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Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee

Meeting 11

Monday, December 7, 2004

The Planning and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, December 7, 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 periods indicated.

	9:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	2:10 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Councillor Gerry Altobello, Chair	X	X
Councillor John Filion	X	X
Councillor Cliff Jenkins	X	
Councillor Peter Milczyn, Vice- Chair	X	X
Councillor Howard Moscoe	X	X
Councillor Cesar Palacio	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X	X

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Planning and Transportation Committee confirmed the Minutes of its meeting held on November 8, 2004.

11.1 2005 Operating and Capital Budget Review.

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered the following:

- (1) Budget material pertaining to the 2005 Operating and Capital Budget for Urban Development Services;
- (2) communication (November 25, 2004) from the Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on

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November 15, 2004, amongst other things, recommending to the Planning and Transportation Committee that:

- (1) \$60,000.00 be added to the Urban Development Services Cycling Programs budget for Cycling Safety Programs in order to develop and implement the Bike Bus Safety Program to provide education about safe cycling to children and youth, and to work towards the development of a Bike-to-School Program, as per Recommendation 7-2 of the Toronto Bike Plan; and
- (2) \$50,000.00 be added to the Urban Development Services Cycling Program budget for Cycling Promotion to promote bicycle commuting by starting to implement the Urban Development Services 5 year plan for expanding the Bike User Group Network, as per Recommendation 7-6 of the Toronto Bike Plan.

The Commissioner of Urban Development Services, gave a presentation to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the 2005 Operating and Capital Budget for Urban Development Services and filed a copy of her presentation material.

Operating Budgets:

- Urban Development Services; and
- Community Partnership and Investment Program.

Capital Budgets:

- Urban Development Services;
- Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives; and
- Yonge Dundas Redevelopment Project.

The Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) received the presentation from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services respecting the Urban Development Services 2005 Operating and Capital Budget; and

- (2) deferred consideration of the communication (November 25, 2004) from the Toronto Cycling Committee respecting the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submission until the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on January 4, 2005.

(Report 1, Clause 4(a))

11.2 Proposed Graffiti Abatement Strategy

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered the following reports:

- (1) (November 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on, and recommending a Graffiti Abatement Strategy for both private and public property as part of the Clean and Beautiful City Initiatives; and advising that the goal is to eradicate graffiti from Toronto by employing the qualities of Leadership, Prevention, Eradication, Enforcement and Community Empowerment.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the proposed Graffiti Abatement Strategy (Appendix A), as the basis of a multi-faceted graffiti abatement strategy for the City of Toronto; and
 - (2) The City Solicitor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on a draft Graffiti By-law, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and
- (2) (December 2, 2004) from the City Solicitor reporting on a graffiti by-law under the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and commenting on other jurisdictions' graffiti powers.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that, if Council adopts the recommendations of the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for a graffiti abatement strategy that includes a graffiti by-law under the *Municipal Act, 2001*:

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- (1) City Council declare its opinion, under section 128 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, that if property (including structures and things on a highway or other public place) is not maintained free of graffiti, as described in the draft by-law, this is a matter that is or could become or cause public nuisances;
- (2) authority be granted to introduce in Council the attached draft by-law, "To adopt a new City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 485, Graffiti" substantially in the form set out in Appendix 1; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- Alan Burke, President, EBCA (East Beach Community Association) appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee and filed a written submission; and
- Marnie Affleck.

The Planning and Transportation Committee:

(a) recommended:

(I) that City Council:

(A) adopt the following staff recommendation (1) in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services:

“(1) City Council adopt the proposed Graffiti Abatement Strategy (Appendix A), as the basis of a multi-faceted graffiti abatement strategy for the City of Toronto;” and

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- (B) adopt the following staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 2, 2004) from the City Solicitor:

“It is recommended that, if Council adopts the recommendations of the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for a graffiti abatement strategy that includes a graffiti by-law under the Municipal Act, 2001:

- (1) City Council declare its opinion, under section 128 of the Municipal Act, 2001, that if property (including structures and things on a highway or other public place) is not maintained free of graffiti, as described in the draft by-law, this is a matter that is or could become or cause public nuisances;
- (2) authority be granted to introduce in Council the attached draft by-law, “To adopt a new City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 485, Graffiti” substantially in the form set out in Appendix 1; and

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- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”;

- (II) that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to establish a summer “Clean Team” composed of summer students assisted by experienced city employees;

