

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 6

Monday, March 8, 2004

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2004, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:35 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	2:10 p.m. – 5:18 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson	X	X

Also Present:

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone	Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Doug Holyday
Councillor Sandra Bussin	Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Mike Del Grande	

6.1 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets

General

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

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:
 - (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.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request 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

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- (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.

(Carried)

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Chief Administrative Officer -
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Culture

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for Culture.

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (February 12, 2004) from Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone requesting the Budget Advisory Committee to consider reinstating the \$63,000.00 cut from the operating budget of MOCCA (Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art).

Capital

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, subject to the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$1,008,000.00.

(Carried)

Operating

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, 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.

(Carried)

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- C. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee reinstate the \$63,700.00 cut from the Operating Budget of the Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art.

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Carroll moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) defer consideration of Councillor's Rae's motion C. to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings; and
- (2) receive the aforementioned communication.

(Carried)

Customer and Business Support

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for Customer and Business Support.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for Customer and Business Support, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted.

Economic Development

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for Economic Development.

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

- (a) (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 14 of Report No. 6 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled "Business Improvement Area (BIA) Capital Cost-sharing Program Review (All Wards)", and forwarded the report to the Budget Advisory Committee for information; and
- (b) (March 8, 2004) from Councillor Palacio, Ward 17 Davenport, requesting approval of \$48,000.00 gross and \$24,000.00 net for St. Clair Gardens BIA for additional streetscape improvements.

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Capital

- A. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for the Economic Development Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, subject to the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$49,000.00;
 - (2) request 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 aforementioned communications.

(Carried)

Operating

- B. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for the Economic Development Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted.

(Carried)

Parks and Recreation

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for Parks and Recreation.

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

- (a) (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;

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- (b) (July 3, 2003) from City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee on July 3, 2003, concurred in the following recommendations contained in the report (June 19, 2003) from former Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate:
- (1) the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Works and Emergency Services, as well as the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission consider the recommendations for funding contained in this report and include budget recommendations for maintaining current budget levels and/or enhancing departmental budgets in 2004 for services offered to Toronto senior citizens, in their budget submissions for 2004;
 - (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee, for information; and
 - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (c) (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;
- (d) (February 19, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Toronto South Community Council, at its meeting held on February 17, 2004, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee, for consideration with the 2004 Budget, that:
- (1) the first phase of the project cost of \$220,000.00 already approved in the 2003 budget, be released so that the project can begin immediately;

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- (2) other revenue raised for this purpose from the local park levy and the Section 45 contribution of \$100,000.00 from the 126 Simcoe Street and 11 Nelson Street development project, be applied to this project in 2004;
 - (3) the actual cost of the future project (\$1.5 million) be reflected in the 2004 Capital Budget of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department; and
 - (4) the remaining funds required for the completion of the project be moved to the 2005 Capital Budget with half of the cost from debt and half from a combination parks levy, development charges and Section 45/37 monies;
- (e) (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 4 of Report No. 6 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled "Civic Garden Centre - Toronto Botanical Garden Revitalization Program (Ward 25 - Don Valley West)", and referred the report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 Capital Budget process;
 - (f) (October 2, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 4 of Report No. 9 of The Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Hydro Corridors - Park and Recreation Uses and Property Taxes", and referred the report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 Operating Budget process;
 - (g) (March 4, 2004) from the Superintendent of Facilities, Toronto Catholic District School Board, confirming their interest in participating with the City in a Joint Playground Development Program;
 - (h) (March 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing a status report to the Budget Advisory Committee, as requested by Council at its March 1, 2 and 3, 2004 meeting, on the progress made by staff since Council's adoption of the report (September 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled "Recreation Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Finding and Recommendations Respecting Five Study Areas"; responding to Council's request on how to accelerate development of the remaining community centres; and recommending that this report be received for information;
 - (i) (March 5, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 5 of Report No. 2 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled "Asian Long-Horned Beetle" and forwarded a copy of this Clause to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration;

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- (j) (March 5, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 3 of Report No. 2 of The Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Clean and Beautiful City Initiative" and forwarded a copy of this Clause to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration, and recommending that the Budget Advisory Committee, when considering the monetary resources for this project, be requested to:
- (a) take into account the needs of the City as a whole, and that all wards be given fair distribution of funds and resources; and
 - (b) recognize that enforcement should be given high priority in this plan; and
- (k) (March 8, 2004) from Ms. Sheila Penny, Facility Services, Toronto District School Board, supporting the continuation of the Joint Playground Project.

