
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date of Meeting:	September 14, 2001	Enquiry: Betty Henderson
Time:	9:30 a.m.	Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1	392-8088
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	100 Queen Street West	

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- 9:45 a.m. Winners of the City-wide Garden Contest
(Item No. 1)
- 10:05 a.m. Economic Importance of Culture to Toronto
(Item No. 2)
- 10:15 a.m. 2001 Youth Action Plan
(Item No. 4)
- 10:25 a.m. Economic Development Strategy – Implementation Status
Staff Presentation (Item No. 5)

Deputation List to be distributed at meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

1. **TORONTO GARDEN COMPETITION** (*PRESENTATION ITEM*)

(No Written Material)

2. ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE TO TORONTO
(PRESENTATION ITEM)

- Ms. Kelly O'Brien, Arthur Anderson LLP
- Mr. Ron Bidulka, Arthur Anderson LLP

(No Written Material)

3. FESTIVALS AND EVENTS HELD ALONG TORONTO'S WATERFRONT IN FORMER ETOBICOKE AND SCARBOROUGH
(Various Wards)

(DEFERRED FROM THE JULY 9, 2001 MEETING)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(June 18, 2001)

Reporting, as requested by City Council, on special events that can be sponsored along the waterfront in the areas of the City of Toronto formerly known as the Cities of Etobicoke and Scarborough; and recommending that this report be received for information.

4. 2001 YOUTH ACTION PLAN

(DEPUTATION ITEM)

Source: Councillor Olivia Chow, Youth Advocate
(September 5, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Youth Cabinet and the Parks and Recreation Division submitted a list of youth programs for consideration during the 2001 budget deliberations; that while the Economic Development and Parks Committee supported these initiatives, the Budget Advisory Committee and Council did not provide funding in the 2001 Operating Budget; and requesting that funding be provided in the 2002 Operating Budget.

4(a). Source: Councillor Maria Augimeri, Ward 9 York Centre
(September 6, 2001)

Forwarding requests from the Building Hope Coalition that the Economic Development and Parks Committee give consideration to:

- (a) support for the 2001 Youth Program Expansion Proposal for the 2001 Action Plan Report City Wide; and

- (b) funding for skills-related programs, The “Two-Wheel Drive” Program, presently run under the supervision of the Economic Development Division.

**5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY -
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS**

(All Wards)

(PRESENTATION ITEM)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 23, 2001)

Providing an update on progress made and proposed future actions to implement the Economic Development Strategy adopted by City Council in August 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse the mandate for the Toronto 1st Partnership which is to advance the strategic directions articulated in the City’s Economic Development Strategy; mobilize Toronto’s issues with senior levels of government; represent Toronto businesses to international investment interests; act as a focus for renewing a sense of civic pride; and act as an advisory group to the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back on the membership of the Toronto 1st Partnership and on further progress made to advance the strategic directions and key priorities identified in the Economic Development Strategy; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE USE OF
PARKLAND DEDICATION CREDITS**

(All Wards)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 21, 2001)

Reviewing and analyzing the possible use of parkland dedication credits, including the exchange of parkland dedication credits across the City; and recommending that parkland dedication credits not be used in the City.

**7. ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS - MUSEUMS,
CAMPBELL HOUSE AND TORONTO'S FIRST POST OFFICE**
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina and Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 24, 2001)

Providing grant allocation recommendations for Campbell House and Toronto's First Post Office; and recommending that:

- (1) Campbell House be awarded a grant of \$35,000.00 to be applied to their 2001 operating budget;
- (2) Toronto's First Post Office be awarded a grant of \$27,000.00 to be applied to their 2001 operating year; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. SUPPORT FOR CANADA'S OLYMPIANS

Source: Acting City Clerk
(August 1, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting of July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:

"WHEREAS Council had committed itself to a bid to host the 2008 games at an estimated cost of over 2 billion dollars for the construction of facilities and infrastructure, and considering the amount needed by Toronto's athletes to adequately support their personal best endeavours is very small in comparison; and

WHEREAS Canada's Olympians have invested a great deal of personal sacrifice to bring honour to Canada, and they have increasingly become discouraged by the minimal financial support given them by the federal government for, amongst other things: practice facilities, travel, and accommodation expenses, during both Olympic events and in between Olympic events; and

WHEREAS despite being unsuccessful in our bid to host the 2008 Olympics, Toronto can still make a significant contribution to the 2008 Olympic Games by making a tangible investment in our athletes and ensuring that they receive the kind of support they require and deserve in preparation for the 2008 Games; and

WHEREAS our athletes are disappointed that their commitment and personal sacrifice is not being adequately recognized by our government at all levels, that it is incumbent on Toronto (the largest municipality in Canada and a bidder for the 2008 Olympic Games), to provide leadership in the provision of supplementary financial support to that being provided; and

WHEREAS Toronto's support can only be extended to its own athletes, due to budget constraints arising from provincial downloading etc, and that Toronto's tax base is dependent solely on the assessment of real property; and

WHEREAS this motion was introduced in October 2000 during the previous term of Council and despite our pending bid for the 2008 Olympics was not acted on by City Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council adopt principles for the creation of the 'Toronto Olympic Athletes' Assistance Program' as follows:

- (1) immediately commit to an initial yearly funding of 50 cents per capita;
- (2) lobby the federal and provincial levels of government to provide funds in addition to that currently provided, at some multiple of Toronto's contribution of 50 cents per capita;
- (3) create a new Committee of Council to further develop Toronto's commitment to its athletes; the Committee's mandate will include:
 - (a) investigate examples of the difficulties and financial shortfalls experienced by our athletes in the Sydney and previous Olympic Games;
 - (b) the appropriate level of ongoing funds;
 - (c) the most cost effective manner in which financial support can be delivered to our athletes; and
 - (d) to convey Council's position and challenge other municipalities across Canada to introduce, encourage and facilitate expansion of financial support to Olympians from all parts of Canada."

**9. STATUS REPORT - TRANSFER OF HERITAGE
TORONTO'S BUDGET TO CONSOLIDATED GRANTS
(All Wards)**

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 22, 2001)

Providing a status report on the potential transfer of Heritage Toronto's budget from the Economic Development and Parks Department to Consolidated Grants; and recommending that this report be received for information.

10. VEHICLE FERRY SERVICES TO THE TORONTO ISLANDS
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 23, 2001)

Reporting, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on April 6, 2001, on the provision of vehicle ferry services to the Toronto Islands; and recommending that this report be received for information.

11. STATUS REPORT - REDUCING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IN FACILITIES AND PARKS
(All Wards)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 21, 2001)

Providing a status report on the reduction of the preventative maintenance program in facilities and reducing preventative maintenance in parks; and recommending that this report be received for information.

12. STATUS REPORT - HARMONIZATION OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES
(All Wards)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 22, 2001)

Advising that the report on the proposed harmonization of Business Improvement Area practices and procedures, originally targeted for the September meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, will be submitted for consideration at the October 22, 2001 meeting.

13. FEASIBILITY OF PROHIBITING DAYTIME DELIVERIES IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina and Wards 27 and 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

Source: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
(August 22, 2001)

Reviewing the potential impact of requiring that all commercial deliveries in the core area of the City be made overnight during off-peak hours; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**14. CITY OF TORONTO ARTS AND
CULTURE GRANTS JANUARY TO JUNE 2001**

Source: Mr. Kim Komczak, President,
Toronto Arts Council
(July 2001)

Forwarding for information, a report on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants covering the first six months in 2001 (January 1 to June 30), describing the economic impact of the City's financial investment in the arts community and the impressive array of new work, creativity and community animation that resulted.