

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk=s Division

Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

The Policy and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:35 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. (Including In Camera Session)
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	X
Councillor Gordon Chong	X
Councillor Betty Disero	X
Councillor Tom Jakobek,	X
Councillor Norm Kelly	-
Councillor Ron Moeser	X
Councillor Frances Nunziata	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Policy and Finance Committee confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on March 28, 2000.

4-1. City of Toronto 2000 Recommended Operating Budget.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following communications and reports:

- (i) (April 14, 2000) from the City Clerk forwarding recommendations from the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the 2000 Operating Budget;
- (ii) (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism responding to the Budget Advisory Committee's request for a further report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the provision of additional administration assistance to the Toronto Arts Council from the Culture Division; and recommending that:
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- (ix) (March 28, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, advising that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will be considering its 2000 Operating Budget including non-matching municipal levy on April 28, 2000; that the Authority's core operating levy requirement for the City of Toronto is \$4,148,262.00; that the capital levy requirement is \$5,425,000.00 of which it is understood that \$310,000.00 will be funded from the Operating Budget; that this information and detailed operating and capital budget information has been conveyed to the City's Budget Advisory Committee and staff of the Finance Department; and requesting on behalf of the Rouge Park Alliance, a further levy in the amount of \$58,924.00, representing the municipality's share of the management costs for the Rouge Park apportioned in the same manner as Authority programs;

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- (x) (March 30, 2000) from Mr. Mark Deacon, President, Smart Toronto, expressing support of the work of the Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department and strongly advocating the expansion of this program;
- (xi) (undated) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Committee on the Status of Women, expressing the profound concern of the Committee on the Status of Women regarding the elimination and/or reduced funding provided in the 2000 Operating Budget for many initiatives which specifically impact on women and their families;
- (xii) (March 30, 2000) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, CUPE Local 79, expressing concerns with regard to certain requests made by the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the 2000 Operating Budget and urging the Budget Advisory Committee to recognize the importance of maintaining and enhancing the City's programs and to reinvest in front-line staffing and service levels;
- (xiii) (February 10, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on February 1, 2 and 3, 2000, amended Clause No. 14 of Report No. 1 of The Scarborough Community Council, headed "Classical Chinese Garden Fundraising Committee Progress Report", and in so doing adopted Recommendation No. (3) embodied therein to read as follows:
 - "(3) refer Recommendation No. (3) to the Policy and Finance Committee with a request that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Economic Culture and Tourism submit a joint report thereto by April 2000, on the budgetary implications of this recommendation by the Classical Chinese Garden Fundraising Committee;"
- (xiv) (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on the status of funding partnerships for the pro-active apartment common area inspection programme; advising that contact has been initiated at both the federal and provincial levels in respect to availability of funding for this programme; that staff will report on the outcome and the impact on the nature and scope of the programme, as soon as information is available; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (xv) (April 10, 2000) from Ms. Marion Joppe, Ph.D., Chair, Heritage Toronto, requesting on behalf of Heritage Toronto a further \$50,400.00 in the year 2000 "pressure" funding for its fundraising function as prescribed in By-law 794-1999;

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- (xvi) (April 17, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Providing details of the request for funding to sustain the Integrated Plant Health Care program in the year 2000, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting of April 14, 2000; advising that the Parks and Recreation Division has achieved significant reductions in pesticide usage in 1999 and, in order to sustain the success of the IPHC program, additional resources are required; that with the serious corporate constraints and other budget pressures which the department faced, this funding was not recommended in 2000; that some items within the \$ 350,000 funding component can be deferred, but a remaining \$ 175,000 is required if implementation of the program is to be continued; that there will be a further impact for annualization of staff costs in 2001; and recommending that this report be received for consideration with the 2000 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Division.
- (xvii) (April 14, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, advising of the current status of the tax levy by-law and special charge by-law for certain Business Improvement Areas (BIA's); and recommending that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to report directly to Council on April 26, 2000, with respect to the tax levy by-law and special charge by-law for certain Business Improvement Areas.
- (xviii) (April 17, 2000) from the Public Affairs Advisor, Humane Society, respecting the report on the Toronto Humane Society (THS) contract and the issue of the renewal of the contract; and advising that the THS is in complete agreement with the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Administrative Officer that the City of Toronto extend its current contract with the THS to December 31, 2000;
- (xix) (April 13, 2000) from the Chair, Heritage Toronto, Requesting additional funding for Heritage Toronto's work of fundraising on behalf of heritage activities that did not receive support of the Budget Advisory Committee.
- (xx) (April 17, 2000) from the President, CUPE Local 79, forwarding comments respecting the City of Toronto's 2000 Operating Budget; and urging the Committee to reinvest in front-line staffing and service levels and once again make Toronto a liveable City.
- (xxi) (April 13, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Outlining the status of the cost sharing request for transitional funding for the York Before and After School Program made to the Toronto District Board of Education and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on April 12, 2000; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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- (xxii) (April 10, 2000) from the Chair, Toronto Transit Commission, confirming the agreement reached between the Toronto Transit Commission and the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 5, 2000; and requesting that this communication be forwarded to City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee for approval concurrent with Council approval of the 2000 City of Toronto Operating Budget.
- (xxiii) (April 17, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that at its special meeting on April 17, 2000, the Toronto Transit Commission had before it the attached recommendations that were approved by the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 14, 2000, in connection with the Toronto Transit Commission's 2000 Operating Budget; that the Commission received the aforementioned document and approved the following resolutions:
- “(1) Thank the Budget Advisory Committee for recognizing that the original Toronto Transit Commission budget proposal approved by the Committee and contained in the April 11, 2000, memorandum from the Budget Advisory Committee Chair was unacceptable to the Commission;
 - (2) request the Policy and Finance Committee and City Council to recognize that the intent of the Toronto Transit Commission Fare Stabilization Reserve Fund was to stabilize funding, particularly, as a result of the 1999 fare increase, and that Council requested that the operating subsidy be maintained at 20 percent.
 - (3) advise the Policy and Finance Committee that it is the Commission's position that the 2000 Operating Budget subsidy remain at \$149 million, and that the Fare Stabilization Reserve Fund be available for the City to, in effect, borrow for the year 2000 City budget, subject to being repaid, as required, to ensure there be no fare increase or service cuts in 2001;
 - (4) that the Commission undertake an education campaign, with the assistance of TTC staff, for members of City Council, as to what was agreed to last year by City Council, with respect to subsidy levels and the implementation of a three year plan for the Commission's Operating Budget;
- (xxiv) (Undated) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union, Local 416, attaching copies of correspondence and deputations provided to the Budget Advisory Committee regarding the 2000 Operating Budget; and forwarding comments respecting specific concerns relating to the Transportation Department; Parks and Recreation; Fleet Management Services and Alternate Service Delivery;

