



2004 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

SYNOPSIS

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(Preliminary – For Reference Purposes Only – For Official Record refer to Minutes.

Note: All items approved by the Budget Advisory Committee are forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration and City Council for final adoption.)

The Budget Advisory Committee began its review of the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets.

General

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) adopted the following recommendations:
 - (a) the discretionary spending freeze be extended for the rest of the 2004 fiscal year; and that full justification and approval by Commissioners and Heads of the Agencies, Boards and Commissions be required for exception to this policy;
 - (b) the freeze on hiring continue for the rest of the 2004 fiscal year; and that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to develop a template for use by Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Departments to provide detailed rationale for any necessary hirings, including operational impact, financial impact, service level impact, and health and safety issues, etc.; and
 - (c) quarterly reports be provided to the Budget Advisory Committee by heads of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and the Executive Management Team; and

- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to:
 - (a) report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on any reserve funds prior to amalgamation that have been inactive; and
 - (b) provide a verbal overview to the Budget Advisory Committee on March 9, 2004 on the 2003 Capital and Operating Year-end Variance and the 2002 Carry Forward as to whether there are funds that can be saved and submit a report in that regard to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings.

1. Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

(Note: for Economic Development and Parks Committee Capital Budget recommendations see Agenda Item 1.12; and for Economic Development and Parks Committee Operating Budget recommendations see Agenda Item 1.13.)

Culture Division: Capital

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Capital Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$1,008,000.00.

Culture Division: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Operating Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the deletion of \$250,000.00 to support the non-City owned Cultural Facilities Capital Grants Program, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee;

save and except deferring consideration of the request to reinstate the \$63,700.00 cut from the Operating Budget of the Museum of Contemporary Art until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings; and
- (2) received the communication from Councillor Joe Pantalone, Deputy Mayor (February 12, 2004), "Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art (MOCCA)" (See Agenda Item 1.14(a)).

Customer and Business Support: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Operating Budget for Customer and Business Support, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Economic Development: Capital

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Capital Budget for the Economic Development Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$49,000.00;
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee through the Economic Development and Parks Committee on an appropriate scope, quantum and appropriate projects to assist in St. Clair West revitalization for the 2005 budget process; and
- (3) received the following communications:
 - (a) from the City Clerk (July 28, 2003): “Business Improvement Area (BIA) Capital Cost-Sharing Program Review (All Wards)” (See Agenda Item 1.16(a)); and
 - (b) from Councillor Cesar Palacio (March 8, 2004): “2004 Capital Budget – Economic Development and Parks Committee” (See Agenda Item 1.16(b)).

Economic Development: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Operating Budget for the Economic Development Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Parks and Recreation: Capital

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Budget for the Parks and Recreation Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to:

- (a) the deletion of the joint playground project in the amount of \$200,000.00 as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee;
- (b) the scope of work in the amount of \$0.140 million be redirected from Millwood Park and be used in Glen Park for the state of good repair work resurfacing the tennis courts and walkways, at a net zero impact to the 2004 Capital Budget;
- (c) within the work proposed for Albion Gardens Park, the reconstruction of the Deanlea Court access point and associated walkway proceed in the amount of \$100,000.00 in 2004 as an adjustment to the budget;
- (d) \$100,000.00 of the \$350,000.00 from the Kay Gardner Beltline Park work be re-directed to Marion Engel and Cawthra Parks for a net impact of "0"; and
- (e) the adoption of the 2002 and Prior Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of (\$140,000.00) and the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of (\$73,000.00);

save and except deferring consideration of the following until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

- (a) sufficient funds be added to the 2004 Capital Budget for site preparation at 40 Wabash Avenue for the Wabash/Sorauren Community Centre; and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on possible sources of funding;
 - (b) the addition of \$500,000.00 in 2004 and future years for the construction of Skateboard Parks City-wide; and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on funding alternatives for skateboard parks with the Private Sector, such report to focus on cost-share opportunities;
 - (c) \$1.64 million for the resurfacing of five parking lots and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on the possibility of deferring the projects until 2005, such report to include Flemingdon Park parking lot in the amount of \$170,000.00;
- (2) requested:
- (a) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to review and approve the transfer of small maintenance projects to capital and report to the Budget Advisory Committee at its wrap-up meetings.

