

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

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**Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee**

**Meeting 20**

**Friday, November 26, 2004**

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, November 26, 2004, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:38 a.m.

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

Attendance:

	10:38 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Vice Chair	R
Councillor Jane Pitfield, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson	X

**20.1 Pre-Approval Request for 2005 Capital Projects**

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the following:

- (a) report (November 16, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer requesting Council's authority to incur and/or commit expenditures for capital projects that must proceed during the period from January 1, 2005 to the date on which the 2005 Capital Budget and 2006-2014 Capital Plan is approved in order to realize benefits that would not otherwise be available if the projects were delayed or to address urgent health and safety issues.

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Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) approval be granted to enter into commitments totalling \$504.860 million gross for New and Change in Scope projects/sub-projects and previously approved projects during the period January 1, 2005, to the date on which Council will approve the full 2005 Capital Budget, comprising of commitments for tax supported programs totaling \$504.860 million gross and \$280.483 million debt and rate supported programs totalling \$0.125 million gross and \$0.00 debt (see Appendices 1, 2 and 3);
- (2) spending (cash flow) during the period January 1, 2005, to the date on which Council will approve the full 2005 Capital Budget totalling \$104.894 million gross for previously approved projects be approved (see Appendix 2);
- (3) debenture financing for the pre-approval spending requirement in an amount not to exceed \$66.770 million for previously approved projects/sub-projects with a term not exceeding the lesser of 10 years or the useful life of the capital assets be approved;
- (4) City Council authorize the other financing sources as follows for previously approved projects: Reserve/Reserve Funds in the amount of \$1.523 million and other financing in the amount of \$36.601 million;
- (5) spending (cash flow) during the period January 1, 2005, to the date on which Council will approve the full 2005 Capital Budget, totalling \$22.105 million gross for New and Change in Scope projects/sub-projects, be approved (see Appendix 3);
- (6) debenture financing for the pre-approval spending requirement in an amount not to exceed \$17.141 million for New and Change in Scope projects/sub-projects be approved, and that the term of such debenture not exceed the lesser of 10 years or the useful life of the capital asset;
- (7) City Council authorize the other financing sources for New and Change in Scope projects/sub-projects as follows: Reserves/Reserve Funds in the amount of \$0.300 million, Development Charges in the amount of \$3.094 million and other financing in the amount of \$1.570 million;
- (8) carry-forward expenditures totalling \$167.923 million gross and \$107.021 million debt for commitments, and spending in the amount

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\$73.769 million gross and \$36.504 million debt for projects approved in 2004 with no incremental financing impact in 2005 be approved; and

- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (b) communication (November 23, 2004) from the Policy and Finance Committee, addressed to the Chair, Budget Advisory Committee, requesting the Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee to call a meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on November 30, 2004, to give further consideration to this matter and submit recommendations thereon directly to Council for its meeting to be held on November 30, 2004, for consideration with Clause 51 of Report 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Pre-Approval Request for 2005 Capital Projects."

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended

- (i) that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 16, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to amending Appendices 2 and 3 as follows:

- (A) that Appendix 2 be amended as follows:

Solid Waste:

- (a) Source Separated Organics in North York – that the amount of \$3,000.0 under the 2005 Requested Cashflow be changed to \$0.0, and that the \$3,000.0 for this project be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review process for consideration with the Solid Waste Program;

**(Motion by Councillor Carroll)**

Fire:

- (b) CAD/RMS – Computer Aided Dispatch System – that the amount of \$4,590.0 under Commitments and Debt be changed to \$1,715.0, and that the balance be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review process for consideration with the Fire Services Program;

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- (c) Replace Station 1 – West Command – that this project be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review process for consideration with the Fire Services Program;

Transportation:

- (d) Morningside Avenue/Finch Avenue Grade Separation – that the name of the project be amended to read “North York Centre Acquisition”, and that the amount of \$1,989.0 under Commitments and Debt be changed to \$198.8;
- (e) Front Street Delivery (Full Recoverable) – that this project be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review process for consideration with the Transportation Program;

**(Motions (b) to (e) by Councillor Watson)**

Culture:

