

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, January 28, 2002

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Monday, January 28, 2002, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:45 a.m. – 12:34 p.m.	2:10 p.m. – 4:48 p.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X	X
Councillor Paul Sutherland, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor David Soknacki	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Sandra Bussin	Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Jack Layton	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor George Mammoliti	

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee meetings held on January 10, 2002 and January 11, 2002, were confirmed.

3.1 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets

Arena Boards of Management – 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for Arena Boards of Management.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Operating Budget for Arena Boards of Management to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

Association of Community Centres - 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres.

- A. Councillor Chow moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) refer the 2002 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time;
 - (2) request the Executive Director of the Ralph Thornton Community Centre, in consultation with the Director of Real Estate Services, to report on where the programs would be held if the Ralph Thornton Community Centre has to relocate and the cost to the City, including moving and relocation costs; and

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- (3) request the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Director of Real Estate Services, to report to the wrap-up meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee providing the latest information with respect to lease negotiations with the Federal Government for the Ralph Thornton Community Centre; this information to include the estimated costs of leasing the building over the term of the lease; any capital, maintenance or other City expenditures; and information on any transfer in ownership.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to provide a liaison contact with The 519 Church Street Community Centre to assist in working with City staff to minimize the relocation costs during renovations, examples of such assistance may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) determination on how and whether it would be feasible to use City vehicles for moving; and
- (b) location of alternative surplus City space;

and that if such assistance is viable and appropriate, the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to provide such assistance as he deems fit, with expected minimal costs to be borne by relevant departments; and further, wherever possible, labour is to be provided by The 519 Church Street Community Centre.

(Carried)

(Executive Director, Ralph Thornton Community Centre; Commissioner of Corporate Services; c. Director of Real Estate Services - January 28, 2002)

Exhibition Place - 2002 Capital Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Capital Budget for Exhibition Place.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Capital Budget for Exhibition Place to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

Exhibition Place - 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (January 22, 2002) from Councillor Mario Silva, Chair, Board of Governors of Exhibition Place, requesting the Budget Advisory Committee to consider capping the annual contribution to the NTC Capital Reserve Fund in the range of \$200,000.00 or a percentage of the Exhibition Place operating surplus for the year (excluding the income or loss of the Canadian National Exhibition provided that such contribution does not put the bottom-line of the consolidated Exhibition Place operating budget into a deficit; and further that City Council approve the necessary by-laws to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) referred the 2002 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place and the aforementioned communication to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to its final review of the 2002 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place on the establishment and rationalization of reserves for Exhibition Place, and referred the following request for consideration thereof:

“that an annual contribution to the National Trade Centre Capital Reserve Fund be capped in the range of \$200,000.00 or a percentage of the Exhibition Place operating surplus for the year (including the income or loss of the Canadian National Exhibition) provided that such contribution does not put the bottom-line of the consolidated Exhibition Place operating budget into a deficit.”;

as outlined in the communication (January 22, 2002) from the Chair of the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - January 28, 2002)

Theatres - 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for Theatres.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (January 18, 2002) from the Chair, Board of Directors, Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, responding to requests by the Budget Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on January 10, 2002, for information on the following:
 - (1) the terms of the lease for the Centre;
 - (2) providing a three-year history of the capital and operating costs for the Centre, including what the City has invested and the reason for the shortfall; and
 - (3) providing information on how much the Centre has contributed to the reserve fund;
- (b) (January 23, 2002) from Mr. David G. Wallett, General Manager, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, providing a revised 2002 Budget for the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts;
- (c) (January 24, 2002) from Mr. Stan Shortt, Executive Manager, Toronto Centre for the Arts, responding to a request by the Budget Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on January 10, 2002, for information on the approximate attendance figures for 2001; and
- (d) (January 25, 2002) from Councillor Anne Johnston, Chair, Board of Directors, Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, advising the Budget Advisory Committee of the current financial situation at the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Operating Budget for Theatres and the aforementioned communications to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