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- (xxv) Revised pages to replace pages 79-85 contained in Volume One of the City of Toronto 2000 Operating Budget Binder;
- (xxvi) (April 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, identifying the importance of Toronto's participation in the Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) program and identifying outstanding funding issues; and recommending that:
- (1) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council inclusion of \$314,000 net (\$628,000 gross) for the Public Health Research, Education and Development program in the 2000 Public Health Operating Budget to enable continued participation in the Provincial PHRED program; and
 - (2) the Medical Officer of Health and other City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (xxvii) (April 17, 2000) from Mr. Gerald Smith, Chair of the Assembly Hall Advisory Board, expressing disappointment in the current proposal in the budget process to cut funds for staffing for the Assembly Hall.

The following persons appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Dr. Anne Golden, President, United Way of Greater Toronto;
- Ms. Lien Le, Syme-Woolner Family and Neighbourhood Centre;
- Rev. Bob McElhinney, Pastor, Davenport-Perth Community Ministry;
- Mr. Peter Clutterbuck, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto;
- Mr. Colin Hughes, Campaign 2000;
- Mr. Kim Tomczak, Toronto Arts Council, and filed a written submission (April 17, 2000) wherein it is recommended that the Policy and Finance Committee:
 - (1) increase Toronto Arts Council's administration grant by \$250,000 so that TAC can fulfill its responsibilities as "the city-wide arm's length administrative body in relation to the funding of arts and cultural organizations and artists in the City of Toronto;
 - (2) provide the \$250,000 as follows:

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- (a) approving Budget Advisory Committee's recommendation to increase Toronto Arts Council's administrative grant by \$60,000; and
 - (b) permitting Toronto Arts Council to seek additional administrative funds from the Consolidated Grants Budget since Toronto Arts Council's administration grant is part of that budget; and
 - (3) receive for information the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism's report dated April 10, 2000, so that Toronto Arts Council can clarify with appropriate City Officials the Committee of Adjustment's budgetary model and the implications for Toronto Arts Council in moving towards such a model;
- Mr. Sam Sniderman, representing Toronto Arts Council;
 - Dr. Gina Browne, McMaster University;
 - Mr. Jim Lee, President, Toronto Professional Firefighters Association;
 - Ms. Fiona Nelson;
 - Mr. Ken Amoroso, Membership Secretary, CUPE Local 79;
 - Ms. Margaret Cox, East York East Toronto Family;
 - Ms. Karen Wirsig, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto;
 - Mr. Doug Hum, Children's Aid Society, and filed a petition against recreation user fees;
 - Ms. Barbara Hall; and
 - Dr. Marion Joppe, Chair, Heritage Toronto.

The following Members of Council also appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Raymond Cho, Scarborough Malvern;
- Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre;
- Councillor John Filion, North York Centre;
- Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore Queensway;

- Councillor Blake Kinahan, Lakeshore Queensway;
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River;
- Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Kingsway Humber;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River;
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina; and
- Councillor Michael Prue, East York.

(Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity Niagara, declared his interest in those portions of the 2000 Operating Budget as it relates to children's services in that one of his children is registered in a day care centre which has a purchase of service agreement with the City of Toronto.)

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

(A) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council:

(1) the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Advisory Committee embodied in the communication (April 14, 2000) from the City Clerk subject to:

(i) deleting the following words from Recommendation No. 1 R – City Clerk's Budget, "from Corporate Contingency", so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

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\$60,000.00 be added to fund the position transferred from Urban Development Services";

(ii) amending Recommendation No. 1 FF – Public Health, by deleting the figure "\$0.780 million" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "\$0.870 million", so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

FF. PUBLIC HEALTH:

with respect to the Children's and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) initiatives, Recommendation No. (115)(x) of the recommended 2000 Operating Budget for Public Health be amended to include additional funding of \$0.870 million gross and \$0.470 million net as follows:

- (a) Parents Helping Parents (peer nutrition worker program to reach parents from non-English speaking backgrounds) be increased by \$459,000.00 gross and \$229,000.00 net for 2000;
- (b) Early Dental Decay Prevention Program (noting 8.6 percent of Toronto children are affected by painful dental decay) be increased by \$21,000.00 gross and \$21,000.00 net for 2000;
- (c) "Open Door" programs (Grade 9 youth violence prevention) be increased by \$24,000.00 gross and \$12,000.00 net for 2000;
- (d) Rainbow Fun Program (physical activities to 40,000.00 children noting that 60 percent of children do not meet average fitness standards and childhood obesity has doubled since 1980) be increased by \$316,000.00 gross and \$158,000.00 net for 2000; and
- (e) Children Mental Health promotion and needs assessment (noting that 15 percent of children aged 4 to 12 years have mental problems) be increased \$50,000.00 gross and \$50,000.00 net for 2000;"

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- (iii) amending Recommendation No. 1, II - Theatres to read as follows:

“II. THEATRES:

“that authority be provided for St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts to spend \$115,000.00 plus taxes in 2000 as requested in the report (January 24, 2000) from the General Manager of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts received by the Budget Advisory Committee on February 21, 2000, for its annual technical improvements program; funding to be derived from the St. Lawrence Capital Improvement Fund with no impact on the City’s budget;”;

- (iv) amending Recommendation No. 1, PP – Toronto Police Service, by deleting therefrom the following “73.0 new hires” and inserting in lieu thereof the following “81.0 new hires”, so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

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reduction of 8.0 positions from the 81.0 new hires to reflect the changes as a result of the Audit functions being transferred to the City with a net impact in 2000 of \$146.7 thousand;”;