- (III) that the “Clean Team”:
 - (i) be provided with equipment and materials to be utilized in the removal of the graffiti and posters on utility poles and street furniture as well as private property;

 - (ii) be trained in the most efficient removal techniques and experiment with a variety of methods;

 - (iii) provide graffiti removal on a fee for service basis with the object of attempting to operate on a cost recovery basis;

 - (iv) be available to Business Improvement Areas (BIA’s) on a fee for service basis;

 - (v) be utilized where available to remove graffiti from public property;

 - (vi) be under the direction of Urban Development Services but be inter-departmental, and the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to the March 7, 2005,

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meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on the composition, equipment, materials and organization required including a proposed budget and source; and

- (vii) be highly mobile;
- (IV) that the project be evaluated at the end of the 2005 summer season and the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to submit a report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee;
- (V) that By-law Officers provide property owners who have been ordered to remove graffiti with information about the “Clean Team” and the option of utilizing their services if they so wish; **(Motions by Councillor Moscoe)**
- (b) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to submit a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on new methods of road markings on public property that would be more acceptable to the general public; **(Motion by Councillor Saundercook)** and
- (c) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to submit a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the feasibility of fining individuals for the illegal defacement of public/private property, such report to also include the possibility of pooling the fines to assist the victims of this vandalism. **(Motion by Councillor Stintz)**

(Report 1, Clause 1)

**11.3 Warden Corridor and Victoria Park Station Land Use Planning Studies
Phase 2 Consultants' Report
(Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest and Ward 31 – Beaches-East York)**

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered the following report and communication:

- (1) (November 23, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services tabling the Phase 2 Report submitted by the City's consultants, to identify the issues and opportunities to be addressed in the Phase 3 implementation report being prepared by staff, and seeking the Committee's directions on notice for a Public Meeting in the first half of 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) staff be directed to bring forward a Phase 3 implementation report for consideration by the Planning and Transportation Committee at a Public Meeting under the Planning Act in the first half of 2005. Said report to include, among other matters, an implementation strategy addressing recreational and community services;
 - (2) notice for the Public Meeting under the Planning Act be given by newspaper advertisement according to the regulations under the Planning Act, by postal walk in the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue East, Danforth Avenue, Victoria Park Avenue, and Birchmount Road, and by direct mail to the study mailing lists; and
- (2) (December 7, 2004) from Mr. Guy D'Onofrio, Director of Planning and Government Relations, The Goldman Group.

The Planning and Transportation Committee, at the request of the Commissioner, withdrew the report (November 23, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services respecting the Warden Corridor and Victoria Park Station Land Use Planning Studies; and the Committee also withdrew the communication (December 7, 2004) from the Goldman Group.

(Report 1, Clause 4(b))

11.4 Principles and Proposed By-law Provisions for a City-Wide A-Frame and Mobile Signs By-law

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered the following report and communications:

- (1) (November 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on, and seeking approval for, a City-wide harmonized by-law that allows for improved mechanisms of regulations and enforcement around A-frame and mobile signs; and advising that this is an interim model pending conclusion of a comprehensive review of the City's street furniture policy.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the proposed by-law provisions for regulating A-frame and mobile signs contained in Appendices "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" attached to this report;
 - (2) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bills with respect to the by-law regarding A-Frames and Mobile Signs, and to amend Chapter 545, Licensing, and Chapter 441, Fees, both of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, as required to give effect to the recommendations contained in the appendices of this report;
 - (3) the by-laws come into effect on July 1, 2005;
 - (4) the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, be authorized and directed to make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for set fines with respect to the proposed code provisions, in the amount of \$500.00 per offence; and
 - (5) the report and recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee be referred to the Community Councils, with their reviews and comments referred back to the Planning and Transportation Committee;
- (2) (December 6, 2004) from Mr. Ron Abraham, President, Toronto Real Estate Board; and
 - (3) (December 6, 2004) from Ms. Paula J. Tenuta, MCIP, RPP, Municipal Government Advisor, Great Toronto Home Builders' Association.

