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**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE****AGENDA****MEETING NO. 16**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Friday, September 5, 2003</b>	<b>Enquiry: Betty Henderson</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room 2</b>	<b>416-392-8088</b>
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT****CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS****1. Morningside Neighbourhood Branch  
Library Relocation  
Capital Funding Pre-Approval**

<i>Deferred from the meeting held on July 3, 2003.</i>
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Report (June 26, 2003) from the City Librarian, seeking Council authority for a 2004 capital project pre-approval to fund leasehold improvements at the relocated Morningside Branch; and recommending:

- (1) Council approve the capital funding pre-approval for leasehold improvements at the relocated Morningside Branch; and
- (2) the appropriate Toronto Public Library staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**2. City Funding for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Provincial Subsidy Shortfall – Financial Implications**

*Deferred from the meeting held on July 3, 2003.*

Report (June 25, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, responding to the Policy and Finance Committee request to report on the Board of Health recommendation that the City continue to maintain the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program; and recommending that this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

**3. Association of Community Centres (AOCCs) 2001 Operating Results**

Report (August 18, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reporting on the financial results for the year 2001 for 10 Community Centres (Association of Community Centres or AOCCs) core administration operations; and requesting that the 2001 surpluses and deficits be settled; and recommending that:

- (1) the surpluses of \$58,157.00 be paid to the City of Toronto from eight AOCC Community Centres, and be used to fund the payment of operating deficits of \$3,985.00 to the other two Community Centres core administration operations, resulting in a net payment of \$54,172.00 to the City, as detailed in Appendix A, and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**4. Status of SARS Expenses and Recoveries as of June 30, 2003**

Report (August 25, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing Council with the status of the City's expenses with respect to SARS and the status of the recoveries from the Province; and recommending that this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

**5. Revised Motion in Support of Funding for Environmental Assessments of Subway Extensions**

Communication (July 30, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council at its meeting held on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003 waived the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code in order to consider Clause No. 35 contained in Report No. 8, Item (d) of The Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Staff Response to Commission Inquiry: Revised Motion in Support of Funding for Environmental Assessments of Subway Extensions", embodied therein. Council subsequently adopted the following recommendation:

“It is recommended that that Council adopt the following Motion in order to permit an application to the Province of Ontario’s Golden Horseshoe Transit Investment Partnership to be filed immediately, and that a copy also be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding implications:

**‘WHEREAS** the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting held on July 16, 2003, adopted a motion regarding the undertaking of environmental assessments for the proposed extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways and requested that City Council consider this matter at its July 22, 2003 meeting as a time critical item; and

**WHEREAS** the provision of high-quality rapid transit service is critical to attracting travellers to transit, as is advocated in the City of Toronto’s new Official Plan, in York Region’s new Transportation Master Plan, by the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel, and by the Federal Government’s Kyoto Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS** the undertaking of Environmental Assessments of the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways would be consistent with the provision of such high-quality rapid transit in the Greater Toronto Area; and

**WHEREAS** it is the common interests of the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York and the Toronto Transit Commission to proceed with Environmental Assessment studies in support of the extensions of these subways, both of which would facilitate both inter-regional and intra-regional transit travel; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have expressed strong support for the extension of the Spadina and Sheppard subways, and confirmed them as their top priorities for transit expansion; and

**WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of York has demonstrated a financial commitment to participating in the extension of the subway beyond Steeles Avenue by purchasing lands on the north side of Steeles Avenue adjoining York University for an Inter-Regional Bus Terminal/Commuter Parking Gateway Facility, and is fully financing the cost of the Environmental Assessment Study for rapid transit including a future subway from that facility north to Highway 7; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Regional Municipality of York, the City of Vaughan and York University have co-operated extensively in their planning and advocacy efforts as evidenced by their participation in the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee and the development of a business case report that was submitted to all interest parties; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial and Federal Governments have recently announced the provision of funding for transit initiatives which facilitate inter-regional transit travel; and

**WHEREAS** the total costs of the Environmental Assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways is approximately \$5 million; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial and Federal governments have not yet agreed to provide any funding towards the undertaking of these Environmental Assessments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, in order to achieve an equal municipal-provincial-federal sharing of the costs of the environmental assessments for these subway extensions:

- (1) the City of Toronto commits to funding the one-third municipal share of the Environmental Assessment study as it relates to the extension of the subway from Downsview station to the proposed York University station;
- (2) the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of York commit to equally cost-share the municipal portion of the Environmental Assessment study as it relates to the section of the proposed line from the York University station to the Inter-Regional Bus Terminal/Commuter Parking Gateway Facility at Steeles Avenue;
- (3) the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Regional Municipality of York, the City of Vaughan and York University continue to work co-operatively to ensure the co-ordination of these studies and present a unified submission to the senior levels of government requesting their participation;
- (4) the one-third provincial share of the \$5 million cost of the environmental assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways be requested from the Province through the submission of a new application to the Province of Ontario's Golden Horseshoe Transit Investment Partnership, which would be jointly prepared and submitted by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, the Toronto Transit Commission; and York University; and
- (5) the one-third federal share of the \$5 million cost of the environmental assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways be requested from the federal government through the submission of a new application to the Government of Canada's Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, which would be jointly prepared and submitted by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, the Toronto Transit Commission and York University.' ”

