

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

#### MEETING NO. 8

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 10, 2004</b>	<b>Enquiry: Betty Henderson</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1</b>	<b>416-392-8088</b>
	<b>City Hall</b>	<b>bhender1@toronto.ca</b>
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#### **Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

#### **Communications/Reports**

#### **1.40 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (Operating and Capital)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

#### **1.41 Toronto Transit Commission (Operating and Capital)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

#### **1.41(a) 2004 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget**

Communication (January 26, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission, at its meeting of January 21, 2004, considered the report, entitled “2004 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget”, and approved the 2004 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget recommendations with the following amendments, revising the budget request from \$50.1 million to \$50.6 million:

- (1) the 30-minute scheduling window not be implemented as planned and that the 2004 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget submission be increased from \$50.1 million to 50.6 million to accommodate this change; and

- (2) staff be requested to report back on other possible ways of changing the Wheel-Trans Booking System.

#### **1.41(b) 2004 TTC Operating Budget**

Communication (January 30, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission, at its meeting of January 21, 2004, considered the report, entitled “2004 TTC Operating Budget”, and took the following action:

- (1) approved the 2004 TTC Operating Budget as outlined in the communication;
- (2) requested the Mayor to continue discussions with the provincial and federal governments regarding provincial and federal funding for the TTC in 2004, including a share of the gas tax;
- (3) deferred consideration of a fare increase to the April meeting of the Commission or sooner at the request of the Mayor and TTC Chair; and
- (4) requested TTC staff to report back at the next meeting of the Commission on the different options available to appeal property taxes.

#### **1.41(c) 2004-2008 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast**

Communication (January 27, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission, at its meeting of January 21, 2004, considered the report, entitled “2004-2008 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast”, and took the following action:

- (1) approved the 2004-2008 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast, subject to the following amendment:  
  
“staff be directed to include in the 2004 purchase order for new buses an option that includes the new buses necessary to achieve the goals of the Ridership Growth Strategy, specifically to add \$71.0 million for 100 buses in 2006, and further that staff report back on expectations of provincial and federal funding in support of the Ridership Growth Strategy”; and
- (2) requested that TTC staff be directed to report back to the Commission within three months on the feasibility and rationale for constructing TTC buses in-house, including the long and short term cost implications, technical requirements including engineering, design, construction, staffing, facilities, existing resources, operating and capital expenditures, start-up costs, estimated time to ramp up the program, along with any other relevant factors.

#### **1.41(d) Reduction Targets to ABC's to Manage the 2004 Operating Budget Pressure**

Communication (February 26, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission, at its meeting held on February 25, 2004, received a communication (February 4, 2004) from Councillor David Soknacki, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee, entitled "Reduction Targets to ABC's to Manage the 2004 Operating Budget Pressure", and forwarded the following motion to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration in conjunction with its review of the Toronto Transit Commission 2004 Budget:

"That the City Budget Advisory Committee be advised that the Toronto Transit Commission's position is that the savings from the GST and ESA arbitration decisions be allocated against the Toronto Transit Commission operating budget, reducing the current 2004 operating shortfall from \$48 million to \$42 million."

#### **1.41(e) TTC Property Tax Assessments and Appeals**

Communication (February 26, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission, at its meeting held on February 25, 2004, adopted the recommendations embodied in the report, entitled "TTC Property Tax Assessments and Appeals", and, among other things, referred the following Recommendation No. (1) to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration:

"(1) request the City of Toronto to reconsider providing a property tax exemption on all Commission properties;"

#### **1.42 Toronto Atmospheric Fund (Operating)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

#### **1.43 Works Committee Transmittal (Capital)**

Communication (February 10, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting held on February 3, 4 and 10, 2004, reviewed the 2004-2013 Capital Budgets under its purview, and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

##### Works and Emergency Services

##### I. Solid Waste Management Services:

that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Solid Waste Management Services Division be approved;