- (b) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to develop, for 2005 and beyond, an adjusted base to Parks Capital funding, such base to take into account a higher standard of infrastructure renewal;
 - (c) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on water related capital projects in 2004 that may be eligible for water rate rather than tax rate funding, provided that it does not lessen the priority for funds designated for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades;
 - (d) the Chief Administrative Officer to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings providing options for 2004 on capital funding shifts between departmental and ABC envelopes;
 - (e) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on capital dollars to build the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre gym and look at the feasibility of starting capital funding in 2005; and
- (3) received the following communications:
- (a) from the City Clerk (February 19, 2004): “Victoria Memorial Square Park Funding” (See Agenda Item 1.17(d));
 - (b) from the City Clerk (July 28, 2003): “Civic Garden Centre - Toronto Botanical Garden Revitalization Program (Ward 25 - Don Valley West)” (See Agenda Item 1.17(e));
 - (c) from the Superintendent of Facilities, Toronto Catholic District School Board (March 4, 2004): “Toronto Catholic District School Board Participation in Jointly Funded Playground Improvement Program” (See Agenda Item 1.17(g));
 - (d) from Ms. Sheila Penny, Executive Superintendent Facility Services, Toronto District School Board (March 8, 2004): “Joint Playground Project” (See Agenda Item 1.17(k))

Parks and Recreation: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, including funding to

address the survey, removal and disposal of trees relating to the Asian Long-Horned Beetle at \$8 million gross and “0” net, subject to funds being received from the Federal government; and

- (2) amended Economic Development and Parks Committee Recommendation III (2) by deleting the sum of “\$250,000.00” and replacing with the sum of “\$200,000.00” for the tree watering program;
- (3) recommended that the Out-tripping Program, recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be funded at \$100,000.00, and that this funding be reallocated from other adjustments within the 2004 Operating Budget of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department as recommended by the Commissioner at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on March 8, 2004;

save and except deferring consideration of the following until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

- (a) City Council be requested to defer any decision on Phase II of the ‘Transfer of Aquatics Programs from the TDSB Pools’ until it determines the City of Toronto’s pool strategy and considers the pools study anticipated in September 2004, and no ‘migration’ or reduction of aquatic programs occur before that time;
 - (b) the addition of \$976,000.00 for the Children’s Program Expansion;
 - (c) the addition of \$1.088 million for the Youth Program Expansion;
 - (d) the General Camp fees be increased by \$1.00 per year for the next three years, which is over the rate of inflation, instead of \$5.00 which is a 20 percent increase;
 - (e) communication from the City Clerk (July 30, 2003): “Options to Improve Enforcement and Reduce Instances of Illegal Dumping” (See Agenda Item 1.17(a));
 - (f) communication from Mayor David Miller (February 18, 2004): “Clean and Beautiful City Initiative” (See Agenda Item 1.17(c); and
 - (g) communication from the City Clerk (March 5, 2004): “Clean and Beautiful City Initiative” (See Agenda Item 1.17(j));
- (3) requested City Council to establish a shared-use working group to review current agreements and future opportunities with the Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board and further, if approved, the Mayor be

requested to report to Council as soon as possible on the mandate, terms of reference and composition of such working group; and

- (4) requested:
 - (a) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to review and approve the transfer of small Maintenance Projects to Capital (funded from CIL) - \$1.029.6 Million and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee for its wrap-up meetings; and
 - (b) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on the following:
 - (i) the issue of hiring 12 additional park by-law enforcement staff for the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative; such report to include what other functions staff in these positions could perform and whether there is a need to hire them; and
 - (ii) the impact of the loss of 13 frontline and 10 management positions to the overall service levels and cleanliness of parks; and
- (5) received the following reports and communications:
 - (a) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism (March 5, 2004): "Status Report on the Recreation Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Respecting Five Study Areas" (See Agenda Item 1.17(h)).
 - (b) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism (March 3, 2004): "2004 Capital and Operating Budget – Response to Economic Development and Parks Committee Inquiries (Various Wards)" (See Agenda Item No. 1.13(b));
 - (c) from the City Clerk (October 2, 2003): "Hydro Corridors - Park and Recreation Uses and Property Taxes" (See Agenda Item 1.17(f)); and
 - (d) from the City Clerk (July 3, 2003): "Recommendations for City Expenditures on Seniors' Services in 2004" (See Agenda Item 1.17(b)).