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The following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- Mauro Ritacca, Manager, Government Relations, Toronto Real Estate Board;
- Jim Murphy, Director of Government Relations, Greater Toronto Builders' Association; and filed a written submission; and
- Alan Burke, President, East Beach Community Association.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) referred the report (November 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to the Community Councils for consideration and report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee for its meeting to be held on March 7, 2005;
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to:
 - (i) meet with the Toronto Real Estate Board, Business Improvement Associations and other interested associations to review any comments they may have about the by-law;
 - (ii) prepare a statement of the quality of the workmanship of the sign structure, weighting for wind protection, anchoring the sign in some manner and the quality of the workmanship of the lettering;
 - (iii) prepare a separate section of the by-law which governs the placement of signs for the purpose of promoting charitable and/or social causes or events of the type utilized by non-profit or charitable organizations, general provisions of this section shall include limits on sign and placement similar to those imposed on election signs; time limitations and nominal permit fees or no permit fees;

- (iv) include in the by-law provisions that an A-Frame or mobile sign may be placed in an area that is free of litter, trash, weeds and tall grass and it is the responsibility of the owner of the sign to ensure that the area within two meters on any side of the sign remains free of litter, trash, weeds, tall grass and graffiti at all times; and
- (v) submit a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the feasibility of devising a sticker system similar to that used by the Province for license plates as a means of simplifying enforcement.

(Etobicoke York Community Council; North York Community Council; Scarborough Community Council; Toronto and East York Community Council – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 4(c))

**11.5 Council Priority for the 2003-2006 Term: Improve the Planning Process
(All Wards)**

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a report (November 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services proposing a Listen, Learn, Lead action plan that addresses Council's priority to improve the planning process; and reporting on activities undertaken to date in support of this priority.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council endorse the Listen-Learn-Lead Action Plan to improving the planning process as outlined in this report;
- (2) UDS report back on work accomplished on this priority in association with the status reports for the ongoing Development Application Review Project; and
- (3) political representation be added to the Development Application Review Project through the creation of a Planning Process Improvement Committee to provide political oversight and wider policy direction to the Commissioners of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Urban Development Services, and Works

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and Emergency Services, and the Steering Committee who are leading the project. Representation to consist of the Vice Chairs of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee and Works Committee, in recognition of the broad scope of the program and the inter-departmental nature of the work.

Brigitte Witkowski, Co-Chair, Homecoming Community Choice Coalition, appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee and filed a written submission.

The Planning and Transportation Committee referred the report (November 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to a Sub-Committee of the Planning and Transportation Committee composed of Councillors John Filion, Clifford Jenkins, Peter Milczyn, Ceasar Palacio and Karen Stintz, with a request that the Sub-Committee:

- (1) work with staff to develop a process for meaningful community involvement in the planning process;
- (2) contact ratepayer groups and other identifiable interested parties to seek their input; **(Motions by Councillor Filion)**
- (3) give consideration to the following:
 - (a) enforcement of site plan conditions and zoning compliance; and
 - (b) co-ordination of building permit and zoning provisions; **(Motion by Councillor Moscoe)**
- (4) consider a mandatory training program for Members of Council and their staff on the Planning Act and proper procedures on conducting community consultation; **(Motion by Councillor Milczyn)** and

- (5) submit a report respecting the foregoing action to the Planning and Transportation Committee as soon as possible.

(Sub-Committee to Develop an Improved Planning Process – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 4(d))

11.6 1998 and 2001 (APTA) American Public Transportation Association Rail Safety Audits – Updates

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a communication (November 18, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, considered the attached report entitled, “1998 and 2001 (APTA) American Public Transportation Association Rail Safety Audits – Updates”; and that the Commission adopted the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

“It is recommended that the Commission:

- (i) receive for information, the seventh update of the TTC management Actions for the 1998 APTA Rail Safety Audit and the fifth update of the TTC management Actions for the 2001 APTA Rail Safety Audit; and
- (ii) forward this update to the Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario and the Clerk of the City of Toronto for information.”; and

that the foregoing is forwarded to City of Toronto Council through the City Planning and Transportation Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended that City Council receive the communication (November 18, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission.

(Report 1, Clause 3)

11.7 Reporting of Financial and Non-Financial Results of City Programs to Committees and Council

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a communication (November 1, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, considered Report 8, Clause 2 of the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Reporting of Financial and Non-Financial Results of City Programs to Committees and Council" and directed that commencing with the 2005 reporting year, Commissioners provide a year-end report of non-financial information to their appropriate Standing Committee, in order to provide information on how programs progressed during the year in terms of performance and achievements; and requested that during the upcoming budget cycle, the Standing Committee establish, by program area, benchmarks which could be measured for service delivery.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the communication (November 1, 2004) from the City Clerk.