- (v) amending Recommendation No. (175) to read as follows:

“(175) Non Program Expenditures – Corporate Contingency reflected an increase of \$302.2 thousand and will include a decrease of \$575.1 thousand; the Corporate Contingency being adjusted for \$272.9 thousand net from the Chief Administrative Officer’s recommendation of \$8,255,000 resulting in a final Budget

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Advisory Committee recommended Contingency budget of \$7,982,100, a reduction from the 1999 amount of \$14,255,000”;

- (vi) amending Recommendation No. 1 QQ – Consolidated Grants to provide that the Consolidated Grants harmonization budget request be funded by one-third this year as opposed to one-quarter (for an increase of \$150,000); and that the Corporate Contingency Budget be further reduced by \$150,000, leaving a balance of \$7,832,100; and any future consideration with regard to funding the balance be subject to the budget process and take into account the City's financial limitations at that time;
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- (d) (March 28, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, advising that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will be considering its 2000 Operating Budget including non-matching municipal levy on April 28, 2000; that the Authority’s core operating levy requirement for the City of Toronto is \$4,148,262.00; that the capital levy requirement is \$5,425,000.00 of which it is understood that \$310,000.00 will be funded from the Operating Budget; that this information and detailed operating and capital budget information has been conveyed to the City’s Budget Advisory Committee and staff of the Finance Department; and requesting on behalf of the Rouge Park Alliance, a further levy in the amount of \$58,924.00, representing the municipality’s share of the management costs for the Rouge Park apportioned in the same manner as Authority programs;
- (e) (March 30, 2000) from Mr. Mark Deacon, President, Smart Toronto, expressing support of the work of the Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department and strongly advocating the expansion of this program;
- (f) (undated) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Committee on the Status of Women, expressing the profound concern of the Committee on the Status of Women regarding the elimination and/or reduced funding provided in the 2000 Operating Budget for many initiatives which specifically impact on women and their families;

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- (g) (March 30, 2000) from Ms. Anne Dubas, President, CUPE Local 79, expressing concerns with regard to certain requests made by the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the 2000 Operating Budget and urging the Budget Advisory Committee to recognize the importance of maintaining and enhancing the City's programs and to reinvest in front-line staffing and service levels;
- (h) (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on the status of funding partnerships for the pro-active apartment common area inspection programme; advising that contact has been initiated at both the federal and provincial levels in respect to availability of funding for this programme; that staff will report on the outcome and the impact on the nature and scope of the programme, as soon as information is available; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (i) (April 10, 2000) from Ms. Marion Joppe, Ph.D., Chair, Heritage Toronto, requesting on behalf of Heritage Toronto a further \$50,400.00 in the year 2000 "pressure" funding for its fundraising function as prescribed in By-law 794-1999;
- (j) (April 17, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Providing details of the request for funding to sustain the Integrated Plant Health Care program in the year 2000, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting of April 14, 2000; advising that the Parks and Recreation Division has achieved significant reductions in pesticide usage in 1999 and, in order to sustain the success of the IPHC program, additional resources are required; that with the serious corporate constraints and other budget pressures which the department faced, this funding was not recommended in 2000; that some items within the \$ 350,000 funding component can be deferred, but a remaining \$ 175,000 is required if implementation of the program is to be continued; that there will be a further impact for annualization

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of staff costs in 2001; and recommending that this report be received for consideration with the 2000 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Division.

- (k) (April 17, 2000) from the Public Affairs Advisor, Humane Society, respecting the report on the Toronto Humane Society (THS) contract and the issue of the renewal of the contract; and advising that the THS is in complete agreement with the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Administrative Officer that the City of Toronto extend its current contract with the THS to December 31, 2000;
- (l) (April 13, 2000) from the Chair, Heritage Toronto, Requesting additional funding for Heritage Toronto's work of fundraising on behalf of heritage activities that did not receive support of the Budget Advisory Committee.
- (m) (April 17, 2000) from the President, CUPE Local 79, forwarding comments respecting the City of Toronto's 2000 Operating Budget; and urging the Committee to reinvest in front-line staffing and service levels and once again make Toronto a liveable City.
- (n) (April 13, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Outlining the status of the cost sharing request for transitional funding for the York Before and After School Program made to the Toronto District Board of Education and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on April 12, 2000; and recommending that this report be received for information; and

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- (o) (Undated) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union, Local 416, attaching copies of correspondence and deputations provided to the Budget Advisory Committee regarding the 2000 Operating Budget; and forwarding comments respecting specific concerns relating to the Transportation Department; Parks and Recreation; Fleet Management Services and Alternate Service Delivery; and
- (D) the Policy and Finance Committee concur with the Recommendation embodied in the report (April 14, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to report directly to Council on April 26, 2000, with respect to the tax levy by-law and special charge by-law for certain Business Improvement Areas. **(Carried)**
- B. Councillor Rae moved, on behalf of Councillor Kinahan, that the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to submit the joint report requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on April 14, 2000, as to whether sufficient resources have been budgeted for the various TB Programs of the City; directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000. **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Duguid:
 - (1) that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that Recommendation No. 28 “H – Fire Services” be struck out and the following be substituted therefor:

“(28) funding be provided in the Fire Services’ 2000 Operating Budget2000 Operating Budget to hire 55 additional fire fighters effective September 5, 1999”; and **(Lost)**
 - (2) in the event Recommendation No. (1) above does not carry, the Fire Chief be requested to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000, on the action required to minimise service impacts as a result of any decisions not to fund the 55 additional firefighters. **(Carried)**

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- D. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Jones, that the communication (April 17, 2000) from Mr. Gerald Smith, Chair, Assembly Hall Advisory Board, be referred to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000, respecting any assistance the City might be able to provide to the Assembly Hall. **(Carried)**
- E. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Prue, that an additional \$50,400.00 be provided in the year 2000 pressure funding for Heritage Toronto. **(Lost on the following recorded vote:**
- FOR: Brown, Disero, Nunziata, Pantalone, Rae**
- AGAINST: Chong, Jakobek, Kelly, Lastman, Moeser)**
- F. Councillor Rae moved that the Parks and Recreation Operating Budget be amended by including an additional amount of \$1.1 million for Program and Program Development and access issues, such amount to be taken from the Social Services Stabilization Reserve Fund. **(Lost on the following recorded vote:**
- FOR: Nunziata, Pantalone, Rae**
- AGAINST: Brown, Chong, Disero, Jakobek, Lastman, Moeser, Ootes)**
- G. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Layton, that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000, on the feasibility of implementing the pesticide reduction program (with \$175,000.00 funding from Corporate Contingency budget); and that the savings of \$200,000.00 as a result of not purchasing pesticides for the next four years (\$50,000.00 per year) be reduced from the Parks and Recreation Department's budget in each of the next four years. **(Carried)**