**6. Procurement Authorization - Option to Purchase 250  
40-Foot Low Floor Clean Diesel Buses from  
Orion Bus Industries**

Communication (July 17, 2003) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, gave consideration to a report, entitled “Procurement Authorization - Option to Purchase 250 40-Foot Low Floor Clean Diesel Buses from Orion Bus Industries - Contract C32Y01883, Amendment No. 3”, and adopted the following recommendations:

- (1) authorize staff to exercise the contract option with Orion Bus Industries of Mississauga in an amount not to exceed \$136,000,000.00 for the purchase of 250 40-foot low floor clean diesel Orion VII buses for delivery in 2005, subject to approval by City Council;
- (2) forward a copy of this report to the City Council for approval of funds, and project commitment in an amount not-to-exceed \$136,000,000.00 to cover the purchase and in-house costs for the procurement of 250 40-foot low floor clean diesel buses for delivery in 2005; and
- (3) this procurement is based on the approved bus fleet plan and the 2003-2007 Capital budget program approved by the City Council on February 26, 2003;

and requested City Council, through the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee, to give consideration and approval of the Commission's request, embodied in Recommendation No. (2) of the report, to proceed with the purchase of 250-40 foot low floor clean diesel buses.

- 6(a).** Communication (July 18, 2003) from Jamie Kirkpatrick, Chapter Coordinator, Sierra Club of Canada, Eastern Canada Chapter, urging the Toronto Transit Commission to buy alternative fuel buses.

**In-Camera                      In Accordance with the Municipal Act, a motion is required for the Committee to meet privately and the reason must be stated.**

**7.        765 Queen Street East - Ralph Thornton Centre  
(Ward 30 Toronto-Danforth)**

Joint confidential report (August 19, 2003) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, regarding 765 Queen Street East - Ralph Thornton Centre, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates a proposed acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes.

**8.        Settling of Arena Boards of Management  
Surplus/Deficits 1999-2001**

Report (August 28, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reporting on the financial results for the years 1999 to 2001 for eight Arena Boards of Management (Arenas) and to request that any outstanding December 31, 2001 accumulated surpluses or accumulated deficits be settled; and recommending that:

- (1) the December 31, 2001 accumulated surpluses totalling \$325,756.00 be paid to the City of Toronto from five Arenas, and the City make funding payments to two other Arenas with operating deficits totalling \$148,086.00, resulting in a net payment of \$177,670.00 to the City, as detailed in Table 1;

- (2) the net payment to the City be further reduced by \$56,547.00 to offset the shortfall in accrued City funding of Leaside Gardens' accumulated deficit, leaving a net surplus of \$121,123.00 payable to the City;
- (3) Bill Bolton Arena and McCormick Arena make no further contributions to building repair/maintenance reserves without Council approval and close the unauthorized reserve accounts by the end of 2003;
- (4) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and,
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**9. Financing of Ice Resurfacer Replacements for Arena Boards of Management**

Report (August 28, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, respecting a financing strategy for the replacement of ice resurfacers at Arena Boards of Management through participation in the Fleet replacement reserve process; and recommending that:

- (1) the fleet requirements for the Arena Boards of Management be included in the City's vehicle replacement program managed by Fleet Services;
- (2) the Arena Boards of Management include annual contributions to the Vehicle Replacement Reserve on an ongoing basis, in their Operating Budget submissions starting with the 2004 Operating Budget with the amount to be determined as part of the annual Operating Budget review;
- (3) the 2004 Operating Budget for each Arena Board of Management be increased \$10,000.00 gross, and up to \$10,000.00 net to fund the initial contributions to the Arena Board account in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve;
- (4) the Vehicle Replacement Reserve contributions from the Arena Boards of Management be treated as a separate program account in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve and purchases reflected as a separate project in the Fleet Service Capital Budget;
- (5) a one-time new request of \$160,000.00 for the purchase of two urgently required ice resurfacers be included in the 2004 Parks and Recreation Capital Budget and that one of these be considered for pre-approval as funding is required in January 2004;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**10. Quarterly Reserves and Reserve Funds  
Variance Report - June 30, 2003**

Report (August 28, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing information on reserve and reserve fund balances as at June 30, 2003, and activity and budget variances for reserves and reserve funds during the first six months of 2003; and recommending that:

- (1) the Quarterly Reserves and Reserve Funds Variance Report – June 30, 2003 be received; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council for information.