(Report 1, Clause 4(e))

11.8 Implementation of the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002 (Bill 124)

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered the following report and communication:

- (1) (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on proposed changes to services provided under the Building Code Act, required by the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act; recommending service delivery model and program changes to meet the requirements of the Act; and responding to Council's request to review fees in Urban Development Services in order to move to full cost recovery as it relates to Building Division activities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the service changes required to implement the amendments to the Building Code Act as a service improvement initiative focussed on improving in-house service delivery, in keeping with Recommendation (1) of Clause 23, Policy and Finance Report 5, adopted

by Council on June 22, 23 and 24th, 2004, and that the required funding as noted in the financial implications section of this report be added to the base budget of Urban Development Services;

- (2) Council not authorize the use of Registered Code Agencies enabled under Section 4.1 of the Building Code Act as an alternative to enforcement of the Act by City plan review and inspection staff;
- (3) Council adopt an approach to meeting the new service delivery standards and requirements for reporting on the fees established in relation to the costs associated with the enforcement of the Building Code Act, subject to approval of the base budget request, as part of the Urban Development Services 2005 budget submission, including the following:
 - (a) undertaking improvements to in-house customer service, plan review and inspection services to meet the service delivery standards;
 - (b) directing revenues, recovered from building permit fees, to staff, technology and other service delivery improvements; and
 - (c) managing revenues, including the establishment of reserves, to manage fluctuations in volumes of permit activity and allow for investments in service delivery improvements such as technology to meet new requirements of the Act regarding the collection of permit fees and expenditures and related reporting requirements;
- (4) Council authorize the establishment of an obligatory reserve fund with a 2005 contribution of up to \$2.1 million as a result of increases in revenues in order to fund future year needs to meet statutory requirements and refer this to the 2005 budget process;
- (5) Council authorize the hiring of up to 12 plan review staff and 3 customer service staff effective March 1, 2005, to assist in managing current volumes and address the backlog of applications prior to the July 2005, implementation date for the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002;
- (6) Council request that the province amend O. Reg 305/03 to change the prescribed time frames for decisions of the Chief Building Official to issue a permit, or refuse to issue it. It is recommended that the time period for

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all Part 9 buildings (low rise, under 600 square metres) be 15 working days and the target for all Part 3 buildings (larger, professionally designed) be 30 working days;

- (7) Council request that the province delay the effective date of the qualification requirements of the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002, to January 2006, to provide sufficient time for staff responsible for the enforcement of the Building Code Act and designers involved in submitting plans, to fulfill the qualification and registration requirements of the Act;
 - (8) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services report to the Audit and Planning and Transportation Committees on how the program to implement the amendments to the Building Code Act would respond to outstanding recommendations of Clause 5, Report 10 of the Audit Committee, adopted by Council at its meeting of December 4, 5 and 6, 2001;
 - (9) that this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for their consideration as part of the 2005 UDS budget submission;
 - (10) that prior to the day on which the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act comes into force, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services provide Council with a report on the status of the City's implementation of the Act, service delivery changes and recommended changes to Municipal Code Chapter 363; and
 - (11) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto;
- (2) (December 7, 2004) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79.

The Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (I) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and City Council that Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services;
(Motion by Councillor Moscoe)

- (II) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services:
 - (1) to submit a report to the Budget Advisory Committee on:
 - (i) what productivity gains can be achieved with existing staff by increased use of preliminary plan reviews and expanding short route and fast track permit programs; **(Motion by Councillor Milczyn)** and
 - (ii) on the costs and benefits of hiring 12 permanent plan review staff and three customer service staff versus contract plan review staff and service staff; **(Motion by Councillor Stintz)** and
 - (2) to ensure that Building Inspectors, as part of their regular inspections, be requested to check whether the builders are complying with the City's tree protection requirements and any suspected violations be referred immediately to Forestry staff. **(Motion by Councillor Filion)**

(Budget Advisory Committee; Commissioner of Urban Development Services – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 4(f))