Toronto Atmospheric Fund - 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

Councillor Shiner appointed Councillor Sutherland Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) referred the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time; and
- (2) requested that the Agendas for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund meetings that include grant recommendations be forwarded to Councillor Jane Pitfield, and that the Members of Council on the Board of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and Councillor Jane Pitfield bring to the attention of the Members of the Budget Advisory Committee any applications they deem to be questionable.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

(Councillor Jane Pitfield; Councillor Jack Layton; Councillor Ron Moeser; Councillor David Soknacki; Board Secretary, Toronto Atmospheric Fund; c. Councillor David Shiner; Councillor Olivia Chow; Councillor Joe Pantelone; Councillor Paul Sutherland - January 28, 2002)

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - 2002 Capital Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority -
2002 Operating Budget**

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

Toronto Zoo - 2002 Capital Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a report (January 24, 2002) from the General Manager & CEO, Toronto Zoo, providing the Budget Advisory Committee with a summary of the \$4.027 million of previously approved Capital Works Program Projects; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo and the aforementioned report to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

Toronto Zoo - 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee again had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following reports:

- (a) (January 7, 2002) from the General Manager & CEO, Toronto Zoo, providing information regarding the Toronto Zoo 2002 Operating Budget; and
- (b) (undated) from the Toronto Zoo providing the Budget Advisory Committee with alternative proposals in connection with the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo and the aforementioned reports to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

Consolidated Grants- 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2002 Operating Budget for Consolidated Grants.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following communications and report:

- (a) (January 9, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Grants Sub-Committee on January 9, 2002, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2002 Consolidated Grants base budget request, in the amount of \$34,491,600.00, as recommended by the Executive Management Team, be approved;
 - (b) (January 9, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Grants Sub-Committee on January 9, 2002, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee, adoption of the report (December 11, 2001) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to no funding being provided thereto; and
 - (c) (January 25, 2002) from the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services reporting on the use of the grants contingency budget of \$90,000.00, as recommended in the Analyst Briefing Notes to the Grants Sub-Committee; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Budget Advisory Committee determine the source of funding should the \$90,000.00 new and enhanced service for the school nutrition program be recommended; and
 - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- A. Councillor Chow moved that the Budget Advisory Committee refer the 2002 Operating Budget for Consolidated Grants and the aforementioned communications and report to the final wrap-up meeting of February 11, 2002, for consideration at that time.

(Carried)

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- B. Councillor Sutherland moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of February 6, 2002, on the City investing \$1 million for capital funding each year for the next five years, with matching funds being contributed by the private sector, for the state of good repair of the City's theatre facilities.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism -
January 28, 2002)

General - 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (January 11, 2002) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park, advising that land was purchased at 40 Wabash Avenue for the purpose of building a Recreation Centre in Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park; further advising that he has concerns with the safety of the site; and requesting that funds be allocated in the 2002 budget for the demolition of the buildings and the cleanup of the lands at this location; and
- (b) (January 22, 2002) from Councillor Sherene Shaw, Diversity Advocate, advising that the Aboriginal Affairs Committee, the Disability Issues Committee, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues Committee, the Race and Ethnic Relations Committee and the Status of Women Committee, unanimously endorsed the recommendation that the Budget Advisory Committee and City Council consider the impact and implications for diverse community service users of any proposals to increase, flatline or decrease funding; reminding Council of the strong value it places on protecting and supporting the most vulnerable communities; and suggesting that this commitment and value should be used to guide Council in the budgetary decision-making process.

The Budget Advisory Committee received an overview presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer pertaining to:

- (a) the 2002 Capital Budget and answered Members questions in that regard; and
- (b) Corporate Charges and answered Members questions in that regard.

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On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to:
 - (a) provide the following information respecting the relationship to each of the Transition Capital Projects that are not closed as of December 31, 2001:
 - (i) year in which the project funding was originally approved;
 - (ii) the total budget for the project;
 - (iii) details of the deliverables for the project;
 - (iv) a briefing note update on the status of each project; and
 - (v) the proposed cash flow up to the conclusion of the project;
 - (b) provide the balance of unutilized funds still available from the amounts originally allocated for the transition projects; and
 - (c) review and report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the Gant Chart and how this could be used in all departments in the City; and
- (2) received the aforementioned communications for information.

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The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Chair