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- H. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Layton, that the communication (April 18, 2000) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, entitled "Big City Mayors National Housing Initiative" be referred to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for report thereon to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000. **(Carried)**
- I. Councillor Disero moved, on behalf of Councillor Lindsay Luby, that:
- (1) representatives of the Toronto Zoo Board, the Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to meet respecting the water rates charged to the Toronto Zoo and any other outstanding issues and submit recommendations thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000; and
 - (2) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that Recommendation No. 1 JJ – Toronto Zoo be amended to provide that the Toronto Zoo be given the authority, should it achieve in excess of the 2000 Approved Budget (\$14,908.8 thousand), to spend such excess revenue on maintenance and repairs that were cut from the operating budget, and that the additional spending not be added to the Zoo's 2000 base budget; and that the General Manager and CEO of the Toronto Zoo be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee in September in regard thereto. **(Carried)**
- J. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Filion, that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000, respecting the \$100,000.00 difference between the recommended 2000 Operating Budget and the \$1.6 million approved by City Council in December for the Non-Mandatory Dental Program. **(Carried)**
- K. Councillor Jakobek moved, on behalf of Councillor Cho, that the admission fee at the Toronto Zoo be increased by \$2.00, and that there be an increase in parking fees in the months of May, June, July, August and September. **(Lost)**

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- L. Councillor Rae moved, on behalf of Councillor Moscoe, that:
- (1) Recommendation No. (140) be amended by deleting \$4.2 million and inserting in lieu thereof the figure of \$8. million;
 - (2) Recommendation No. (141) be amended by adding thereto the words "of \$8. million";
 - (3) Recommendation No. (145) be amended to read:
“(145) the Toronto Transit Commission net Operating Budget requested subsidy of \$148.9 be approved; and in the event that revenue/expenditures do not meet budget due to unforeseen circumstances, the Toronto Transit Commission, through the City” variance reporting process draw from the Toronto Transit Commission Stabilization Reserve Fund in order to stay with the approved subsidy level;”;
 - (4) Recommendation No. (146) be amended by replacing the amount of “\$3.4 million” with “\$8. million”; and
 - (5) Recommendation No. (147) (b) be amended by replacing the amount of “\$3.4 million” with “\$8. million”. **(Lost on the following recorded vote:)**

FOR: Rae

AGAINST: Brown, Chong, Disero, Jakobek, Kelly, Lastman, Moeser, Ootes, Nunziata, Pantalone)

- M. Mayor Lastman moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that Recommendation No. 1 OO – Toronto Transit Commission be amended by adding thereto the following:

“to ensure that all funding to the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) from property taxes is efficiently and effectively spent in maintaining services and providing a stable fare structure, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee prior to the 2001 Operating Budget on implementing the following TTC administrative efficiencies:

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- (a) accommodating the TTC within the City's common financial system; and
 - (b) utilizing the City's:
 - (i) Purchasing services;
 - (ii) Human Resources services;
 - (iii) Information Technology system; and
 - (iv) real estate services." **(Carried)**
- N. Councillor Rae moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that funds in the amount of \$900,000.00 be provided to augment the Consolidated Grants Budget for community based organizations. **(Lost)**
- O. Councillor Disero moved that:
- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to meet with representatives of the Toronto Arts Council and the appropriate City officials on the future role of the Toronto Arts Council; **(Carried)**
 - (2) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that:
 - (a) consideration of the additional \$190,000.00 Administration Grant requested by the Toronto Arts Council be deferred until the 2001 Operating Budget deliberations; **(Carried)**
 - (b) the Toronto Arts Council be authorized to use grants funds for administration purposes, if required. **(Lost)**

The City of Toronto 2000 Recommended Operating Budget, as amended by the Policy and Finance Committee, carried on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Brown, Chong, Disero, Jakobek, Kelly, Lastman, Ootes, Pantalone

AGAINST: Rae.

The decision of the Policy and Finance Committee therefore is as follows:

The Policy and Finance Committee:

Recommended to Council:

(1) the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Advisory Committee embodied in the communication (April 14, 2000) from the City Clerk subject to:

(i) deleting the following words from Recommendation No. 1 R – City Clerk’s Budget, “from Corporate Contingency”, so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

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\$60,000.00 be added to fund the position transferred from Urban Development Services”;

(ii) amending Recommendation No. 1 FF – Public Health, by deleting the figure “\$0.780 million” and inserting in lieu thereof the figure “\$0.870 million”, so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

FF. PUBLIC HEALTH:

with respect to the Children’s and Youth Action Committee (CYAC) initiatives, Recommendation No. (115)(x) of the recommended 2000 Operating Budget for Public Health be amended to include additional funding of \$0.870 million gross and \$0.470 million net as follows:

(a) Parents Helping Parents (peer nutrition worker program to reach parents from non-English speaking backgrounds) be increased by \$459,000.00 gross and \$229,000.00 net for 2000;

(b) Early Dental Decay Prevention Program (noting 8.6 percent of Toronto children are affected by painful dental decay) be increased by \$21,000.00 gross and \$21,000.00 net for 2000;

(c) “Open Door” programs (Grade 9 youth violence prevention) be increased by \$24,000.00 gross and \$12,000.00 net for 2000;

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- (d) Rainbow Fun Program (physical activities to 40,000.00 children noting that 60 percent of children do not meet average fitness standards and childhood obesity has doubled since 1980) be increased by \$316,000.00 gross and \$158,000.00 net for 2000; and
 - (e) Children Mental Health promotion and needs assessment (noting that 15 percent of children aged 4 to 12 years have mental problems) be increased \$50,000.00 gross and \$50,000.00 net for 2000;”;
- (iii) amending Recommendation No.1, II - Theatres to read as follows:

