development and Parks Committee representative to the Sustainability Roundtable, and that the said appointment be in effect to the end of the current term of Council.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

**(Clause No. 12, Report No. 6)**

**6.17 Provincial Visiting Player Tax  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism reporting, as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee on February 14, 2000, on the feasibility of implementing a Provincial withholding tax, levied on the salaries of the members of visiting professional sports teams; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until its meeting of June 19, 2000.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism –  
May 18, 2000)

**(Clause No. 13(e), Report No. 6)**

**6.18 Update on the Urban Forestry Maintenance Backlog  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing an update on the progress made to date on the urban forestry tree maintenance backlog; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

**(Clause No. 13(f), Report No. 6)**

**6.19 “Field of Dreams” – Toronto Blue Jays Charitable  
Foundation, Department Hardball Diamonds**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (April 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism responding to the request of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on April 17, 2000, with respect to the Department's plans to build more hardball diamonds around the City which could qualify for the funding from the Toronto Blue Jays Charitable Foundation in the future; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

**(Clause No. 13(g), Report No. 6)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Chair