

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2001 **Enquiry: Betty Henderson**

Time: 10:30 a.m. Administrator **Location:**

Committee Room 2 392-8088 **City Hall** bhender1@city.toronto.on.ca

100 Queen Street West

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

REVISED - PROJECT FUNDING APPROVAL: FORTY-FOOT 1. LOW-FLOOR DIESEL BUS PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

(DEFERRED FROM THE OCTOBER 18, 2001 MEETING)

Source: General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

(September 26, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting held on September 25, 2001, gave consideration to the report (September 25, 2001), entitled "Revised - Project Funding Approval: Forty-Foot Low-Floor Diesel Bus Procurement Program", and approved, among other things, the following recommendation:

"(4) Approve funds, subject to Council of the City of Toronto approval, in the total estimated upset limit amount of \$119M, which includes an adjustment for the GST rebate, in-house engineering and administrative costs, in-plant and receiving inspections, preparation for service, travelling expenses to the manufacturing facilities, and an allowance for contract changes for the purchase of 220 forty-foot low-floor diesel buses, to cover bus deliveries for the years 2003 and 2004;":

and further requested that City Council approve project funding as detailed therein.

2. TORONTO POLICE SERVICE 2001 OPERATING BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT - MAY 31, 2001

(DEFERRED FROM THE OCTOBER 18, 2001 MEETING)

Source: <u>City Clerk</u>

(September 20, 2001)

Advising that the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting held on September 20, 2001, referred the communication (August 7, 2001) from the Vice Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, entitled "Toronto Police Service 2001 Operating Budget Variance Report - May 31, 2001", to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

3. SEPTEMBER 2001 OPERATING VARIANCE REPORT

Source: <u>Acting Chief Financial Officer</u>

(November 16, 2001)

Providing a summary of gross and net expenditure of the City of Toronto for the nine months of operation ended September 30, 2001, and projections of net expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) the operating variance report for the period ending September 2001 be received for information;
- (2) the corporate United Way budget of \$58,242.00 be transferred from Service Improvement and Innovation of Corporate Services to Non-Program Expenditures (Other Corporate Expenditures);
- (3) \$800,000.00 be transferred from the Non-Program budget to Facilities and Real Estate to offset the \$800,000.00 revenue loss associated with the transfer in 2001 of Casa Loma revenues to Reserve Account (Culture);
- (4) the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be requested to report back during the 2002 budget process on a strategy to address pressures resulting from the sale or reassignment of City properties for which Facilities and Real Estate was the corporate custodian;
- (5) the Chair, Board of Directors, Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts along with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, be requested to report back to the Policy and Finance Committee on the financial implications of the projected potential OMERS liabilities;
- (6) all Departments and Special Purpose Bodies be requested to curtail their discretionary spending until the 2002 budget is approved; and

(7) the September 2001 Operating Variance report be forwarded to the next meeting of the Audit Committee.

4. HARMONIZATION OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES (ALL WARDS)

Source: <u>City Clerk</u>

(October 25, 2001)

Advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on October 25, 2001, referred the communication (October 23, 2001) from the City Clerk respecting Harmonization of Business Improvement Area Practices and Procedures, to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee.

5. INSURANCE RESERVE FUND ADEQUACY

Source: <u>Acting Chief Financial Officer</u>

(November 7, 2001)

Updating the adequacy of the Insurance Reserve Fund, highlighting insurance cost and funding pressures; developing a funding strategy to alleviate depletion of the Fund through cost reductions and increased funding; and recommending that:

- (1) contributions to the Insurance Reserve Fund be increased by \$4 million in 2002 and consideration be given to a further \$5 million in 2003 and a further \$5 million in 2004; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.