II. Transportation Services:

- (a) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Transportation Services Division be approved, subject to the following amendments:
- (i) an increase of \$800,000 in the funding for Cycling Infrastructure (TRN000183) related to the Toronto Bike Plan, to be offset by cost savings for the Sheppard Avenue East widening from Morningside Avenue to Kingston Road extension (TRN000182); and
  - (ii) adequate staff resources being applied to ensure that the stated goals of the Toronto Bike Plan are achieved and that funds are appropriately spent in the Works and Emergency Services portion of the budget; and
- (b) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services submit a report to the Works Committee, or Council, prior to proceeding with any new expenditures on the Front Street Extension included in the Transportation Services Budget; and

III. WES Departmental:

that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Works and Emergency Services Department be approved.

**1.44 Works Committee Transmittal (Operating)**

Communication (February 10, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting held on February 3, 4 and 10, 2004, reviewed the 2004 Operating Budgets under its purview, and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

Works and Emergency Services

I. Solid Waste Management Services:

that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Solid Waste Management Services Division be approved, subject to a net operating budget reduction of \$1,332.5 thousand through revenue enhancements and/or expenditure reductions within the EMT Recommended Solid Waste Management Operating Budget to support the overall additional \$12 million in additional departmental efficiency and service improvements requested from departments;

## II. Transportation Services:

- (1) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Transportation Services Division be approved, subject to the following amendments:
  - (i) the program for summer maintenance (TP-M-Z004) be reinstated in the amount of \$2.0 million, to be offset by savings to be found within the existing budget for Works and Emergency Services, including but not limited to a reduction in overtime and absenteeism;
  - (ii) the program for the clearing of windrows (TP110-Z001) be reinstated in the amount of \$700.0 thousand, to be offset by savings from within the existing budget for Works and Emergency Services;
  - (iii) reconfirmation that the sidewalks for seniors and disabled will continue to be cleared; and
  - (iv) reconfirmation that sidewalks will continue to be cleared where these are found adjacent to City-owned property, areas of reverse frontage, school zones, arterial roads, collector roads and transit routes; and
- (2)
  - (i) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Corporate Services, implement the Council direction of August 16, 1998, that revenues from leasing of road right-of-way for pedestrian tunnels and bridges be allocated to improve pedestrian facilities; and
  - (ii) that 2004 revenues from such leasing be allocated to undertake a pilot project in one of the City's wards to undertake a Walking Security Index based upon the Ottawa model;

## III. Technical Services:

that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Technical Services Division be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the addition of funding for the Stockholm Toronto Partnership for Sustainable Cities (WT-N10) in the amount of \$1,600.0 thousand gross (\$495.9 thousand net);
- (2) the reinstatement of funding for the Energy Efficiency Program (WT-Z15, WT-Z21) in the amount of \$1,000.0 thousand, to be offset by funding within the Works and Emergency Services budget; and

- (3) the addition of funding for the Better Building New Construction Program (WT-N11) in the amount of \$222.4 thousand gross (\$132.4 thousand net), to be offset by funding within the Works and Emergency Services budget; and

IV. Support Services:

that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Support Services Division be approved.

**1.45 Solid Waste Management Services (Operating and Capital)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

**1.45(a) Options to Improve Enforcement and Reduce Instances of Illegal Dumping**

Communication (July 30, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 6 of The Works Committee, entitled "Options to Improvement Enforcement and Reduce Instances of Illegal Dumping", and forwarded this report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2004 Operating Budgets of Solid Waste Management, Transportation Services and as a new enhanced service for Parks and Recreation.