Capital

- A. Councillor Carroll moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for the Parks and Recreation Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, 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.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Milczyn moved that Councillor Carroll's motion A. be amended to add the following:

- “(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;”.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Rae moved that Councillor Carroll's motion A. be amended to add the following:

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- “(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;”.

(Carried)

D. Councillor Mihevc moved that:

- (1) Councillor Carroll’s motion A. be amended to add the following:

“(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

- (2) the Budget Advisory Committee request:

- (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; and
- (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.

(Carried)

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E. Councillor Watson moved that:

(1) Councillor Carroll's motion A. be amended by adding the following:

“(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);”;

(2) defer consideration of the following to 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; and

(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.

(Carried)

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- F. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) request 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
 - (2) receive the following communications:
 - (a) (February 19, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled “Victoria Memorial Square Park Funding”;
 - (b) (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk, entitled “Civic Garden Centre - Toronto Botanical Garden Revitalization Program (Ward 25 - Don Valley West)”;
 - (c) (March 4, 2004) from the Superintendent of Facilities, Toronto Catholic District School Board, entitled “Toronto Catholic District School Board Participation in Jointly Funded Playground Improvement Program”; and
 - (d) (March 8, 2004) from Ms. Sheila Penny, Executive Superintendent Facility Services, Toronto District School Board, entitled “Joint Playground Project”.
- (Carried)**

Operating

- G. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:
 - (a) the 2004 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted 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;

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- (b) Economic Development and Parks Committee Recommendation III (2) be amended by deleting the sum of "\$250,000.00" and replacing with the sum of "\$200,000.00" for the tree watering program; and
 - (c) 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 of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on March 8, 2004; and
- (2) defer consideration of the following to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:
- (a) the addition of \$976,000.00 for the Children's Program Expansion;
 - (b) the addition of \$1.088 million for the Youth Program Expansion;
 - (c) 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;
 - (d) communication (July 30, 2003) from the City Clerk, entitled "Options to Improve Enforcement and Reduce Instances of Illegal Dumping";
 - (e) communication (February 18, 2004) from Mayor David Miller, entitled "Clean and Beautiful City Initiative"; and
 - (f) communication (March 5, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled "Clean and Beautiful City Initiative".
- (Carried)**

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

H. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

(1) defer consideration of the following to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

“(g) 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.”; and

(2) request 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.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

I. Councillor Carroll moved that:

(1) the Budget Advisory Committee request 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

(Carried)

(2) the addition of \$250,000.00 for Variety Village be considered at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting of March 20, 2004, when it reviews the 2004 Consolidated Grants Budget, such grant, if approved, to be contingent upon Variety Village providing the City with a business and strategic plan.

(Lost)

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J. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

(1) request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on 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

(2) receive the following reports and communications:

(a) (March 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled "Status Report on the Recreation Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Respecting Five Study Areas";

(b) (October 2, 2003) from the City Clerk, entitled "Hydro Corridors - Park and Recreation Uses and Property Taxes";

(c) (July 3, 2003) from the City Clerk, entitled "Recommendations for City Expenditures on Seniors' Services in 2004"; and

(d) (March 5, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled "Asian Long-Horned Beetle"; and

(Carried)

(3) request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to re-examine the allocation of resources given that the East district resourcing is either:

(a) more efficient than other districts;

(b) does not have enough resourcing; and

(c) that provisions be made to investigate and fund as a priority, facilities in the East District from the 2005 budget;

and report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up.

(Lost)

- K. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on the impact of the loss of 13 frontline and 10 management positions to the overall service levels and cleanliness of parks.

(Carried)

(Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - March 8, 2004)

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Chief Administrative Officer - March 8, 2004)

Economic Recovery

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for Economic Recovery.

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for Economic Recovery, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, 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.”.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request 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.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - March 8, 2004)

Tourism

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for Tourism.

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for the Tourism Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, subject to decreasing the funding to Tourism Toronto by \$1.2 million.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request 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.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - March 8, 2004)

Yonge-Dundas Square

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted.

Heritage Toronto

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, be adopted, subject to

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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.

Economic Development and Parks Committee - 2004 Capital Program

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (February 10, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting held on February 2 and February 9, 2004, reviewed the 2004-2013 Capital Budgets under its purview, and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

I. Culture:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Culture Division, subject to increasing the Trinity Bellwoods Historical Gate Restoration Project from \$187,000.00 gross, \$41,000.00 net, to \$550,000.00 gross, "0" net, in 2004, given that Section 37 monies confirmed availability by the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for this purpose.

