THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 17

Friday, December 6, 2002

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, December 6, 2002, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:38 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:38 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X	
Councillor David Soknacki, Vice Chair	X	
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	R	
Councillor Ron Moeser	X	
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X	
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X	

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Joe Mihevc	

17.1 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets

The Budget Advisory Committee gave consideration to the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to provide the latest gapping figures for the agencies, boards, commissions and departments, to the Budget Advisory Committee, factoring in the growth in service provided by the said agencies, boards, commissions and departments.

(Chief Administrative Officer - December 6, 2002)

Public Health – 2003 Capital and Operating Budget Submissions

The Budget Advisory Committee, during its deliberations, had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Public Health.

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

- (a) (November 19, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health at its meeting on November 18, 2002, endorsed the revised report (October 16, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to the Toronto Public Health 2003-2012 Capital Plan and Budget and submitted the report to the Budget Advisory Committee for approval;
- (b) (November 25, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising of the action taken by the Board of Health at its meeting held on November 18, 2002; and submitting the report (October 16, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Toronto Public Health 2003 Operating Budget Submission";
- (c) (July 30, 2002) from the Secretary Board of Health, entitled "Council's Goal of Purchasing 25 Percent Green Power", advising that the Board of Health at its meeting held on July 29, 2002, recommended that a portion of savings achieved through demand side management be dedicated to green power purchases over the next 12 months; and
- (d) (June 25, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2002, directed that Clause No. 5 of Report No. 7 of The Works Committee, headed "Development Review Process: Harmonized Site Remediation Peer Review for Contaminated Sites", be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Public Health Budget.

The following persons gave an overview presentation respecting the Public Health 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets and answered Members' questions:

- Medical Officer of Health; and
- Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Board of Health.
 - A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
 - (1) defer consideration of the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets and the following reports until its meetings in January/February 2003:
 - (a) (October 16, 2002) revised report from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to the Toronto Public Health 2003-2012 Capital Plan and Budget;
 - (b) (October 16, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Toronto Public Health 2003 Operating Budget Submission";
 - (c) (July 30, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health at its meeting held on July 29, 2002, recommended that a portion of savings achieved through demand side management be dedicated to green power purchases over the next 12 months; and
 - (d) (June 25, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council at its meeting held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2002, directed that Clause No. 5 of Report No. 7 of The Works Committee, headed "Development Review Process: Harmonized Site Remediation Peer Review for Contaminated Sites", be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Public Health Budget; and
 - (2) request the Chair, Board of Health, to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with options as to how the Mobile Dental Treatment Program for Seniors can be provided, including an option of this service being provided by the primary care givers, for its wrap-up meetings in January/February 2003.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Chair, Board of Health, to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with the status on leasing of buildings by the Board of Health, including cost, initiatives to use City and public utility properties, i.e., property on Markham Road, for its wrap-up meetings in January/February 2003.

(Carried)

(Chair, Board of Health; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Medical Officer of Health – December 6, 2002)

Toronto Public Library – 2003 Capital and Operating Budget Submissions

The Budget Advisory Committee, during its deliberations, had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto Public Library.

The following persons gave an overview presentation respecting the Toronto Public Library 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets and answered Members' questions:

- Ms. Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board; and
- Ms. Josephine Bryant, City Librarian.
 - A. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer consideration of the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto Public Library until its meetings in January/February 2003.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with the number of people, on average, who would no longer have access to the library by the reduction in Friday hours to 89.5 hours per week and Sunday hours from 37 Sundays to 27 Sundays, for its wrap-up meetings in January/February 2003.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with the feasibility of amending Library hours, i.e., start later in the day and open later at night, and related issues in that regard, for its wrap-up meetings in January/February 2003.

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Corporate Services to provide assistance in staffing or in other areas for the ALA/CLA Conference; and
 - (b) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide further information on funding for the ALA/CLA Conference given the request for one time funding for this event.

(Carried)

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

E. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, to provide the Budget Advisory Committee with a long term, 5 year, \$50 million capital budget at \$10 million per year, for its wrap-up meetings in January/February 2003.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

(Chair, Toronto Public Library Board; Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. City Librarian – December 6, 2002)

Toronto Zoo – 2003 Capital Budget Submission

The Budget Advisory Committee, during its deliberations, had before it the 2003 Capital for the Toronto Zoo.

Mr. Cal White, General Manager & CEO, Toronto Zoo, gave an overview presentation respecting the 2003 Capital Budget submission and answered Members' questions.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee:

(1) deferred consideration of the 2003 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo until its meetings in January/February 2003; and

(2) requested the Chair, Toronto Zoo, to submit the 2003 Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo at 2002 levels, said budget to be presented to the Budget Advisory Committee at its meetings in January/February 2003.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

(Chair, Toronto Zoo; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; General Manager & CEO, Toronto Zoo – December 6, 2002)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:10 p.m.

 Chair	