

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

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

**Meeting No. 4**

**Friday, February 16, 2001,  
Monday, February 26, 2001,  
and Friday, March 2, 2001.**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on:

- (1) Friday, February 16, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:41 a.m.;
- (2) Monday, February 26, 2001, commencing at 9:40 a.m.; and
- (3) Friday, March 2, 2001, commencing at 1:15 p.m.

in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto.

Attendance

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

	Fri., February 16, 2001 9:41 a.m. to 12:29 p.m. 1:40 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.	Monday, February 26, 2001 9:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2:12 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.	Friday, March 2, 2001 1:15 p.m. to 4:43 p.m.
Councillor Michael Feldman, Chair	X	X	X
Councillor Chris Korwin- Kuczynski, Vice Chair	X	X	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X	X
Councillor John Filion	X	X	X
Councillor George Mammoliti	X	X	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	X	X	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X	X	X

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Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	Councillor Peter Milczyn
Councillor Olivia Chow	Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Brad Duguid	Councillor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Joanne Flint	Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Irene Jones	

#### 4.1 2001 Capital Program and 2001 Operating Budget

The Economic Development and Parks Committee received an overview presentation by the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and relevant staff, respecting the 2001 Capital and Operating Budget of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department; and began its deliberation of the 2001 Capital Program and the 2001 Operating Budget for the following programs:

Culture	-	Capital and Operating;
Customer and Business Support	-	Operating;
Economic Development	-	Capital and Operating;
Parks and Recreation	-	Capital and Operating;
Special Events	-	Operating; and
World Youth Day	-	Operating.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it during consideration of the foregoing matter the following reports and communications, copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk:

- (a) (February 14, 2001) from Mr. James Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer, The Wellesley Central Health Corporation, requesting immediate construction of the community centre at Wellesley and Sherbourne, with full restoration of the previously established budget;
- (b) (February 15, 2001) from Mr. Paul O'Connor, Russell A. Farrow Limited, on behalf of the Management Board of Montgomery's Inn, submitting seven communications in support of maintaining funding for the Inn;

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- (c) (February 15, 2001) from Mr. James Robinson, BIA Co-ordinator, Downtown Yonge Street Business and Resident Association, Inc., seeking grant approval for the establishment of the proposed Business Improvement Areas for Downtown Yonge Street and continuance of the Commercial Facade Improvement grant in the Downtown Yonge area;
- (d) (February 15, 2001) from Councillor Betty Disero, Ward 17 Davenport, requesting the City to match funding for Corso Italia BIA for Capital Improvement - tree lighting project;
- (e) Communication was withdrawn;
- (f) (February 19, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on the results of the fundraising and development initiative by Heritage Toronto in 2000; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (g) (February 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the impact of reducing funding for registration staff by \$400,000.00 in the 2001 Operating Budget; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (h) (February 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing alternate budget savings and revenue enhancements for 2001 in order to offset the requirement for facility and program reductions; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (i) (February 23, 2001) from Ms. Peggy Kurtin, Past-President, Cabbagetown Preservation Association, in opposition to relocating the large animals of the Riverdale Farm during the winter months;
- (j) (February 23, 2001) from Ms. Ruth Walmsley, Resident, in opposition to cutting back funding for the Riverdale Farm;
- (k) (February 19, 2001) from Ms. Teresa To, Member, The Homewood Neighbourhood Residents Association, in opposition to funding being cut for the construction of the St. Jamestown Community Centre and requesting that the construction of the centre be resumed as soon as possible;
- (l) (February 22, 2001) from Mr. Michael Perley, Resident, in opposition to closing the Riverdale Farm during the winter months;
- (m) (February 23, 2001) from Ms. Jane Anderson, Resident, in opposition to removing the animals from Riverdale Farm during the winter;

