

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee**

**Meeting No. 8**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2004**

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	2:05 p.m. – 5:40 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:

Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor Douglas Holyday
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker	Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Michael Del Grande	Councillor Case Ootes
Councillor Raymond Cho	Councillor Bill Saundercook
Councillor Olivia Chow	Councillor David Shiner

## **8.1 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets**

### **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with this matter:

- Councillor Mike Del Grande, Ward 39 Scarborough-Agincourt;
- Councillor Doug Holiday, Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre;
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24 Willowdale.

### **Capital**

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, be approved.

### **Operating**

A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the 2004 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, be adopted, subject to the following adjustments:

- (1) that \$3,327,634.00 fund that portion of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority budget that is watershed protection related from the Water Stabilization Reserves; and
- (2) that \$238,000.00, representing the Toronto portion of the property taxes paid by the City of Toronto for Toronto and Region Conservation Authority properties in 905 municipalities, be reduced from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority budget and that the respective 905 municipalities be requested to fund their appropriate share of the 905 municipal property taxes.

**(Carried)**

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

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- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that Councillor Mihevc's motion A. be amended by deleting the sum of "\$3,327,634.00" and replacing with "\$1.838 million being the direct source protection program".

(Lost)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Pitfield moved that no operating funds be taken from the Water Wastewater Reserve fund until Bill 175 is in place and addresses whether this is an appropriate use of funds.

(Lost)

### **Toronto Transit Commission**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto Transit Commission.

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

- (a) (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 adopted 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;
- (b) (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) adopted 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

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- (4) requested TTC staff to report back at the next meeting of the Commission on the different options available to appeal property taxes;
- (c) (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) adopted 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;
- (d) (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.”;
- (e) (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:

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- “(1) request the City of Toronto to reconsider providing a property tax exemption on all Commission properties;”;
- (f) (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; and
- (g) (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.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with this matter:

- Councillor Janet Davis, Ward 31 Beaches-East York;
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24 Willowdale.

**Capital**

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the 2004 Capital Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission, and all relevant communications, until its wrap-up meetings.

**Operating**

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the 2004 Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission, and all relevant communications, until its wrap-up meetings; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide an update on the “Property Tax Exemption – TTC Projects” to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission – March 10, 2004)

### **Wheel-Trans Operating Budget**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for Wheel-Trans.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Wheel-Trans be adopted; and
- (2) received the following communications:
  - (a) (January 26, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission: "2004 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget"; and
  - (b) (March 9, 2004) from the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission: "2004 TTC and Wheel-Trans Operating Budgets and 2004-2008 Capital Program".

### **Toronto Atmospheric Fund**

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

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, be adopted.

### **Works Committee - 2004 Capital Budget**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a 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 adopted;

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II. Transportation Services:

- (a) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Transportation Services Division be adopted, 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 adopted.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee received the foregoing communication.

**Works Committee - 2004 Operating Budget**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a 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 adopted, subject to a net operating budget reduction of \$1,332.5 thousand through revenue

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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 adopted, 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;

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III. Technical Services:

that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004 Operating Budget for the Technical Services Division be adopted, 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 adopted.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee received the foregoing communication.

**Solid Waste Management Services**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital and Operating Budgets for Solid Waste Management Services.

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) (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; and
- (c) (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.

### **Capital**

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for Solid Waste Management Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted, subject to adopting the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustment in the amount of \$3.093 million.

### **Operating**

Councillor Milczyn moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted, subject to an additional 235,000.00 reduction in the Advertising and Promotion Program for Solid Waste Management; and

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- (2) defer consideration of the report (February 18, 2004) from Mayor David Miller: "Clean and Beautiful City Initiative", for consideration at the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to prepare a briefing note for the Budget wrap-up meetings on possible cost savings of further subsidized home composting bins; and
- (2) receive the following reports:
- (a) (July 30, 2003) from the City Clerk: "Options to Improve Enforcement and Reduce Instances of Illegal Dumping"; and
- (b) (March 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services: "2004 Works and Emergency Services Advertising Costs".