II. Economic Development:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Economic Development Division, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the addition of \$48,000.00 gross and \$24,000.00 net for the St. Clair Gardens BIA to allow for additional streetscape improvements in the area; and
- (2) the addition of \$110,000.00 gross and \$55,000.00 net for the Rosedale-Summerhill BIA for streetscape improvements in the area.

III. Parks and Recreation:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Parks and Recreation Division, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the addition of \$200,000.00 for the reintroduction of the Joint Playground Development Program, with funds to be divided equally between the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board, contingent upon receiving 50 percent cost share from the School Boards;

- (2) transfer the East York Collegiate fence repair (CAPTOR #143) in the amount of \$15,000.00; transfer the East York Arena heating replacement in the amount of \$50,000.00 (already provided for); and add funding for repair of the Dentonia Park Clubhouse in the amount of \$65,000.00, \$50,000.00 of which is to come from the Park Improvements Ward 31 XR2001; resulting in a zero net impact to the recommended capital budget;
- (3) sufficient funds be added to the 2004 Capital Budget for site preparation at 40 Wabash Avenue for the Wabash/Sorauren Community Centre; and further the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Budget Advisory Committee on a source of funding in that regard;
- (4) the addition of \$200,000.00 gross and \$50,000.00 net for the Trinity Square Park Labyrinth Project; and
- (5) the addition of \$500,000.00 in 2004 and future years for the construction of Skateboard Parks City-wide.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

Economic Development and Parks Committee - 2004 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (February 11, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting held on February 2 and February 9, 2004, reviewed the 2004 Operating Budgets under its purview and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

I. Culture:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Culture Division, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the addition of \$20,900.00 for maintenance costs at the Neilson Park Creative Centre;
- (2) the addition of \$44,000.00 for Market Gallery to maintain the 2003 funding level; and
- (3) the addition of \$250,000.00 to support the non-City owned Cultural Facilities Capital Grants Program.

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II. Economic Development:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Economic Development Division.

III. Parks and Recreation:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Parks and Recreation Division, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) the establishment of an Inner City Outtripping Centre with a net budget of \$100,000.00, such budget to be allocated within the existing envelope of funds in the Parks and Recreation Operating Budget; and further the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on a specific source of funding in that regard;
- (2) the addition of \$250,000.00 for a tree watering program in order to save the \$400,000.00 in annual loss of trees as a result of lack of watering;
- (3) the addition of \$48,700.00 for one “pesticide-free” demonstration using alternative methods in each of the four Community Council areas as detailed in the “Environmental Plan Candidate Priorities – Operating 2004 Budget”;
- (4) the restoration of funding for floral displays in local parks in the amount of \$758,300.00; and
- (5) the addition of \$3,000.00 for the installation of morality lighting (solar powered lighting preferred) in the south/east corner of Centre Park (Ward 24), and further that if such installation exceeds \$3,000.00 that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee in that regard.

IV. Customer and Business Support:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for Customer and Business Support.

V. Tourism:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Tourism Division.

VI. Heritage Toronto:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Culture Division.

VII. SARS Recovery:

The adoption of the following recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for SARS Recovery:

- (1) deleting the word "SARS" so that such budget shall now be referred to as the "Economic Recovery" Operating Budget; and
- (2) including the "Economic Recovery" budget in the Economic Development Operating Budget at the \$5 million level.

VIII. Yonge Dundas Square:

The adoption of the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for Yonge Dundas Square.

IX. Grants:

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 the following amendments:

- (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.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

2004 Capital and Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (February 11, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting held on February 2 and February 9, 2004 during consideration of the 2004 Capital and Operating Budget, among other things, referred the following motion to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Mayor for consideration:

“The City defer any decision on Phase II of the ‘Transfer of Aquatics Programs from the TDSB Pools’ until Council 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.”

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

2004 Capital and Operating Budget - Response to Economic Development and Parks Committee Inquiries (Various Wards)

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a report (March 3, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on a number of questions arising from the February 9, 2004 Economic Development and Parks Committee 2004 budget review meeting wherein the Committee requested that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 budget process; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

Urban Development Services

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for Urban Development Services.

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

- (a) (February 2, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on January 27, 28 and 29, 2004, adopted without amendment, Clause No. 8 of Report No. 1 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, entitled “Update on the ‘Smart Commute Initiative’: An Application for Funding from the Federal Urban

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Transportation Showcase Program”, and forwarded a copy of the Clause to the Budget Advisory Committee;

- (b) (February 24, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Policy and Finance Committee, at its Special Meeting held on February 24, 2004, referred the communication (February 5, 2004) from the City Clerk to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2004 Operating Budget deliberations and report back to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (c) (March 5, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 24 of Report No. 2 of The Policy and Finance Committee, entitled “Status Report – Development Review Task Force (All Wards)”, and forwarded a copy of this Clause to the Budget Advisory Committee for information during its consideration of the 2004 Operating Budget.