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- (n) (February 23, 2001) from Ms. Patricia Milne, Resident, in opposition to funding cuts to Riverdale Farm;
- (o) (February 15, 2001) from Ms. Linda Lising, Chair, 666 Ontario St. Tenants' Association; in support of building the St. Jamestown Community Centre;
- (p) (February 25, 2001) from Dr. Rosemary Meier, Vice-President, Board of Directors, Vasantham, requesting that funding be restored for 2001 for the construction of the St. Jamestown Community Centre;
- (q) (February 19, 2001) from Ms. Wendy J. Hughes, Resident, in support of maintaining funding for the City's community centres;
- (r) (February 26, 2001) from Mr. Gerald Smith, Chair, The Assembly Hall Advisory Committee, in support of maintaining funding for the Lakeshore Assembly Hall;
- (s) (February 23, 2001) from Ms. Michelle M. Lavigne, KiiA Architecture Inc., in opposition to funding cuts to Riverdale Farm;
- (t) (February 23, 2001) from Mr. John and Ms. Judy Court, Residents, in opposition to funding cuts to Riverdale Farm;
- (u) (February 25, 2001) from Mr. Jonathan Forbes, Resident, in opposition to funding cuts to Riverdale Farm;
- (v) (February 27, 2001) from Mayor Mel Lastman, forwarding a cost-saving proposal for Riverdale Farm which will reduce the budget shortfall by \$86,000.00;
- (w) (February 27, 2001) from Mr. Ron Fletcher, Chair, Queen-Broadview Village BIA, requesting that cuts to the facade program be based on community impact;
- (x) (February 28, 2001) from Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32 Beaches-East York, recommending that the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department establish a City of Toronto lottery, called "Toronto Wins!", to generate revenues to support recreational and youth programming throughout the City;
- (y) (February 28, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones, Ward 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore, requesting the reinstatement of the Commercial Façade Program in this year's budget;
- (z) (February 28, 2001) from Mr. John Graham, Project Coordinator, South Etobicoke Regeneration Project, requesting 2001 Capital funding for South Etobicoke's Commercial Façade Program in the amount of \$60,000.00;

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- (aa) (March 1, 2001) from Mr. Henry Calderon, Project Director, West Toronto Junction Team, respecting the Commercial Façade Program, and advising that City Council on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000 passed By-law No. 843-2000 designating lands in the Dundas Street West Junction/Malta Village as a Community Improvement Project Area;
- (bb) (March 1, 2001) from Karin Eaton, Executive Director, Scarborough Arts Council, President, Mural Routes and Co-chair, Toronto Community Arts Alliance, respecting the eliminating of \$25,000.00 budget for the 2001 Banner and Mural Program;
- (cc) (March 2, 2001) from Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32 Beaches-East York, forwarding a motion to direct staff to report to the next meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the feasibility and process of establishing a public lottery for the purpose of supplementing the financing of the City of Toronto's public recreation system; and
- (dd) (March 2, 2001) from Mr. Bill Guthrie, Vice President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, expressing concerns regarding Parks and Recreation budget cuts.
- (ee) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk, forwarding the recommendations contained in the report, entitled "Toronto Youth Cabinet City of Toronto Operating Budget Recommendations for 2001", and a report (February 2001) from Ms. Michele Papas and Mr. Mike Foderick, Youth Cabinet, Executive Committee Members, entitled "Youth Employment Initiative Proposal";
- (ff) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk, forwarding the recommendations from the Joint report (undated) from the Chair of the Policy Subcommittee and the Children and Youth Advocate, entitled "Children's Action Plan 2001", and a report (February 5, 2001) from the Report Card Working Group, entitled "Toronto Report Card on Children Update 2000";
- (gg) (February 1, 2001) from Ms. Jessica Mendes, Project Coordinator, Junction Gardens BIA, advising that the Junction Gardens BIA is in support of the \$105,000.00 requested by the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program; and further requesting approval of \$630,000.00 for employment revitalization and \$40,000.00 for the installation of a proper streetscape tree lighting system in connection with the economic revitalization in the Junction area;
- (hh) (February 1, 2001) from Mr. Victor Latchman, Owner, Taylors Shoes and Past Chairman, Junction Gardens BIA, strongly supporting the capital budget proposal for the streetscape improvements for the West Toronto Junction;

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- (ii) (February 2, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79, requesting the Economic Development and Parks Committee to schedule deputations for its meeting on February 26, 2001; and
  