- (f) Casa Loma Exterior Restoration – that the Ward number be changed to 22;

**(Motion by Councillor Rae)**

Information and Technology:

- (g) that the last two projects “Disaster Recovery” and “Network Security Upgrade” under Information and Technology be deleted, as they are listed twice;

End of Lease:

- (h) End of Lease Buyout – that this project be deleted and transferred to the 2004 Carry-forward;

**(Motions (g) and (h) by Councillor Milczyn)**

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Toronto Public Library:

- (i) Public Database Remediation – that the amount of \$500.0 under Commitments and Debt be changed to \$75.0;
- (j) Intranet Document Management – that the amount of \$312.0 under Commitments and Debt be changed to \$47.0;

**(Motions (i) and (j) by Councillor Watson)**

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- (k) SRT Car Overhaul Program – that the amount of \$2,349.0 under Commitments be changed to \$300.0, and that the amounts under Prov. Subsidy & Other and Debt be amended accordingly;
- (l) Streetcar Overhaul Program – that the amount of \$17,272.0 under Commitments be changed to \$1,500.0, and that the amounts under Prov. Subsidy & Other and Debt be amended accordingly;
- (m) Subway Car Overhaul Program – that the amount of \$13,437.0 under Commitments be changed to \$11,200.0, and that the amounts under Prov. Subsidy & Other and Debt be amended accordingly;
- (n) Rail Non-Revenue Vehicle Overhaul – that the amount of \$889.0 under Commitments be changed to \$400.0, and that the amounts under Prov. Subsidy & Other and Debt be amended accordingly; and
- (o) Rail Non-Revenue Vehicle Purchase – that the amount of \$3,256.0 under Commitments be changed to \$1,500.0, and that the amounts under Prov. Subsidy & Other and Debt be amended accordingly;

**(Motions (k) to (o) by Councillor Soknacki)**

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(B) that Appendix 3 be amended as follows:

Emergency Medical Services:

- (a) Ambulance Multiple Book-On Utilization Station – that this project be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review process for consideration with the Emergency Medical Services Program;

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

Solid Waste:

- (b) Source Separated Organics in North York – that this project be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review process for consideration with the Solid Waste Program;

**(Motion by Councillor Carroll)**

- (c) Transfer Stations Asset Management – that the amount of \$3,090.0 under Commitments and Debt be changed to \$500.0, and that the amount of \$772.5 under 2005 Cashflow and Debt be changed to \$500.0;

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

Parks and Recreation:

- (d) 61 Edgehill Road – Fire and Safety Code Work – that the Ward number be changed to 4;

**(Motion by Councillor Milczyn)**

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Toronto Public Library:

- (e) Toronto Reference Library Renovation and Retrofit 2005 – that the amount of \$2,000.0 under Commitment be changed to \$50.0 and the amount of \$1,953.0 under Debt be changed to \$3.0 respectively, and that the amounts of \$50.0 under 2005 Cashflow and Debt be changed to \$47.0 under Development Charges and \$3.0 under Debt respectively; and

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

Exhibition Place:

- (f) Trigenation Project – that this project be deleted; and

**(Motion by Councillor Carroll)**

- (ii) requested the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board to submit directly to Council for its meeting on November 30, 2004, for consideration with that portion of Appendix 3 pertaining to the Toronto Parking Enforcement Handheld Parking Device project, a report on:
  - (a) the percentage of parking officers' time spent to enforce permitted parking; and
  - (b) whether the supplier selected would be prepared to provide the same price per unit if the Toronto Police Service purchases fewer units.

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

The Budget Advisory Committee took the action as noted with respect to the following motions by Councillor Watson:

- (1) That Appendix 3 be amended to provide that the amount of \$4,100.0 for the Handheld Parking Device project under "Toronto Parking Enforcement" be changed to \$2,050.0, and that the balance be referred to the 2005 Capital Budget Review Process, **was subsequently withdrawn**; and

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- (2) that Appendix 3 be amended to provide that the Handheld Parking Device project under “Toronto Parking Enforcement” be submitted to Council without recommendation, **was voted upon and did not carry.**

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The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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Chair