**1.45(b) Clean and Beautiful City Initiative**

Communication (February 18, 2004) from Mayor David Miller forwarding the 2004 Action Plan for a Clean City Component Initiatives and recommending that:

- (1) Council join the Mayor in endorsing the clean and beautiful city initiative as a priority during this term of Council;
- (2) during its deliberations the week of March 8-12, 2004, the Budget Advisory Committee consider it a priority for the operating budget and resources allocated to current services and enhancements required to achieve Stage 1: a co-ordinated and sustainable program of cleanliness, as outlined in the attached table; and
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioners' Steering Group report to the Policy and Finance Committee for its May 2004 meeting with a detailed implementation and operational plan for both clean city and beautiful city actions over the next two years, including a forecast of 2005 budget implications for beautiful city components and the potential to use existing tools to achieve beautiful city goals.

**1.46 Transportation Services (Operating and Capital)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

**1.46(a) Roadway Noise Attenuation Barriers - Overskate Court  
Acoustic Fence Abutting Martin Grove Road  
(Ward 1 - Etobicoke North)**

Communication (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, adopted without amendment, Clause No. 10 of Report No. 8 of The Policy and Finance Committee, entitled “Roadway Noise Attenuation Barriers - Overskate Court Acoustic Fence Abutting Martin Grove Road (Ward 1 - Etobicoke North)”, and requested that the incoming Council give priority consideration to the installation of Roadway Noise Attenuation Barriers on Overskate Court as part of the 2004 budget deliberations.

**1.46(b) Proposed Roadway Modifications in conjunction with Streetcar Track  
Reconstruction - College Street, between Bathurst Street and Spadina Avenue  
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

Communication (February 19, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Toronto South Community Council on February 17, 2004, recommended, for consideration with the 2004 Budget, that \$232,500.00 be added to the College Street Reconstruction project for adding extra trees, pavers and tree pits, the source of funds being allocated from monies assigned to Ward 20 from any of the following existing accounts:

\$15 million for local road construction;  
\$21.9 million for local road resurfacing;  
\$9.7 million for sidewalk and laneways;  
\$1 million for construction of pavement and sidewalks; and  
\$18 million for major road resurfacing.

**1.47 WES - Support Services (Operating)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

**1.48 WES - Technical Services (Operating)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

**1.49 Auditor General’s Office**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

### **1.49(a) 2004 Operating Plan and Budget - Auditor General's Office**

Communication (January 22, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Audit Committee on January 21, 2004, approved the 2004 Operating Plan and Budget for the Auditor General's Office and forwarded same to the Budget Advisory Committee.

### **1.50 Consolidated Grants (Operating)**

*(Refer to the Budget Binders Previously Distributed to all Members of Council)*

Communications (Various dates) from the City Clerk, embodied in which were the recommendations pertaining to Consolidated Grants:

- (a) Economic Development and Parks Committee  
(Distributed with the Budget Advisory Committee Agenda of March 8, 2004)

(February 11, 2004) advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee on February 4, 5 and 11, 2004, reviewed the 2004 Operating Budgets under its purview and, among other things, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for Grants under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to:

- (1) the addition of \$848,000.00 for the Toronto Arts Council Grants Program;
- (2) the addition of \$152,000.00 for the Toronto Arts Council Operations;
- (3) the addition of \$61,100.00 for the Royal Winter Fair;
- (4) the addition of \$226,700.00 for Major Cultural Organizations; and
- (5) the addition of \$97,100.00 for the George Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Arts.

- (b) Community Services Committee  
(Distributed with the Budget Advisory Committee Agenda of March 9, 2004)

(February 11, 2004) advising that the Community Services Committee on February 4, 5 and 11, 2004, reviewed the 2004 Operating Budgets under its purview and, among other things, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget of the Consolidated Grants under the purview of the Community Services Committee, subject to adding the following:

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| (a) | Community Information Toronto – 211 Website | \$250.0 thousand; |
| (b) | Community Services Grants – expansion       | \$600.0 thousand; |



- (c) Food Security Grant Program \$500.0 thousand;
- (d) Service Development Program \$400.0 thousand;

and further that:

- (i) the \$1,750.0 thousand funding for this increase be provided from the \$5.555 million reduction to the Fire Services Operating Budget for Recognition Pay for Firefighters; and
- (ii) half of the \$1,750.0 thousand be allocated to grants agencies in the former area municipalities, other than the former City of Toronto; and