- (jj) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk advising the Children and Youth Action Committee at its meeting held on February 6, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Toronto Public Library Board and the Board of Health that:
  - (1) the recommendations contained in the report, entitled “Toronto Youth Cabinet City of Toronto Operating Budget Recommendations for 2001”, of the CYAC Youth Action Plan be adopted; and
  - (2) the report (February 2001) from Ms. Michele Papas and Mr. Mike Foderick, Youth Cabinet, Executive Committee Members, entitled “Youth Employment Initiative Proposal”, be received for information;
  
- (kk) (February 7, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Children and Youth Action Committee on February 6, 2001, recommended to the Community Services Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Toronto Public Library Board and the Board of Health that:
  - (1) the recommendations from the joint report (undated) from the Chair of the Policy Subcommittee and the Children and Youth Advocate, entitled “Children’s Action Plan 2001” be adopted; and
  - (2) the report (February 5, 2001) from the Report Card Working Group, entitled “Toronto Report Card on Children Update 2000”, be received for information;
  
- (ll) (February 1, 2001) from Ms. Jessica Mendes, Project Coordinator, Junction Gardens BIA, advising that the Junction Gardens BIA is in support of the \$105,000.00 requested by the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program; and further requesting approval of \$630,000.00 for employment revitalization and \$40,000.00 for the installation of a proper streetscape tree lighting system in connection with the economic revitalization in the Junction area;
  
- (mm) (February 1, 2001) from Mr. Victor Latchman, Owner, Taylors Shoes, and Past Chairman, Junction Gardens BIA, in support of the capital budget proposal for the streetscape improvements for the West Toronto Junction;

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- (nn) (February 1, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79, requesting the Economic Development and Parks Committee to schedule deputations for its meeting on February 26, 2001;
- (oo) (February 1, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore-Queensway, advising that the Alderwood Co-operative Nursery School will be fundraising this season to provide new play equipment, and requesting the City to set aside \$10,000.00 for playground equipment for Delma Park under the Parks Renovations Program.

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

- Mr. George Smitherman, MPP, Toronto Centre Rosedale;
- Ms. Elyse Allan, President, Toronto Board of Trade, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Ms. Judith Andrew, Vice President, The Canadian Federation of Independent Business, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Ms. Joan Miles on behalf of the Friends of Dufferin Grove Park;
- Mr. Henry Calderon, Project Director, West Toronto Junction Team Incorporated, and filed a submission;
- Mr. Tom Flannery, Malta Village Business Association;
- Ms. Vera Bobson, Junction BIA;
- Mr. Paul O'Connor, Management Board, Montgomery Inn;
- Mr. Ron Fletcher, Chair, Queen Broadview Village BIA;
- Mr. Robert Eisenberg, Liberty Village BIA, and filed a submission;
- Mr. Rodger Todhunter, Liberty Village BIA;
- Mr. Chris Kawalec, Liberty Village BIA;
- Ms. Bronwyn Fitz-James, Wabash Community Recreation Centre Working Group;
- Mr. James L. Robinson, BIA Co-ordinator, Yonge Street Business and Resident Association;
- Mr. Jim McMillan, Resident;
- Mr. Larry Lewis, CELOS;
- Mr. Ken Little, St. James Town Community;
- Ms. Gloria Etorma, St. James Town Community;
- Ms. Lee Persolja, St. James Town Community;
- Ms. Margaret Coshan, St. James Town Community;
- Mr. Richard Majkot, Executive Director, COTAPSAI;
- Mr. Raji Sivasubramaniam, St. James Town Community;
- Mr. Dave Johnston, St. James Town Community;
- Ms. Donna McAuley, St. James Town Community;
- Mr. Claus Schirmer, St. James Town Community;
- Ms. Brenda Rogers, on behalf of Mr. Paul Tucker, St. James Town Community;
- Mr. Ken Amoroso, Membership Secretary, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79;

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- Ms. Anne Dubas, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79;
- Dr. Marion Joppe, Heritage Toronto;
- Mr. Mark Tingle, Scarborough Village Theatre, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. John Wang, NDP Riding Association for Toronto Centre Rosedale;
- Mr. Graham Mudge, St. James Town Community;
- Mr. Chris Hallett, St. James Town Community;
- Mr. Mike Foderick, Chair of the Budget Work Group, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Ms. Isidora Bozickovic, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Mr. Owen Dobson-Smith, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Ms. Lily Leung, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Mr. Kehinde Bah, Vice Chair, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Mr. Joe Gill, Chair, Friends of Fort York;
- Mr. Dennis Rider, Kennedy Road BIA;
- Mr. John Graham, Co-ordinator, South Etobicoke Regeneration Project;
- Ms. Diane Parsons, St. James Town Community;
- Ms. Evelyn Garret, St. James Town Community; and
- Most Reverend Frederick Dunleavy, St. James Town Community.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for its meeting of February 26, 2001:

- (a) providing alternate budget savings and revenue enhancements for 2001 in order to offset the requirement for facility and program reductions as presented to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on February 16, 2001; and
- (b) on the reduction of funding for Registration Staff in the amount of \$400,000.00 under the auspices of the Customer and Business Support Program.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recessed its meeting at 4:55 p.m.

**Monday, February 26, 2001.**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reconvened its meeting on Monday, February 26, 2001, at 9:40 a.m.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee continued its review of the 2001 Capital Program and 2001 Operating Budget of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department.



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The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) the adoption of the 2001 Capital Program for the following Divisions:

Culture Division:

As presented, subject to the following:

A. Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that:

- (1) the Maintenance of Outdoor Public Art Program be reduced by 30 percent to \$124,500.00 in 2001 only; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee providing a prioritized list of the effect of the 30 percent reduction in the Public Arts Maintenance Program.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) the Market Gallery refurbishment and rehabilitation project be deferred to 2002;
- (2) the Restoration of the Morrish Store be reduced to \$175,000.00 in 2001 and the balance of \$75,000.00 be deferred for inclusion in the 2002 submission;
- (3) the Todmorden Mills Papermill Retrofit Project be reduced to \$233,000.00 with the remaining \$233,000.00 being deferred for consideration in 2002;
- (4) the Conservation and Collection Program be reduced by 50 percent to \$52,500.00; and the balance of \$52,500.00 be deferred to 2002; and
- (5) the Fort York Restoration Project be reduced to \$127,500.00 in 2001 and \$127,500.00 in 2002.

**(Carried)**

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Economic Development Division:

As presented, subject to the following:

- A. Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that the BIA Streetscape Improvement Program be reduced by \$100,000.00.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Feldman appointed Councillor Minnan-Wong Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Feldman moved that:

- (1) the Employment Area Revitalization Program be reduced by \$100,000.00; and
- (2) funding for the Commercial Façade Project be reinstated at \$425,000.00 for 2001, and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to work within this funding envelope.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Feldman resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Moeser moved that the Banner and Mural sub-project be reinstated as part of the Employment Area Revitalization Project at \$25,000.00 for 2001.

**(Carried)**

- D. Councillor Augimeri moved that:

- (1) 1.6 million be placed back into the 2001 Capital Budget for the Sorauren-Wabash Community Centre in order for the property to be cleaned and safely secured;
- (2) appropriate funds be provided in the 2003 Capital Budget in order to begin the building of the Sorauren-Wabash Recreation Centre;
- (3) the Commercial Façade Program be reinstated at the 2000 level of \$728,000.00;

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- (4) \$285,000.00 be added for the Downtown Yonge Street Streetscape Program with matching funds from the BIA;
- (5) the Corso Italia BIA funding be increased by \$20,000.00; and
- (6) \$140,000.00 be reinstated in 2001 for the Martin Goodman Trail with the source of funds to be determined.

**(Lost)**

- E. Councillor Cho moved that the Commercial Façade Program be reinstated in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**(Lost)**

Parks and Recreation Division:

As presented, subject to the following:

- A. Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that:

- (1) the following Capital Budget Projects be reduced by 10 percent:
  - (i) Playground Rehabilitation Program (\$150,000.00);
  - (ii) Various Park Rehabilitation Programs (\$130,000.00); and
  - (iii) Corvette Park Waterplay Area (\$25,000.00); and
- (2) the following projects be deferred until 2002:
  - (i) Fairbank Community Centre Addition (\$550,000.00);
  - (ii) Fairfield Seniors Centre – gym expansion (\$275,000.00);
  - (iii) Masaryk Cowan Community Centre – Storage Cabinet and Renovations to Weight Room (\$75,000.00);

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(iv) Agincourt Tennis Fieldhouse – Painting (\$120,000.00); and

(v) Ashtonbee Park Fieldhouse – construction (675,000.00).