“II. THEATRES:

“that authority be provided for St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts to spend \$115,000.00 plus taxes in 2000 as requested in the report (January 24, 2000) from the General Manager of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts received by the Budget Advisory Committee on February 21, 2000, for its annual technical improvements program; funding to be derived from the St. Lawrence Capital Improvement Fund with no impact on the City’s budget;”;

- (iv) amending Recommendation No. 1, PP – Toronto Police Service, by deleting therefrom the following “73.0 new hires” and inserting in lieu thereof the following “81.0 new hires”, so that such Recommendation now reads as follows:

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reduction of 8.0 positions from the 81.0 new hires to reflect the changes as a result of the Audit functions being transferred to the City with a net impact in 2000 of \$146.7 thousand;”;

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- (v) amending Recommendation No. (175) to read as follows:
 - “(175) Non Program Expenditures – Corporate Contingency reflected an increase of \$302.2 thousand and will include a decrease of \$575.1 thousand; the Corporate Contingency being adjusted for \$272.9 thousand net from the Chief Administrative Officer’s recommendation of \$8,255,000 resulting in a final Budget Advisory Committee recommended Contingency budget of \$7,982,100, a reduction from the 1999 amount of \$14,255,000”;
- (2) that the Toronto Zoo be given the authority, should it achieve in excess of the 2000 Approved Budget (\$14,908.8 thousand), to spend such excess revenue on maintenance and repairs that were cut from the operating budget, and that the additional spending not be added to the Zoo’s 2000 base budget; and that the General Manager and CEO of the Toronto Zoo be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee in September in regard thereto;
- (3) that to ensure that all funding to the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) from property taxes is efficiently and effectively spent in maintaining services and providing a stable fare structure, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee prior to the 2001 Operating Budget on implementing the following TTC administrative efficiencies:
 - (a) accommodating the TTC within the City’s common financial system; and
 - (b) utilizing the City’s:
 - (i) Purchasing services;
 - (ii) Human Resources services;
 - (iii) Information Technology system; and
 - (iv) real estate services;
- (4) that the Consolidated Grants harmonization budget request be funded by one-third this year as opposed to one-quarter (for an increase of \$150,000); and that the Corporate Contingency Budget be further reduced by \$150,000, leaving a balance of \$7,832,100; and any future consideration with regard to funding the balance be subject to the budget process and take into account the City's financial limitations at that time;

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- (5) that consideration of the additional \$190,000.00 Administration Grant requested by the Toronto Arts Council be deferred until the 2001 Operating Budget deliberations;
- (6) the adoption of the revised pages 79-85 in Volume 1 of the City of Toronto's Operating Budget; and
- (7) that the following reports be received:
 - (i) (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled "Toronto Arts Council Administration", recommending that:
 - (1) no administration resources be provided to the Toronto Arts Council from the Culture Division;
 - (2) since the TAC's administration grant is part of the overall Consolidated Grants Budget, that budget be reviewed as a source for providing additional administrative grant to TAC for its 2000 requirements;
 - (3) the Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer work to assist Toronto Arts Council in establishing a practical budgetary approach for determining future administrative needs and to assist in implementing long-term solutions, without compromising the Toronto Arts Council's independence in grants-decision making, similar to the Committee of Adjustment model; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
 - (ii) (April 3, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on April 3, 2000, endorsed the following recommendation of the Works Committee:

"that the Budget Advisory Committee provide funds for the continued phasing-in of the Integrated Plant Health Care (IPHC) 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;"
 - (iii) (April 3, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on April 3, 2000:

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- (A) strongly supported the provision of expanded funding of the Food Safety Program sufficient to meet local needs and recommends that the Budget Advisory Committee set aside funds for the six month implementation of: his expansion in the Year 2000, in the amount of \$1,265,800.00 (gross) and \$632,900.00 (net); and
- (B) recommended the adoption of the joint report (March 21, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Health and Community and Neighbourhood Services, addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Health wherein it is recommended that:
 - (1) food premises be charged the full cost of re-inspections which arise due to non-compliance with the Health Protection and Promotion Act, the Food Premises Regulation and/or the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines;
 - (2) additional municipal revenues arising from the recovery of costs of re-inspections and fines levied under the Provincial Offences Act be put back into the Public Health Operating Budget for inspections;
 - (3) the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and the appropriate provincial officials, report back on the implementation plan to charge fees for public health inspection services;
 - (4) the Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the appropriate provincial officials and other interested parties, report back on an implementation plan and associated resource requirements for a rating system for Toronto restaurants;
 - (5) the Medical Officer of Health and the City Auditor report back on the need and justification for additional resources for the Food Safety program following completion of the Auditor's program review; and
 - (6) a policy option be selected as to the level of service and associated resources required for continuation of the City's response to retirement homes for the balance of 2000, pending longer term policy decisions by City Council;

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- (iv) (April 3, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Health on April 3, 2000, recommended the adoption of the joint report (February 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Administrative Officer, with respect to the City's purchase of service contract for animal sheltering with the Toronto Humane Society, wherein it is recommended that:
- (1) the City of Toronto extend its current contract with the Toronto Humane Society to December 31, 2000 under the existing terms and conditions for funding and service levels;
 - (2) City Council approve \$50,000.00 as a one-time payment to the Toronto Humane Society to address possible funding inequities since 1991, but that this money not be included in their base contract fee of \$726,000.00;
 - (3) the Medical Officer of Health report back to the Board of Health by June 2000, on priorities and options for standardized levels of shelter services across the City for 2001 and beyond, along with the associated financial implications;
 - (4) the City of Toronto develop a new costing approach for shelter services to take effect in 2001, based on the consultants' reviews of the Toronto Humane Society costing methodology and the City's costs to run municipal animal shelters;
 - (5) changes in service levels and associated costs be negotiated with the Toronto Humane Society by a staff team under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of an external facilitator to improve the working relationship between the City and the Toronto Humane Society;
 - (6) the accounting services of Wynville-Erse Associates Inc. be extended in order to verify the cost estimates for the City's operations and to support the negotiation of a new funding arrangement with the THS;
 - (7) implementation of Recommendation Nos. (4), (5) and (6) be the subject of a further report from the Medical Officer of Health, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.00;
 - (8) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee and to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2000 operating budget process; and