11.9 Comprehensive Review of Fees in Urban Development Services

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services responding to the request of Planning and Transportation Committee regarding a comprehensive review of fees in the Urban Development Services department in order to move to 100 percent cost recovery, where applicable, and recommending an increase in Community Planning fees effective February 1, 2005, the date of the first Council meeting in 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Committee of Adjustment fees continue to be subject to cost of living increases only as currently determined by the amount of the percentage increase in the All Items Index of the Consumer Price Index for the Toronto Census Metro Area, published by Statistics Canada during the 12 month period ending on October 1, as set out in Section 441-11 of the Toronto Municipal Code;
- (2) Community Planning application fees be increased by 75 percent on February 1, 2005, in order to recover 75 percent of the current cost of processing development applications in the Urban Development Services department and to fund the continuation of the full-time staff required in 2005 in the Works and Emergency Services and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism departments for the ongoing design, co-ordination and implementation of improvements to the planning application review process;
- (3) the Commissioners and Urban Development Services, Works and Emergency Services and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Planning and Transportation Committee in 2005 on a phased approach to increasing Community Planning fees in the future that will allow for full cost recovery for all application processing related costs;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee for information; and
- (5) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to these recommendations, to be effective February 1, 2005.

Jim Murphy, Greater Toronto Home Builders Association appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee and filed a written submission with respect thereto.

The Planning and Transportation Committee:

(I) recommended:

- (1) that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the recommendations section of the report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services; **(Motion by Councillor Moscoe)**

- (II) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to submit a report to the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee scheduled to be held on January 4, 2005, on:
- (1) the feasibility of enhancing fees to create a reserve fund that would be available to assist in defending appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board; **(Motion by Councillor Moscoe)**
 - (2) thresholds for what constitutes a planning application revision for purposes of determining fees payable by the applicant; **(Motion by Councillor Filion)**
 - (3) the total per-unit fees levied against a typical building for building permit fees and planning fees and lot levies compared to the City of Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Mississauga; **(Motion by Councillor Moscoe)**
- (III) referred the following motions to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for report thereon to the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee scheduled to be held on January 4, 2004:

Moved by Councillor Filion:

“That the Committee recommend to Council that as of February 1, 2005, fees be increased to 100 percent cost recovery on applications in excess of 10 units;”;

Moved by Councillor Saundercook:

“That the foregoing motion by Councillor Filion be amended by deleting the date February 1, 2005, and inserting instead the date February 1, 2006; and that this address all components not just residential”;
and

(IV) forwarded a copy of the report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee for information.

(Economic Development and Parks Committee; Works Committee; Commissioner of Urban Development Services – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 2)

11.10 Procedural Mechanisms – City Planning

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a communication (December 1, 2004) from Councillor Mark Grimes requesting that Ms. Marnie Affleck be given an opportunity to appear before the Planning and Transportation Committee on December 7, 2004, respecting procedural mechanisms at City Planning.

Marnie Affleck appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee and filed a written submission.

The Planning and Transportation Committee referred the submission filed by Marnie Affleck to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 1(g))

11.11 Appointment of Member of Planning and Transportation Committee to the Councillor-Staff Working Group respecting the Introduction of “3-1-1”

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a communication (December 6, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, referred Clause 24 of Report 9 of the Administration Committee back to the Administration Committee for further consideration; and adopted the following:

That a Councillor-Staff Working Group be struck with respect to 3-1-1, consisting of the Chair of the e-City Committee, one additional member of the e-City Committee and one member of each Standing Committee to be appointed by the Standing Committees.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Planning and Transportation Committee appointed Councillor Karen Stintz to the Council-Staff Working Group respecting the Introduction of “3-1-1”.

(Chief Administrative Officer – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 4(h))

11.12 Proposal to License Builders

The Planning and Transportation Committee considered a Notice of Motion (Undated) from Councillor Filion requesting the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to submit a report to the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on a proposal to license builders.

The Planning and Transportation Committee referred the following Resolution to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services (Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards) for report thereon to the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

WHEREAS the City of Toronto licenses the following:

Insulation Installers, Building Cleaners, Building Renovators, Chimney Repairmen, Drain Contractors, Drain Layers, Electrical Contractors, Master Contractors, Heating Contractors, Plumbing and Heating Contractors, Plumbing Contractors, Master Plumbers and Master Heating Installers; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto does not license builders;
and

WHEREAS many hundreds of homes across the City are built each year; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act provides municipalities with the jurisdiction to pass by-laws to license all forms of non-provincially self-regulated contractors for the purpose of consumer protection, health and safety and nuisance control; and

WHEREAS some builders engage in activities such as the illegal destruction of City trees with little or no consequences; and

WHEREAS the licensing of builders would enable the City to better control the actions of builders on behalf of the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on a proposal to license builders.

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services – December 7, 2004)

(Report 1, Clause 4(i))

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Chair.