- (c) Planning and Transportation Committee  
(Distributed with the Budget Advisory Committee Agenda of March 8, 2004)

(February 16, 2004) advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on February 5 and 16, 2004, reviewed the 2004 Operating Budget for the Planning and Transportation Committee and, among other things, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2004 EMT Recommended budget for the Grants Service Envelope under the purview of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

- (d) Administration Committee  
(To be distributed with the Budget Advisory Committee Agenda of March 12, 2004)

(February 18, 2004) advising that the Administration Committee on February 6 and 13, 2004, reviewed the 2004 Operating Budget for the Administration Committee and, among other things, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2004 EMT Recommended budget for Consolidated Grants under the purview of the Administration Committee, subject to increasing the Access and Equity Grants budget to \$1M.

### **1.50(a) Consolidated Grants Budget - Toronto Public Health Grants Service Envelope**

Communication (February 24, 2004) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting held on February 23, 2004, recommended:

- (1) adoption of the report (February 9, 2004) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Consolidated Grants Budget – Toronto Public Health Grants Service Envelope";

- (2) that the Chair of the Board of Health be requested to write to the Chairs of the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board with a request that they contribute a total of \$1 million in total towards the Student Nutrition Program; and
- (3) that the Ministry of Education be requested to increase support to the Canadian Living Foundation and the food programs.

#### **1.50(b) Community Information Toronto (CIT) - Service Agreement**

Communication (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that Council on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 8 of Report No. 6 of The Community Services Committee, entitled “Community Information Toronto (CIT) - Service Agreement”, and forwarded the following recommendation to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 Budget Process:

- “(3) the CIT budget request of an additional \$250,000.00 to support the on-line component of “211” ([www.211toronto.ca](http://www.211toronto.ca)) be considered during the 2004 budget process”.

#### **1.50(c) Variety Village (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)**

Communication (September 29, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 13 of Report No. 7 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled “Variety Village (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)”, and forwarded this report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process.

#### **1.50(d) Tending the Garden - Final Report on Implementing ‘The Growing Season’ and Recommended Next Steps**

Communication (July 10, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on July 10, 2003, referred the communication (July 3, 2003) from the City Clerk to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process.

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE****SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA****MEETING NO. 8**

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**Communications/Reports****1.46(c) Snow Removal on Sidewalks and Roads**

Communication (March 4, 2004) addressed to Ms. Paula De Francesco from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15, Eglinton-Lawrence, advising that her communication dated February 26, 2004, and the petition from approximately 23 residents in the Dufferin and Lawrence area in support of an increase in the quality and service of snow and ice removal has been forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Works Committee for consideration.

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**ADDED STARTER**

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**Communications/Reports**

**1.45(c) 2004 Works and Emergency Services Advertising Costs**

Report (March 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services reporting, as requested by the Policy and Finance Committee on February 24, 2004, on proposed reductions to the Works and Emergency Services 2004 advertising budgets especially in the areas of Solid Waste Management Services and Transportation Services; and recommending that the 2004 EMT recommended advertising budget of Solid Waste Management Services be reduced by \$135,000.00 and that the 2004 EMT recommended advertising budget of Transportation Services be reduced by \$100,000.00.

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**ADDED STARTERS 2**

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**Communications/Reports**

**1.41(f) Reduction Target for the 2004 TTC Operating Budget**

Communication (March 8, 2004) from the Chair, Toronto Transit Commission, regarding the 10.8 million reduction target for the 2004 TTC Operating Budget and the \$3.1 million reduction for the Wheel-Trans Operating Budget.

**1.41(g) 2004 TTC and Wheel-Trans Operating Budgets and 2004-2008 Capital Program**

Communication (March 9, 2004) from the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, responding to several issues/recommendations raised in the City's Analyst Notes on the 2004 TTC and Wheel-Trans Operating Budgets and 2004-2008 Capital Program.