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- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto;
- (v) (April 10, 2000) from the Chair, Toronto Transit Commission, confirming the agreement reached between the Toronto Transit Commission and the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 5, 2000; and requesting that this communication be forwarded to City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee for approval concurrent with Council approval of the 2000 City of Toronto Operating Budget.
- (vi) (April 17, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that at its special meeting on April 17, 2000, the Toronto Transit Commission had before it the attached recommendations that were approved by the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting on April 14, 2000, in connection with the Toronto Transit Commission's 2000 Operating Budget; that the Commission received the aforementioned document and approved the following resolutions:
- “(1) Thank the Budget Advisory Committee for recognizing that the original Toronto Transit Commission budget proposal approved by the Committee and contained in the April 11, 2000, memorandum from the Budget Advisory Committee Chair was unacceptable to the Commission;
- (2) request the Policy and Finance Committee and City Council to recognize that the intent of the Toronto Transit Commission Fare Stabilization Reserve Fund was to stabilize funding, particularly, as a result of the 1999 fare increase, and that Council requested that the operating subsidy be maintained at 20 percent.
- (3) advise the Policy and Finance Committee that it is the Commission's position that the 2000 Operating Budget subsidy remain at \$149 million, and that the Fare Stabilization Reserve Fund be available for the City to, in effect, borrow for the year 2000 City budget, subject to being repaid, as required, to ensure there be no fare increase or service cuts in 2001;

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- (4) that the Commission undertake an education campaign, with the assistance of TTC staff, for members of City Council, as to what was agreed to last year by City Council, with respect to subsidy levels and the implementation of a three year plan for the Commission's Operating Budget;
- (vii) (April 17, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, identifying the importance of Toronto's participation in the Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) program and identifying outstanding funding issues; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council inclusion of \$314,000 net (\$628,000) gross) for the Public Health Research, Education and Development program in the 2000 Public Health Operating Budget to enable continued participation in the Provincial PHRED program; and
 - (2) the Medical Officer of Health and other City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Policy and Finance Committee also:

- (i) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000, respecting the \$100,000.00 difference between the recommended 2000 Operating Budget and the \$1.6 million approved by City Council in December for the Non-Mandatory Dental Program;
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- (v) requested representatives of the Toronto Zoo Board, the Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to meet respecting the water rates charged to the Toronto Zoo and any other outstanding issues and submit recommendations thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 26, 2000;
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- (a) (April 18, 2000) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, CUPE Local 416, opposing any further funding to the Toronto Humane Society; stating that any additional funds available should be used to enhance City operated services; that if additional funding is provided an equal amount should be given to Toronto Animal Services; and urging that the Board of Health be directed to involve Local 416 and other established stakeholders as it develops its priorities and options for standardized levels of shelter services across the City for 2001 and beyond;
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- (c) (April 7, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Advisory Committee on April 4, 2000, during consideration of the 2000 Operating Budget for the Economic Development Division, directed that the Policy and Finance Committee and Members of Council be advised that it concurred with the following recommendation embodied in Clause No. 3 of Report No. 4 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled "Tourism Partnership Agreement with Tourism Toronto (All Wards)":
 - "(2) that City Council request the Provincial Government to harmonize the sales tax in hotels from 5 percent to 8 percent and ensure that the 3 percent difference is dedicated to Tourism Toronto;"
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- (h) (April 10, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on the status of funding partnerships for the pro-active apartment common area inspection programme; advising that contact has been initiated at both the federal and provincial levels in respect to availability of funding for this programme; that staff will report on the outcome and the impact on the nature and scope of the programme, as soon as information is available; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (i) (April 10, 2000) from Ms. Marion Joppe, Ph.D., Chair, Heritage Toronto, requesting on behalf of Heritage Toronto a further \$50,400.00 in the year 2000 "pressure" funding for its fundraising function as prescribed in By-law 794-1999;
- (j) (April 17, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Providing details of the request for funding to sustain the Integrated Plant Health Care program in the year 2000, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting of April 14, 2000; advising that the Parks and Recreation Division has achieved significant reductions in pesticide usage in 1999 and, in order to sustain the success of the IPHC program, additional resources are required; that with the serious corporate constraints and other budget pressures which the department faced, this funding was not recommended in 2000; that some items within the \$ 350,000 funding component can be deferred, but a remaining \$ 175,000 is required if implementation of the program is to be continued; that there will be a further impact for annualization of staff

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costs in 2001; and recommending that this report be received for consideration with the 2000 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Division.

- (k) (April 17, 2000) from the Public Affairs Advisor, Humane Society, respecting the report on the Toronto Humane Society (THS) contract and the issue of the renewal of the contract; and advising that the THS is in complete agreement with the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Administrative Officer that the City of Toronto extend its current contract with the THS to December 31, 2000;
- (l) (April 13, 2000) from the Chair, Heritage Toronto, Requesting additional funding for Heritage Toronto's work of fundraising on behalf of heritage activities that did not receive support of the Budget Advisory Committee.
- (m) (April 17, 2000) from the President, CUPE Local 79, forwarding comments respecting the City of Toronto's 2000 Operating Budget; and urging the Committee to reinvest in front-line staffing and service levels and once again make Toronto a liveable City.
- (n) (April 13, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Outlining the status of the cost sharing request for transitional funding for the York Before and After School Program made to the Toronto District Board of Education and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on April 12, 2000; and recommending that this report be received for information; and
- (o) (Undated) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union, Local 416, attaching copies of correspondence and deputations provided to the Budget Advisory Committee regarding the 2000 Operating Budget; and forwarding comments respecting specific concerns relating to the Transportation Department; Parks and Recreation; Fleet Management Services and Alternate Service Delivery.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Medical Officer of Health; Fire Chief; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief General Manager, Toronto Zoo; Councillor Tom Jakobek; c. All Interested Parties. – April 18, 2000)

(Clause No. 1 – Report No. 5)
(Clause No. 1(a) – Report No. 6)

