

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, 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. – 12:35 p.m.	2:07 p.m. – 6:35 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	

3.1 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets

The Budget Advisory Committee continued its final review of the 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets and made amendments as noted.

OTHER

Workforce Management Costs Arising from the 2002 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee discussed workforce management costs arising from the 2002 Operating Budget.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report to the Administration Committee through the Personnel Sub-Committee in April 2002 with an estimate and funding source for workforce management costs in 2002.

WORKS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

2002 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services.

A. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the New Fees (bag tags) for Child Care Centres Located in Board of Education Properties be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting of February 21, 2002;
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report on the impact of the aforementioned program including ascertaining the actual costs;
- (3) \$30,000.00 be approved for the Toronto Environmental Volunteers Program to be absorbed within the \$440,000.00 Solid Waste Management Services budget; and

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- (4) the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:
 - (a) \$700,000.00 be added back to the Works and Emergency Services Budget to waive garbage user fees for Childcare Centres and Family Resource Centres; and
 - (b) \$960,000.00 be added back to deal with rental issues of Childcare Centres and Family Resource Centres.

(Lost)

B. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the new fees (bag tags) for Child Care Centres located in Board of Education Properties not be implemented until such time as all concerns have been addressed and reported to the Works Committee and the Community Services Committee; and
- (2) two commercial inspection officers be hired for the Commercial Eligibility Harmonization project as of September 1, 2002, at a cost of \$52,000.00, and a further eight commercial inspection officers be hired on January 1, 2003 to meet the full complement needed for this project.

(Carried)

2002 Capital Budget for Transportation Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Capital Budget for Transportation Services.

Councillor Shiner appointed Councillor Pitfield as Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

A. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the Capital Works budget for Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services Department be increased by \$1.75 million gross, \$0.00 million net, in the 2002 budget, subject to the completion of an agreement between the Camrost Corporation and the City of Toronto for the design and construction improvements

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to the Parklawn Road off ramp from the F.G. Gardiner Expressway to accommodate two way traffic between Parklawn Road and Legion Road with all costs, estimated to be \$1.75 million, to be borne by the Camrost Corporation, the terms and conditions of the agreement shall be to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$480,000.00 be allocated for traffic calming; and
- (2) request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting of February 21, 2002 as to what reductions can be accommodated within the 2002 Transportation Capital Budget in that regard.

(Carried)

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

2002 Operating Budget for Children's Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Children's Services.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the City's funding of occupancy costs for childcare programs located in school facilities be phased in over two years thereby restoring \$480,000.00 to the Children's Services 2002 Operating Budget for this program; and
- (2) City Council request the Province of Ontario to fund children's programs in future years on a per capita basis (\$23 million).

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

2002 Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged.

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the proposed 2002 transfer of \$0.285 million (net) from Consolidated Grants to Homes for the Aged for the Homemakers and Nurses Services Expansion not proceed as the Province has indicated that it is not willing to fund this expansion;
- (2) the 2002 Recommended Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged be adjusted to \$146.906 million gross and \$25.801 million net; and
- (3) the 2002 Recommended Operating Budget for Consolidated Grants be adjusted to \$39.074 million gross and \$34.492 million net, with \$285,000.00 being allocated to the Homemakers and Nurses Services Expansion Program for seniors and people with disabilities.

2002 Capital Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Capital Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (February 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "2002 Shelter, Housing & Support Division Capital Budget – Eva's Youth Shelter", wherein it is recommended:

- (1) City Council direct a portion of the sale proceeds, up to the appraised value of the Canterbury Place property estimated at \$800,000.00, from the eventual sale of 5248 Yonge Street to the North York City Centre Parkland Acquisition Fund for capital acquisitions and/or improvements for the Canterbury/Edithvale area of Ward 23, and that the appropriate budgets be amended accordingly; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2002 Operating Budget for Shelter Housing and Support

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Shelter Housing and Support.