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Augimeri moved that:

(1) the St. Jamestown Recreation Centre Project be approved for a total project cost of \$10 million gross and net with a cash flow of \$1 million in 2001, \$6 million in 2002, and \$3 million in 2003, noting that any additional third party funding received for this project to be submitted to the Economic Development and Parks Committee;

(2) the \$1.962 million in the reserve account for community centres be used specifically for start up costs for the south east quadrant of the City in the vicinity of Eglinton Avenue/Black Creek for a community centre facility in 2001, subject to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism reporting to the Budget Advisory Committee on the availability of such reserve funds for this project; and

(3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on funding for the bicycle path design in 2001.

**(Carried)**

C. Councillor Moeser moved that:

(1) the \$150,000.00 for the East Point Park - Regrade Soccer Field be reallocated to the Port Union Skateboard Park Repairs in 2001;

(2) the Dundonald Parkette renovation be added to the 2001 budget of \$300,000.00 gross and zero net

**(Carried)**

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D. Councillor Cho moved that:

- (1) the Murison Park Relocation Project be accelerated from 2003 to 2001 in the amount of \$369,000.00; and
- (2) \$140,000.00 be reinstated in 2001 for the Martin Goodman Trail the source of funds to be determined.

**(Carried)**

E. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) Councillor Cho's motion D. (2) above be amended as follows:

“that consideration be given to accelerating the Martin Goodman Trail Maintenance Sub-Project to 2002;”;

- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to:
  - (a) initiate discussions with Council Members from the five community recreation centre priority areas and work out future plans satisfactory to all parties and report thereon to Council through the Economic Development and Parks Committee prior to Council approval of the 2001 Capital and Operating budgets; and further that all Council members be notified of such discussions;
  - (b) report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on:
    - (1) the following projects related to High Park:
      - (i) Sub-Project No. 4;
      - (ii) Sub-Project No. 25;
      - (iii) Sub-Project No. 27;
      - (iv) Sub-Project No. 47;
      - (v) Sub-Project No. 81;

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and further report on the High Park Outdoor Environmental Centre as to the usage of same;

- (2) the Queensway Rink and Fieldhouse Replacement Project prior to Council's consideration of the 2001 budget.

**(Carried)**

- (2) the adoption of the 2001 Operating Budget for the following Divisions:

Culture Division:

As presented, subject to:

- A. Councillor Mammoliti moved that \$118,000.00 be reinstated for the Lakeshore Assembly Hall.

**(Carried)**

Customer and Business Support Division:

As presented, subject to:

- A. Councillor Moeser moved that:
  - (1) \$200,000.00 be reinstated for the Registration Program and requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to find offsetting funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 within the Program; and
  - (2) staff reduction of 4 FTE's in the Policy and Development Division to achieve savings of \$151.4 thousand in 2001, be offset by savings achieved through additional gapping measures in 2001.

**(Carried)**

Economic Development Division:

As presented.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recessed its meeting at 6:05 p.m.

**Friday, March 2, 2001**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reconvened its meeting on Friday, March 2, 2001, at 1:15 p.m.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee continued its review of the 2001 Capital Program and 2001 Operating Budget of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department.

Parks and Recreation Operating Budget:

As presented, subject to the following:

A. Councillor Augimeri moved that:

- (1) the following service level adjustment options be reinstated:
  - (i) closing 12 outdoor pools and 11 indoor pools across the City \$1,690,000.00 gross and \$1,470,000.00 net;
  - (ii) closing 12 Community Centres across the City \$2,282,000.00 gross and \$1,800,000.00 net;
  - (iii) reducing Recreation Program Opportunities across the City \$10,418,800.00 gross and \$6,080,000.00 net;
- (2) \$550,000.00 be reinstated for the annualization of the 2000 recommendations for the Mayor's Action Plan - Youth Violence Project;
- (3) \$400,000.00 be reinstated for the annualization of the 2000 recommendations for the Children's Report Card Program; and
- (4) the contracted facility maintenance model be extended to North York, subject to adding, "that it affect seasonal temporary staff exclusively", \$300,000.00 gross and net.