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – March 10, 2004)

### **Transportation Services**

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

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. 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;

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- (b) (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;
- (c) (March 4, 2004) from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence, respecting snow and ice removal;
- (d) (March 10, 2004) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Member, Pedestrian Planning Network, respecting the Walking Security Index Project;
- (e) (March 9, 2004) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina, requesting the Budget Advisory Committee approve \$61,000.00 for the Kensington Market Car Free Sunday summer pilot project; and
- (f) (March 4, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding approximately 216 petitions submitted by Councillor Augimeri, Councillor Li Preti, and Councillor Mammoliti, with respect to sidewalk snow clearing.

### **Capital**

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

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted, with the following adjustments:
  - (a) 2004 scheduled funding in the amount of \$232,500.00 for minor road repairs entirely within Ward 20 be reallocated to tree planting and/or sidewalk repair within Ward 20;
  - (b) the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustment in the amount of \$72,728.00.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that Councillor Soknacki's motion A. be amended by deferring consideration of the following Recommendation II (a) (I) contained in the communication February 10, 2003, from the City Clerk until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

“II Transportation Services:

- (a) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2004-2013 Capital Budget for the Transportation Services Division be adopted, subject to the following amendment:
- (i) an increase of \$800,000.00 in 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);”.

**(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report:

(a) to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on:

- (i) the Capital Budget of the Transportation Division being reduced by two percent, including the implications of such reduction, to free up a 10 percent increase in the Parks and Recreation budget; and

(b) to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the 2005 budget process, on the feasibility of new funding arrangements for road rehabilitation projects from Water/Wastewater for parts of the work that relate to Storm Water Management.

**(Carried)**

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D. Councillor Watson moved that Councillor Mihevc's motion C.(a) be amended by adding the following:

(ii) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on exactly what has been spent on the Front Street Extension to date, including the description of the specific projects that the money has been spent on, and a description of the continuing work that staff is doing on the Front Street Extension, together with the cost of this work;"; and

**(Carried)**

(iii) that the portion of the Transportation Division Capital Budget - \$54.7 million - allocated to the Front Street Extension be deferred to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings.

**(Lost)**

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – March 10, 2004)

### **Operating**

A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that:

(1) the 2004 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted, with the following adjustments:

(a) deleting the following Recommendation No. II (1) (ii) of the Works Committee regarding the program for the Clearing of Windrows (TP110-Z001), contained in the communication (February 10, 2004) from the City Clerk:

“the program for the clearing of windrows (TP110-Z001) be reinstated in the amount of \$700,000.00, to be offset by savings from within the existing budget for Works and Emergency Services;”.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Rae moved that:

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

(a) the addition of \$61,150.00 for the Kensington Market and Church Street Car Free Sunday summer pilot project:

(i) on the condition that City Council approve such project in April 2004; and

(ii) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services finding a funding source and reporting same to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings; and

(b) overtime and response to community event programming be reduced by an amount of \$482,000.00; and

(2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on the implications of reducing the overtime and response to community event programming;

**(Carried)**

(c) the addition of \$100,000.00 for Car Free Sunday across the City of Toronto;

**(Lost)**

C. Councillor Milczyn moved that Councillor Pitfield's motion A. be amended by adding:

(1) the Advertising Program for the Transportation Division be reduced by an additional \$100,000.00;

**(Carried)**

(2) reinstate the existing program for Mechanical Leaf Collection at a net cost of \$100,000.00.

**(Lost)**

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

D. Councillor Soknacki moved that:

(1) Councillor Pitfield's motion A. be amended as follows:

**“save and except** deferring consideration of the following Works Committee Recommendation No. II (2) (i) and (ii) until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings for a further report, such report to include the issue of Car Free Sunday:

‘(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;” and

(2) the following communications be received:

- (a) (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk: “Roadway Noise Attenuation Barriers - Overskate Court Acoustic Fence Abutting Martin Grove Road (Ward 1 - Etobicoke North)” (See Agenda Item 1.46(a));
- (b) (February 19, 2004) from the City Clerk: “Proposed Roadway Modifications in Conjunction with Streetcar Track Reconstruction - College Street, between Bathurst Street and Spadina Avenue (Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)” (See Agenda Item 1.46(b));
- (c) (March 4, 2004) from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence, forwarding a letter and petition with respect to snow removal on sidewalks and roads (See Agenda Item 1.46(c));
- (d) (March 10, 2004) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Member, Pedestrian Planning Network: “Walking Security Index Project” (See Agenda Item 1.46(d));

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- (e) (March 9, 2004) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina: “Kensington Market Car Free Sunday Summer Pilot Project” (See Agenda Item 1.46(e)); and
- (f) (March 4, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding petitions submitted by Councillors Augimeri, Li Preti and Mammoliti containing approximately 216 signatures, with respect to sidewalk snow clearing (See Agenda Item 1.46(f)).