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2002 Social Housing estimate be reduced by \$7.5 million from the original budget of \$230.7 million (net), with \$500,000.00 being allocated for non-bed services in the Hostel Services, Shelter, Housing and Support Operating Budget.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) if any additional funding is required due to increased costs for Social Housing during 2002, the funding be withdrawn from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund, and that the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Community Services Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee in that regard, and any budget implications for 2003; and
- (2) \$1 million be added back to Hostel Services for non-bed services in the Shelter, Housing and Support Operating Budget, to reinstate 24 of the 28 positions recommended by EMT for deletion.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Moeser moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report to the Community Services Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee in October 2002 on the status of the Housing Stabilization Fund and the impact of the potential \$7.5 million being withdrawn from this fund, including the long-term effect on the Social Housing program.

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Chow moved that Councillor Pantalone's motion B.(2) be amended by deleting the sum of \$1 million and inserting in lieu thereof the sum of \$2.6 million.

(Lost)

2002 Operating Budget for Toronto Emergency Medical Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Toronto Emergency Medical Services.

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$250,000.00 be added for the implementation of the Response Time Reduction Strategy.

2002 Capital Budget for Fire Services

Emergency Management Preparedness Plan

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the Emergency Management Preparedness Plan.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$300,000.00 of projects from the Fire Asset Management Program be deferred in 2002 and the funding be transferred to the Emergency Management Preparedness Plan for security upgrades at 4330 Dufferin Street.

2002 Operating Budget for Fire Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Fire Services.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the approval of eight additional positions (seven mechanics and one M4 clerk) to be funded within the existing Recommended Fire Services Operating Budget.

CORPORATE SERVICES

2002 Operating Budget for Court Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Court Services.

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- A. Councillor Sutherland moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$2.0 million be reduced from the gross expenditure for the 2002 Operating Budget for Court Services. **(Lost)**
- B. Councillor Chow moved that the funds be directed to the Shelter, Housing and Support non-bed fund. **(Lost)**
- C. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$1 million be reduced from the gross expenditure for the 2002 Operating Budget for Court Services. **(Carried)**

2002 Capital Budget for Fleet Management Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Capital Budget for Fleet Management Services.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) \$3.85 million be approved for the accelerated purchase of light duty vehicles as part of the 2002 Capital budget; and
- (2) \$3.85 million be pre-approved for 2003 to cover the heavy duty vehicles which would otherwise have been funded in 2002; to be financed by contributions to the Fleet Reserve from programs, proportionate to the number of light duty vehicles received, and subject to program's agreement to replenish the Reserve accordingly.

2002 Operating Budget for Fleet Management Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Fleet Management Services.

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that Fleet Services Operating expenditures be reduced by \$150,000.00 in 2002. **(Carried)**

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

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council that \$1 million be added for Fleet Light Duty Vehicles with funds to be allocated at that time if available. (Efficiency Incentive Fund)

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

2002 Operating Budget for Information and Technology

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Information and Technology.

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the Information and Technology 2002 Operating Budget be reduced by \$430,000.00 and that the hiring of four additional staff in the Asset Management Office be deferred for consideration during the 2003 Operating Budget process.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Chow moved that Councillor Pitfield's motion A. be amended by adding the words "that the savings be directed to waive the user fee for garbage pickup in Child Care Centres and Family Resource Centres."

(Lost)

2002 Operating Budget for the Emergency Management Plan

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for the Emergency Management Plan.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that City Council request the Provincial and Federal Governments to fund the Toronto Police Service Intelligence Gathering Requirements in the amount of approximately \$1.997 million.

2002 Operating Budget for Finance

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Finance.

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the report (February 7, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "December 31, 2001, Preliminary Operating Budget Variance Report", be received and that the technical adjustments to the 2001 Operating Budget as outlined in Appendix D of the report be approved.

2002 Operating Budget for Legal

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Legal.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$125 thousand of the \$251.2 thousand reduction to Salaries and Wages recommended by EMT and the Administration Committee to the Legal Budget be reallocated to be a reduction in outside Council, thereby reducing the number of positions to be deleted from six to three.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND TOURISM

2002 Operating Budget for Culture

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Culture.