4-2. City Lands Compensation Agreement with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Ltd.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following reports:

- (i) (April 10, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer seeking Council instructions on whether or not to exercise the Buyout Amount option in the City Lands Compensation Agreement (CLCA) with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Ltd. (MLSEL); advising that if Council elects to exercise the Buyout Amount option in the CLCA, the City will receive a lump sum payment of approximately \$4,194,000 and as a consequence of such election the City will no longer have use of the Executive Suite, two Platinum Seats (for Toronto Maple Leafs home games) and the use of two Stadium Days at the Air Canada Centre or Maple Leaf Gardens; and recommending that Council make a determination as to whether or not it wishes to exercise the Buyout Amount Option provided for in the City Lands Compensation Agreement; and
- (ii) (April 17, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer advising that Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Ltd. has elected to exercise its right to pay the Buyout Amount to the City in accordance with the terms of the City Lands Compensation Agreement and thereby terminate said agreement; that the City will receive approximately \$4,194,000 from MLSEL and will no longer have use of the Executive Suite, two Platinum Seats and two Stadium Days at the Air Canada Centre or Maple Leaf Gardens; and recommending that this report, together with the report (April 10, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting this matter be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Policy and Finance Committee concurred with the recommendation embodied in the report (April 17, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer that this matter be received for information, having regard that Council instructions are no longer required given that Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Ltd (MLSEL) has elected to pay the Buyout Amount to the City and effectively terminate the City Lands Compensation Agreement (CLCA).

(Clause No. 9(b) – Report No. 6)

4-3. Ashkenaz Festival Eligibility for Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) Funding

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism advising that the new Economic Development Sectors Initiative Program was conceived as a tool to enhance the Economic Development Division's ability to support initiatives such as Ashkenaz, which are in line with our priority strategic sectors; that Program revisions were implemented to ensure that the program is delivered in the most effective and equitable manner; Project support is limited to 3 years in order to allow funds to be made available to stimulate new initiatives; that Staff will continue to work with the organizers of the Ashkenaz Festival in support of their endeavours and will be pleased to consider all options available to them; that insofar as the Ashkenaz Festival is held once every two years, the grant reduction schedule through EDSIP will be applied accordingly; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report for information.

(Clause No. 9(c) – Report No. 6)

4-4. FY2000 Cash Flow Adjustments to the Capital Works Program

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 17, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee on April 17, 2000, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the report (May 28, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism respecting the FY2000 Cash Flow Adjustments to the Capital Works Program, subject to deleting the following Recommendation No. (2).

“(2) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration.”

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Economic Development and Parks Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (April 17, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 4 – Report No. 6)

**4-5. Ontario Good Roads Association –
Task Force on Utilities Using
Municipal Rights-Of-Way.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 10, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Telecommunications Steering Committee on March 30, 2000, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (March 17, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled “Ontario Good Roads Association Task Force on Utilities Using Municipal Rights-of-Way”, subject to adding thereto the following additional recommendation:

- “(4) the City of Toronto suggests to the Ontario Good Roads Association that it review the telecommunications policies of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.”

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Telecommunications Steering Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (April 10, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 5 – Report No. 6)

**4-6. Toronto Housing Company –
Revenue From License Agreements.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 10, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Telecommunications Steering Committee on March 30, 2000:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that a standard criterion be added to Calls for Bids, Proposals, Tenders or any other type of business arrangement respecting telecommunications-related goods or services or construction, occupancy or use of City Rights-of-Way, other property or infrastructure issued by City Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, special purpose bodies or business corporations owned or controlled by the City to state that Bids, Proposals, Tenders or other business arrangements involving telecommunications organizations will not be accepted unless the telecommunications organization has entered into a Municipal Access Agreement (or equivalent in the opinion of the City) with the City of Toronto;
- (2) requested the Chair of the Telecommunications Steering Committee and the appropriate City staff to meet with the Chair and staff of the Toronto Housing Company to discuss this matter; and

- (3) requested the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Telecommunications Steering Committee, to report to the Policy and Finance Committee or directly to Council on this matter.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Telecommunications Steering Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (April 10, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 6 – Report No. 6)

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Policy and Finance Committee met privately to give consideration to the following Item No.4-7, having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

4-7. Woodbine Racetrack Slot Machines and Financial Impacts (Ward 5 – Rexdale Thistletown).

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following confidential reports having regard that the subject matter being considered relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board:

- (i) (March 31, 2000) joint report from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting Woodbine Racetrack Slot Machines, and
- (ii) (April 5, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting Financial Impacts of the Operation of Slot Machines at the Woodbine Racetrack (Ward 5 – Rexdale Thistletown).

The Policy and Finance Committee submitted the foregoing reports to Council, without recommendation, and further directed that, in accordance with the Municipal Act, discussions pertaining to the aforementioned confidential reports be held in camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality.

(Clause No. 1 – Report No. 6)

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Policy and Finance Committee met privately to give consideration to the following Item No.4-8, having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

4-8. Toronto Transit Commission – Spurious Media Fare.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a confidential communication (April 7, 2000) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, submitting a confidential report respecting the Toronto Transit Commission Spurious Media Fare, having regard that the subject matter being considered relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee contained in the confidential communication (April 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, entitled “Toronto Transit Commission – Spurious Media Fare”, which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover; and further that, in accordance with the Municipal Act, discussions pertaining to the aforementioned confidential communication be held in camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality.

(City Council; c. Councillor Howard Moscoe, Chair, Toronto Transit Commission; Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission – Confidential – April 25, 2000)

(Clause No. 2 – Report No. 6)

The Policy and Finance Committee convened in public session.

4-9. Amendment to the Investment Powers of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Foundation.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 12, 2000) from the City Clerk recommending that:

- (1) Council request the Province of Ontario to pass legislation amending the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Act, 1992, as follows:

“Paragraph 15(1)4 of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Act, 1992 be amended to permit the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Foundation to invest and reinvest its funds in such investments as are permitted under the provisions of Sections 27 to 34 of the Trustee Act, as recently amended (the “prudent investor” provisions).”; and

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- (2) the City Solicitor, in consultation with the solicitor to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Foundation and legislative counsel, be requested to determine the actual wording of the amendment;

and advising that due to time constraints, this report is being forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its April 18th meeting, and will be sent to a meeting of the Board of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Foundation to take place on Friday, April 14, 2000, at which time the Board will be requested to ratify this action.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations embodied in the foregoing communication (April 12, 2000) from the City Clerk respecting an amendment to the Investment Powers of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Foundation.