Capital

- A. Councillor Milczyn moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 EMT Capital Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, be adopted, 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.

(Carried)

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Operating

- B. Councillor Milczyn moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, be adopted, subject to a reduction in the cost for Changes to the Structure of the Committee of Adjustment of (\$75,700.00).

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

(a) the report (February 24, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled "Mechanical Inspection of Licensed Vehicles", be adopted; and

(b) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested 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

- (2) receive the following communications:

(a) (February 2, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled "Update on the 'Smart Commute Initiative': An application for Funding from the Federal Urban Transportation Showcase Program"; and

(b) (March 5, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled "Status Report – Development Review Task Force".

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Administrator, Planning and Transportation Committee - March 8, 2004)

Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital Budget for Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives.

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, be adopted.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Watson moved that the 2004 budget of \$62.428 million for the Front Street Extension be deferred until 2005.

(Lost)

Yonge-Dundas Square

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for the Yonge-Dundas Square, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, be adopted, subject to the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$66,000.00.

Planning and Transportation Committee - 2004 Capital Program

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (February 10, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on February 5 and 16, 2004, reviewed the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Planning and Transportation Committee and took the following action in regard thereto:

Urban Development Services

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee, as a result of changes to the Works and Emergency Services scheduling, the adoption of the 2004-2013 EMT recommended Capital Budget respecting the Urban Development Services Department, subject to replacing the 2004 Civic Improvement Routes project - "The Queensway" (Claude Avenue to South Kingsway) ranked second in priority at a cost of \$275,000.00 with College Street (Bathurst Street to Spadina) at a cost of \$275,000.00 and ranked as

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third in priority and Port Union Road currently ranked as third now being ranked as second in priority, so that the 2004 Civic Improvement Program Routes are ranked as follows:

Sherbourne Street (Queens Quay to Bloor);
Port Union Road (Lawrence Avenue East to Waterfront);
College Street (Bathurst Street to Spadina);
Danforth Avenue (Warden to Victoria Park); and
Royal York Road (Gardiner Expressway to Mimico Creek).

Waterfront Revitalization Initiative

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2004-2013 Capital Program for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative subject to the "Portlands and West Donlands" Precinct Project listed on one line and the "East Bayfront" Precinct Project listed on a second line in Appendix 4 to the Analyst Notes for Waterfront Revitalization being amended to read "Portlands" on one line and "East Bayfront and West Donlands" on the other, with no change to the corresponding funding levels.

Yonge/Dundas Square

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the 2004 Capital Program request for Yonge/Dundas Square.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

Planning and Transportation Committee - 2004 Operating Program

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (February 16, 2004) from the City Clerk, 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 took the following action in regard thereto:

Urban Development Services

Recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) the adoption of the 2004 EMT recommended Operating Budget respecting the Urban Development Services Department subject to:
 - (i) funds in the amount of \$92,500.00 being added to the budget for a Graffiti Abatement Coordinator and program funding for the period starting July 1, 2004; and a comprehensive graffiti abatement strategy being

- undertaken by the department in conjunction with other City departments as required;
- (ii) a proactive by-law enforcement strategy related to litter and debris being undertaken in 2004;
 - (iii) funds in the amount of \$295,600,00 being added to the budget for eight additional by-law enforcement officers starting July 1, 2004 and one-time start up costs; and
 - (iv) fees for planning applications being increased by 10 percent effective July 1, 2004, and that an amount of \$389,000.00 be added to the 2004 revenue budget of Urban Development Services; and
- (2) that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be directed to conduct a comprehensive review of fees in the Urban Development Services department in order to move to 100 percent cost recovery where applicable.

Consolidated Grants Program

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.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

Consolidated Grants

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Budget for Consolidated Grants.

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee receive the aforementioned communication for information.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Watson moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer consideration of Recommendation Nos. (1) (i) and (ii) to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings.

(Lost)

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- C. Councillor Carroll moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer consideration of the addition of \$250,000.00 for Variety Village to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2004, when it reviews the 2004 Consolidated Grants Budget, such grant, if approved, to be contingent upon Variety Village providing the City with a business and strategic plan.

(Lost)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Chair