Economic Recovery: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Operating Budget for Economic Recovery, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to deleting the sum

of \$5 million for the Economic Recovery and replacing it with the sum of \$500,000.00 and deferring such recommendation for consideration at the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings, viz:

”including the ‘Economic Recovery’ budget in the Economic Development Operating Budget in the amount of \$500,000.00.”; and

- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings providing a breakdown of the \$500,000.00 being recommended for Economic Recovery.

Tourism: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Operating Budget for the Tourism Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to decreasing the funding to Tourism Toronto by \$1.2 million; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on a funding source if the City cannot match the rent for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair with a grant in the amount of \$226,872.00.

Yonge-Dundas Square: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Operating Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Heritage Toronto: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to adding \$39,000.00 gross and \$34,000.00 net, including net incremental costs in 2005 of \$34,000.00, for the implementation of the Heritage Plaque Program.

General

The Budget Advisory Committee received the following communications from the City Clerk:

- (a) (February 10, 2004): “Economic Development and Parks Committee Transmittal (Capital)” (See Agenda Item 1.12);

- (b) (February 11, 2004): “Economic Development and Parks Committee Transmittal (Operating) (See Agenda Item 1.13); and
- (c) (February 11, 2004): “2004 Capital and Operating Budget” (See Agenda Item 1.13(a)).

2. Urban Development Services

*(Note: for Planning and Transportation Committee Capital Budget recommendations see Agenda Item 1.22; and
for Planning and Transportation Committee Operating Budget recommendations see Agenda Item 1.23)*

Urban Development Services: Capital

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 EMT Capital Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, subject to:

- (1) the project cost and cash flow of the Wellesley Street East (Yonge to Jarvis) of the 2002 Civic Improvement Routes Project be increased by \$127,000.00 in 2004, to be fully offset by the reduction in 2002 and Prior Carry Forward funding of \$130,000.00 in this same subproject;
- (2) the O'Connor Drive (Bermondsey to Victoria Park) subproject of the 2002 Civic Improvement Routes Program, with previously approved project cost of \$130,000.00, be deleted due to completion of components of this project by WES, and that the total project cost of \$980,000.00 be adjusted accordingly, with no effect on the 2004 Capital Budget of Urban Development Services; and
- (3) the adoption of the 2002 and Prior Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of (\$102,000.00), and the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$173,000.00.

Urban Development Services: Operating

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) approved the 2004 Operating Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, subject to a reduction in the cost for Changes to the Structure of the Committee of Adjustment of (\$75,700.00);

- (2) adopted the report (February 24, 2004): “Mechanical Inspection of Licensed Vehicles” (See Agenda Item 1.24(b));
- (3) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee providing a plan that would give the City the ability to proactively fine individuals/companies who are “postering” throughout the City; and
- (4) received the following communications from the City Clerk:
 - (a) (February 2, 2004): “Update on the ‘Smart Commute Initiative’: An application for Funding from the Federal Urban Transportation Showcase Program (See Agenda Item 1.24(a));
 - (b) (March 5, 2004): “Status Report – Development Review Task Force” (See Agenda Item 1.24(c)).

Waterfront Revitalization Initiative: Capital

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Capital Budget for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Yonge-Dundas Square: Capital

The Budget Advisory Committee approved the 2004 Capital Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, subject to the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$66,000.00.

General

The Budget Advisory Committee received the following communications from the City Clerk:

- (a) (February 16, 2004): “Planning and Transportation Committee Transmittal (Capital)” (See Agenda Item 1.22); and
- (b) (February 16, 2004): “Planning and Transportation Committee Transmittal (Operating)” (See Agenda Item 1.23).