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the \$1 million for the Cultural Facilities Capital Grants Program be funded by adding \$1 million per year for five years to the Operating Budget of the Culture Division.

2002 Operating Budget for Economic Development

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Economic Development.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that \$145,022.00 gross and \$72,511 net be added for the Downtown Yonge BIA lighting.

2002 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, that the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on a strategy and financial viability of the City building its own pools.

AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2002 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health.

- A. Councillor Chow moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:
- (1) due to the recent funding announcements by the Provincial Government for the Early Years Project and expansion of the funded Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program, there be an increase of 15 FTE's and \$1,450.1 thousand gross/\$0 net detailed as follows:
 - (a) Injury and Family Abuse Prevention, \$261.0 thousand gross/\$0 net (2.0 Positions);
 - (b) Health Pregnancy and Child Development, \$172.4 thousand gross/\$0 net (2.0 Positions);
 - (c) Prenatal and Child Health Survey Strategies, \$135.7 thousand gross/\$0 net (1.0 Position);
 - (d) Support for At-Risk Pregnant Women, \$70.0 thousand gross/\$0 net (1.0 Position);
 - (e) French Language Services, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children, \$194.1 thousand gross/\$0 net (3.0 Positions); and

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- (f) Healthy Babies, Healthy Children, \$616.0 thousand gross/\$0 net (6.0 Positions);
- (2) the 2002 Operating Budget for Public Health be amended to incorporate New/Enhanced programs included in the program Operating Budget Submission with a total gross cost of \$403.6 thousand and net costs of \$0.0 detailed as follows:
 - (a) Environmental Plan – pesticide consultation, \$51.7 thousand gross, \$25.9 thousand Provincial subsidy, and \$25.8 thousand from Water/Wastewater, \$0 net; (1 Position); and
 - (b) Pre-school speech and language – Infant Hearing Screening, \$351.9 thousand gross/\$0 net (7 Positions); and
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to make adjustments to the 2002 Operating Budget for Public Health for the South Region Animal Centre as directed by City Council at its meeting of February 13, 14 and 15, 2002.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Moeser moved that Councillor Chow's motion A.(2)(a) be amended by adding the words "and further that if funding from the Province is discontinued for this project that this be a contract position;".

(Carried)

2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2002 Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission 2002 with the subsidy for conventional being set at \$152.1 million.

2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto Police Services

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto Police Services.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2002 Capital Budget of the Toronto Police Services, as recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, subject to the deferral of the purchase of a boat for the Marine Unit until 2003 resulting in savings of \$300,000.00 in 2002.

2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto Public Library

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Capital Budget for the Toronto Public Library.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board and the City Librarian be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on a five-year capital plan for the Toronto Public Library;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report back in 2003 on a long-term capital budget strategy for the Toronto Public Library.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

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2002 Capital and Operating Budgets Toronto Port Authority

The Budget Advisory Committee gave further consideration to the 2002 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Toronto Port Authority.

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The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a report (February 11, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled “The Relocation of Eva’s Phoenix and Police Services Facilities as a Result of the Front Street Extension (Trinity-Spadina)”, providing the Budget Advisory Committee with language to be used in the 2002 Capital Budget related to the relocation of Eva’s Phoenix and the Police Services Central Garage and Traffic Services building that is required as a result of implementation of the Front Street Extension; and recommending that:

- (1) the 2002 Capital Budget for Waterfront Revitalization state that business and service relocation decisions associated with the Front Street Extension be predicated on the assumption that new space and its use is comparable to existing space, use and activity levels;
- (2) staff of Eva’s Phoenix be encouraged to investigate other granting programs, such as the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative, to augment the resources available for relocation; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Solicitor to provide a confidential briefing note to the Members of the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the TEDCO and Toronto Port Authority budgets, prior to consideration of the 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets by City Council at its meeting of March 4 to 8, 2002, on the financial relationship between the Toronto Port Authority, TEDCO and the City of Toronto, including a status on what budgets have been approved by Council since 1998.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; City Solicitor; c. Members, Budget Advisory Committee – February 19, 2002)

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The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Chair