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- (5) the operating impact of Capital projects be deferred to 2002 - \$700,000.00 gross and net;
- (6) reduction be based on 2000 actual experience \$884,000.00 gross and net;
- (7) collective agreement reductions through alternative mechanisms \$430,000.00 gross and net;
- (8) Fleet Maintenance be reduced by \$1,095,000.00 gross and net;
- (9) Waste Receptacle Sponsor Program \$16,000.00 net;
- (10) Corporate Sponsorship be reintroduced on the Ferries \$240,000.00 net;
- (11) the Food Services Plan be implemented \$150,000.00 net;
- (12) permit fees for stadium usage be increased \$29,300.00 net;
- (13) permit fees for picnics be increased \$154,500.00 net;
- (14) pool permit fees be harmonized \$47,400.00 net;
- (15) gymnasium permit fees for adult groups be harmonized \$30,300.00 net;
- (16) parking charges – expansion to 15 other sites \$300,000.00 net;
- (17) further increase of golf fees \$200,000.00 net;
- (18) permit fees for sports fields be harmonized \$240,000.00 net;
- (19) increase of Fleet Reserve contribution be phased-in over three years \$1,526,700.00 gross and net;
- (20) operational review – Riverdale Farm \$56,700.00 gross and \$86,700.00 net;



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- (21) East York Greenhouse be closed \$6,000.00 gross and net;
- (22) Cloud Gardens be closed \$19,200.00 gross and net;
- (23) distribution of Christmas Poinsettias and cost recovery for displays be eliminated \$13,600.00 net;
- (24) fee schedule for Allotment Gardens be harmonized for 2002;
- (25) operation of natural ice rinks be transferred to Community groups for 2002;
- (26) operation of artificial ice rinks be reduced \$95,500.00 gross and net;
- (27) outdoor pool hours be harmonized \$105,000.00 gross and net;
- (28) Ferry Service be reduced \$150,000.00 gross and net;
- (29) extended hour outdoor pool program be eliminated \$32,000.00 gross and net;
- (30) management of Toronto Track and Field Centre be transferred to York University \$100,400.00 gross and net;
- (31) horticultural events, community groups and reduced floral displays no longer be supported \$243,500.00 gross and net;
- (32) Preventative Maintenance Program in Facilities be reduced \$196,200.00 gross and net;
- (33) Preventative Maintenance Program in Parks be reduced \$677,500.00 gross and net; and

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- (34) the communication (March 2, 2001) from Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32 Beaches-East York, entitled "The Establishment of a City of Toronto Public Lottery for Recreational and Youth Programming", be referred to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for comment and report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting of March 29, 2001.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Filion moved that:

- (1) \$1.1 million be reinstated for Park Maintenance, including garbage collection and grass cutting in parks across the City;
- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be advised that the Economic Development and Parks Committee wishes to proceed as quickly as possible with the construction of a Driving Range on the vacant land in the North District in order to maximize revenues at a '0' net cost for 2001;

**(Carried)**

- (3) No. 9 – Increase Permit Fees for the 3 stadiums - \$29,300.00 – no increase in permits in 2001 and a five percent increase in 2002; and
- (4) No. 26 – Elimination of Extended Hour Outdoor Pool Program – be reinstated (\$32,000.00).

**(Lost)**

C. Councillor Cho moved that the Children's Action Plan 2001 recommendations for Latch Key Kids After School and Pre-Schoolers Programs be approved for an annualized cost of \$1.89 million, \$600,000.00 of the said amount to be included in the 2001 budget.

**(Carried)**

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D. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the March 29, 2001 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the outcome of the meeting between the Parks Division and Toronto Zoo staff, the said report to include the potential savings that could be mutually agreed upon by the two parties; and
- (2) the Budget Advisory Committee be informed that the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested that no community centres be closed down in the City of Toronto during the final budget deliberations.

**(Carried)**

Special Events:

As presented.

Councillor Mammoliti moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to pursue private sponsors to fund the New Year's celebrations at Nathan Phillips Square.

**(Carried)**

World Youth Day:

As presented.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – February 19, 2001)

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32 Beaches-East York – March 3, 2001)

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – March 6, 2001)

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The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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Chair