(Clause No. 8 – Report No. 6)

**4-10. Toronto Transit Commission
Olympic Needs (80 Subway Cars).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 6, 2000) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, considered a report entitled, "TTC Olympic Needs (80 Subway Cars)" and that the Commission:

- (A) adopted the Recommendation contained in the report and approved the following additional motion:

"That the Toronto Transit Commission reiterate its position to the Mayor and Council that a minimum order of 80 subway cars is necessary to meet growth in ridership, accessibility goals and future Olympic requirements; and further, and most importantly, the critical timing of the June 5, 2000 deadline for adding subway cars to the current order; and, therefore Council indicate its position in this regard; and further that this motion and report be forwarded to the City Policy and Finance Committee for consideration on April 18, 2000 with a request that the Committee forward this matter on to City Council for consideration at its meeting on May 9, 2000."; and

- (B) also approved the following:

- (1) that the Chair be requested to meet with the Mayor's Office, as soon as possible, to provide an in-depth briefing with respect to this matter, and further that they be requested to seek funding from senior levels of government for this purchase; and

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- (2) that the Chair and senior staff be requested to meet with the Chair of TO-Bid Corporation and other appropriate officials to discuss this matter; and
- (C) forwarded the foregoing action to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on April 18, 2000, and subsequently to City Council at its meeting on May 9, 2000, in order that a decision on this matter can be reached prior to the June 5, 2000, deadline.

The Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communication to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for a report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Councillor Howard Moscoe, Chair, Toronto Transit Commission; Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission – April 25, 2000)

(Clause No. 9(d) – Report No. 6)

4-11. Water and Wastewater Program.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 14, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Advisory Committee on April 14, 2000, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the report (April 3, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled “Water and Wastewater 2000 Preliminary Operating Budget”, providing an analysis of the 2000 Operating Budget submission for the Water and Wastewater Program; also providing a summary of budget highlights, outstanding issues, be adopted;
- (2) the report (April 3, 2000) from the Chief Administrative Officer, entitled “Water and Wastewater Program – 2000-2004 Recommended Capital Program”, presenting the 2000-2004 Capital Program for Water and Wastewater, providing an overview of significant issues requiring capital expenditures, as to the two programs continue to integrate operations throughout the newly amalgamated City, be adopted;
- (3) the report (March 29, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Financing the 2000 Water and Wastewater Capital and Operating Budgets”, recommending the financing of the 2000 Operating and 2000-2004 Capital Program of the Water and Wastewater Program, be adopted; and

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- (4) the report ((March 9, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled “Proposal to Implement a Business Plan Review and Business Process Reengineering of the District Operations of the Water and Wastewater Services Division – District Operations and Service Improvements”, respecting a proposed program of District Operations and Service Improvements, be adopted.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Advisory Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (April 14, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 2 – Report No. 5)
(Clause No. 9(e) – Report No. 6)

4-12. PATH Walkway System (Downtown).

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (April 17, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee on April 17, 2000) recommended 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, entitled “PATH Walkway System – Downtown”, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) Recommendation No. (2) be amended to provide that the comprehensive financing and implementation plan include the potential for licensing fees; and
- (2) Recommendation No. (3) be amended to delete “October 2, 2001” and insert in lieu thereof “October 2, 2002”, and add after such date “negotiable bi-annually thereafter”, so that the Recommendation would now read as follows:
- “(3) subject to Promotions Link Inc. complying with Recommendation No. (2), that Clause No. (2) of The Economic Development 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;”.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Economic Development and Parks Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (April 17, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 3 – Report No. 6)

4-13. Benchmark of an Average Monthly Social Assistance Caseload for Contribution to the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a joint report (March 31, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt a benchmark of an average monthly social assistance caseload of 77,000 so that any year-end surplus/deficit of actual expenditures relative to the benchmark be contributed to/withdrawn from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund;
- (2) the benchmark level and the amount of direct contribution to the reserve fund be reviewed and reported to Council as part of the 2001 Operating Budget; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing joint report.

(Clause No. 3 – Report No. 5)
(Clause No. 9(f) – Report No. 6)

4-14. Retention of Financial Advisor for the Investigation of Feasible Alternative Financing Methods for Toronto Transit Commission Subway Cars.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 18, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer seeking approval for the retention of the Financial Advisor for the purpose of investigating feasible alternative financing methods to be used for a previously approved \$851 million program for the acquisition of TTC subway cars; and recommending that:

- (1) the City be authorized to enter into an agreement with Macquarie North America Ltd., the Proponent with the highest overall evaluated score as determined by the evaluation team, for the purposes of investigating feasible alternative financing options that may be implemented for the financing of the Toronto Transit Commission subway cars program. The associated cost of this investigation phase of the project will be an all-inclusive maximum of \$200,000.00;
- (2) subject to Council subsequently approving entering into an alternative financing arrangement that may result from the investigation phase, Macquarie North America Ltd., be employed to execute such a transaction, at a cost not to exceed \$1 million. Such funding will be netted against the proceeds of the transaction; and
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the City be authorized to negotiate and execute the agreement.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 7 – Report No. 6)

4-15. Annual Sinking Fund Levies For 2000.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 17, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer requesting Council's approval of the payment of the annual sinking fund levies for 2000 in order to fulfil the legislative requirements of the City of Toronto Act (No. 2) and the Municipal Act; and recommending that:

- (1) the 2000 sinking fund levies, as detailed in this report, be approved;
- (2) no reduction of sinking fund deposits be approved for 2000; and

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- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to include in the Sinking Fund annual report to the Policy and Finance Committee, a description of the Sinking Fund, including activities of the fund, a five to ten year projection on fund returns, and the forecast of surplus monies to be applied to the Capital Financing Reserve Fund.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 4 – Report No. 5)
(Clause No. 9(g) – Report No. 6)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Chair.