

#### POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### **AGENDA**

**Date of Meeting:** 

Friday, February 21, 2003

2:00 p.m.

Time: Location:

Committee Room 1

**City Hall** 

100 Queen Street West

Toronto

**Enquiry:** Patsy Morris

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

1. CITY OF TORONTO 2003-2012 CAPITAL BUDGET. (ALL WARDS)

(NOTE:

A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR, BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESPECTING THE 2003-2012 CAPITAL BUDGET, WILL BE DISTIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.)

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESPECTING THE CITY OF TORONTO 2003-2012 CAPITAL BUDGET WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL UNDER SEPARATE COVER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO RETAIN COPIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED MATERIAL DURING THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2003.)

# 1(a). PROVINCIAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (TCHC) PROJECT – DON MOUNT COURT (WARD 30).

<u>Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services</u>. (February 17, 2003)

### Recommending that:

- (1) authority be given to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to accept \$9.3 million from the Province as payment to TCHC to cover part of the costs for the remediation of Don Mount Court;
- (2) authority be given to the Commissioner to sign back a letter to the Province acknowledging that the City will not go back to the Province for additional funding associated with the remedial work at Don Mount Court;
- (3) the funds be earmarked for the remediation of Don Mount Court and provided directly to Toronto Community Housing Corporation ("TCHC") once all required approvals for the remediation are in place; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## 1(b). TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM – BACKLOG IMPLICATIONS RELATED TO FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ALL WARDS).

<u>Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services</u>. (February 18, 2003)

Responding to a request from the Budget Advisory Committee on the backlog implications related to the final recommendations for the 2003 Transportation Services Capital Budget; advising that any reductions to the current level of requested funding would result in an increased backlog, increased pressures on the Operating Budget and long term impacts on the overall state of good repair; that the fundamental issues facing the capital needs of the City's road and bridge infrastructure continue to be sufficient and sustained funding to eliminate the backlog of rehabilitation needs as well as funding to maintain the ageing infrastructure network in a state of good repair; and recommending that this report be received for information and considered together with other reports before the Policy and Finance Committee.

### 2. CITY OF TORONTO 2003 OPERATING BUDGET (ALL WARDS).

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### **2(a).** NOTICE PROVISION IN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 162, NOTICE, PUBLIC.

City Clerk. (February 14, 2003)

Reporting, as requested by City Council, on a proposal that minimum notice, as defined in Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, be provided only through the corporate Web site; advising that the requirement to give notice to the public in respect of certain licensing matters is a new requirement in the *Municipal Act, 2001*; that funds estimated at \$50,000.00 will be required in the 2003 Operating Budget of the Urban Development Services Department to give notice in accordance with the current requirements of Chapter 162, Notice Public; that should Council choose to revise its notice procedures by eliminating newspaper advertising for *Municipal Act* notices under Chapter 162, the City Clerk's advertising budget for 2003 could be further reduced by \$15,000.00; that should Council decide it wishes to move more quickly to a Web only notice requirement in any event, that option is outlined in this report, however it is not recommended at this time; and recommending that this report be received for information.

### **2(b).** POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF PESTICIDES ON THE DON AND HUMBER RIVERS.

Communication addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee from the City Clerk. (February 12, 2003)

Advising that City Council, at its regular meeting held on February 4, 5 and 6, 2003, adopted, as amended, the Notice of Motion by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Duguid, entitled "Potential Impacts of Pesticides on the Don and Humber Rivers", and directed that a copy of this Motion be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2003 budget process.

#### **2(c).** TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL – BUDGET REQUEST.

Communication from Mr. Jim Garrard, Executive Director, <u>Toronto Arts Council, addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee</u>. (February 12, 2003)

Requesting a \$1 Million increase to the Toronto Art's Council's budget allocation.

### **2(d).** <u>City Clerk.</u> (February 17, 2003)

Forwarding a list of those persons appearing before the joint meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee held on February 17, 2003.

## **2(e).** Mr. David Vallance, Chair, The Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto (CORRA). (February 15, 2003)

Forwarding comments pertaining to the City of Toronto 2003 Budgets.

## **2(f).** Councillor Michael Tziretas, Beaches-East York. (February 17, 2003)

Encouraging the Members of the Policy and Finance Committee to respect the Budget Advisory Committee decision to provide mechanical sidewalk snow removal to all areas of the City.