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – March 10, 2004)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

**WES - Support Services**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for WES - Support Services.

On motion by Councillor Milczyn, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for WES – Support Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to provide a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on eliminating one position (vacant) in Support Services for community consultations, such report to include an impact analysis of removing this position, including overtime and other related costs.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – March 10, 2004)

**WES - Technical Services**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for WES - Technical Services.

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A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Operating Budget for WES – Technical Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted, subject to:

- (1) reductions in the amount of \$335,100.00 based on the review of the 2003 Actual Expenditures;
- (2) Toronto Transit Commission Capital Recovery for Technical Services be increased by \$300,000.00;
- (3) Utilize Better Building Partnership Reserve be utilized to fund new construction program in the amount of \$132,400.00;
- (4) the Energy Efficiency Office Program for Technical Services be reduced by \$200,000.00, including one position.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Rae moved that Councillor Pitfield's motion A. be amended as follows:

“**save and except** deferring consideration of the Stockholm Toronto Partnership for Sustainable Cities; and requesting the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with appropriate officials, to provide a report on a policy dealing with the City hosting conferences of international significance.”

(Carried)

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer –  
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### **WES - Departmental**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Capital Budget for WES - Departmental.

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

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On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2004 Capital Budget for WES – Departmental, as recommended by the Works Committee, be adopted, subject to:

- (a) the adoption of the 2003 Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$2.020 million; and
- (b) the adoption of the 2002 and prior Carry Forward Technical Adjustments in the amount of \$578,000.00 to be considered with the 2005 budget.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

**Auditor General's Office**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2004 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a 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.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (a) set the Auditor General's 2004 Operating Budget at \$3.302.5 million gross and net; and
- (b) received the communication (January 22, 2004) from the City Clerk: "2004 Operating Plan and Budget – Auditor General's Office" (See Agenda Item 1.49(a)).

**Consolidated Grants**

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

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it communications (Various dates) from the City Clerk, embodied in which were the recommendations pertaining to Consolidated Grants:

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(a) Economic Development and Parks Committee

(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

(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

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(c) Planning and Transportation Committee

(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

(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.

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

(a) (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.

(b) (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”.

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- (c) (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; and
- (d) (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.

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 the EMT level for Consolidated Grants be adopted;
- (2) request the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with Budget Advisory Committee Members, to prepare recommendations for prioritizing grants above the EMT level for Consolidated Grants prior to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meetings;
- (3) direct that, if additional funds for grants are available at wrap-up, consideration be given to the aforementioned prioritized list of grants.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

B. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) request the Chief Administrative Officer to report to the Policy and Finance Committee for its meeting of April 13, 2004, on the following matters:
  - (a) for the 2005 budget process:
    - (i) the grants budget being analyzed and dealt with by respective and appropriate departments; and

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- (ii) each department that has a grant program such program be aligned within the goals and objectives of the department; and
- (b) the grant program being renamed “Community Partnership and Investment Program”, to better reflect the character of City spending and its relationship to City goals and objectives; and
- (2) receive the following communications:
  - (a) (Various dates) from the City Clerk: “Consolidated Grants (Operating) (See Agenda Item No. 1.50);
  - (b) (February 24, 2004) from the Secretary, Board of Health: “Consolidated Grants Budget – Toronto Public Health Grants Service Envelope” (See Agenda Item 1.50(a));
  - (c) (July 28, 2003) from the City Clerk: “Community Information Toronto (CIT) - Service Agreement” (See Agenda Item 1.50(b));
  - (d) (September 29, 2003) from the City Clerk: “Variety Village (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)” (See Agenda Item 1.50(c)); and
  - (e) (July 10, 2003) from the City Clerk: “Tending the Garden - Final Report on Implementing ‘The Growing Season’ and Recommended Next Steps” (See Agenda Item 1.50(d)).

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Members, Budget Advisory Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Administrator, Policy and Finance Committee – March 10, 2004)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Chair