

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECISION DOCUMENT MEETING 3

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2005
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
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Minutes Confirmed – Meeting of December 13, 2004

Communications/Reports:

1. Toronto Transit Commission (Capital and Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget of the Toronto Transit Commission and the following communications until a future meeting of the Committee.

- (1) (September 23, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled "Toronto Transit Commission - Procurement Authorization Design and Supply of Low Voltage Power Supply and Inverter for CLRV Fleet as Part of the CLRV Life Extension Program";
- (2) (October 26, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled "Implementing the Ridership Growth Strategy";

- (3) (November 22, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled “2005 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget”;
- (4) (November 19, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled “2005-2009 TTC Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast”;
- (5) (November 19, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled “2005 TTC Operating Budget”; and
- (6) (September 23, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding a motion by Councillor Moscoe, entitled “Property Tax Exemption for Toronto Transit Commission Properties”.

2. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (Capital and Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget, for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, with the following adjustments:

- (a) “WHEREAS the 2005 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) capital program includes a single new, multi-year commitment project called “The Kortright/Living City Centre Retrofit”; and

WHEREAS the “Kortright/Living City Centre Retrofit” project is a vital project in the pursuit of the TRCA mission; and

WHEREAS “The Kortright/Living City Centre Retrofit” project with a total project cost of \$11.0 million, requesting a City of Toronto contribution of \$1.040 million, or 9.4 percent of the total project cost, incurring cash flows of \$0.208 million and \$0.832 million in 2005 and 2006 respectively; and

WHEREAS of the 135,000 annual Kortright/Living Centre attendees, 35 percent or 47,250 are City of Toronto residents; and

WHEREAS this project is intended to be financed by 50 percent debt issuance, 50 percent Water/Wastewater Reserve contribution; and

WHEREAS this project is recommended conditionally on the TRCA submitting a comprehensive business plan, outlining the key phases and expected financial cost savings based on a 10-year period; and

WHEREAS this project is recommended conditionally on Water/Wastewater participation of 50 percent of the City of Toronto contribution, representing \$0.520 million of the total City of Toronto contribution of \$1.040 million; and

WHEREAS this project is recommended conditionally on all other funding partner contributions being confirmed via a Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS Water/Wastewater requested its 2005 contribution of \$0.104 million to be reallocated towards the Remedial Action Plan Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this technical adjustment be received, whereby the 2005 Water/Wastewater contribution of \$0.104 million be reassigned towards “The Kortright/Living City Centre Retrofit” project, from the Remedial Action Plan project, subject to the above conditions, with no impact to the 2005 TRCA Recommended Capital Budget of \$5.946 million gross and \$3.0 million net.”;

- (b) technical adjustments;**

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, noting that the net Operating Budget increase of \$0.131 million will be partially mitigated through an additional Water/Wastewater contribution of \$0.066 million, representing the net increase of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority source protection program; and**

Other

- (3) requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting on a specific criteria for operating and capital expenses being taken from the Water and Wastewater reserves and the exact criteria for funding the infrastructure.**

3. Toronto Atmospheric Fund (Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

4. Arena Boards of Management (Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budgets for the Arena Boards of Management, with the following adjustments:

- (1) the North Toronto Memorial Arena Recommended 2005 Operating Budget be adjusted to reflect the Board approved 2005 Operating Budget, submitted on December 3, 2004, of \$717,860.00 gross and \$(395) net, for a reduction of \$349.00 in the budgeted net surplus for the Arena;
- (2) the Recommended 2005 Operating Budget of the Arena Boards of Management program be adjusted to reflect the impact of the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board approved 2005 Operating Budget submission, for a revised overall budget of \$5,476,784.00 gross and \$248,192.00 net; and
- (3) for all arenas that have Zamboni reserve payments in arrears, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to deduct such arrears from the arena's 2005 net Budget.

5. Exhibition Place (Capital and Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Exhibition Place, with the following adjustments:
 - (a) deferring Sub-project 18 in the National Trade Centre, "add vestibule doors to three entrances to Halls A and B", until 2006;
 - (b) reducing the budget by \$70,000.00 gross and \$70,000.00 net debt; and
 - (c) technical adjustments;

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Exhibition Place; and

Other

- (3) received the communication (December 6, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled "Trigeneration Project, Exhibition Place Loan, Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities".

6. Theatres (Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budgets for the:**
 - (a) Hummingbird Centre;**
 - (b) St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts; and**
 - (c) Toronto Centre for the Arts;**
- (2) deferred consideration of the briefing note entitled, “Capital Repair Envelope Responsibility for City Theatres” until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting; and**
- (3) requested the Board of the Hummingbird Centre and the Advisory Committee of the Toronto Centre for the Arts to meet to discuss governance issues and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting.**

7. Auditor General’s Office (Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended that the 2005 Auditor General’s Office budget request be adjusted to \$3.510 million by:**
 - (a) reducing \$66,000.00 for the pro rata hiring of 2 new auditors; and**
 - (b) reduction of \$60,000.00 for external consultants; and**
- (2) received the following communications:**
 - (a) (November 24, 2004) from the Audit Committee, entitled “Annual Report and 2005 Budget - Auditor General’s Office”; and**
 - (b) (January 20, 2005) from the Audit Committee, entitled “Auditor General’s Audit Reports - Benefits to the City of Toronto”.**

8. Toronto Public Library (Capital and Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget, including all technical amendments, for the Toronto Public Library save and except consideration of the Thorncliffe Park Branch/Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre Project to be considered when the Committee deliberates the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget;

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget, with the following adjustments:
 - (a) \$50,000.00 reduction in Economic Adjustment Request to replace \$1.0 million unallocated reduction included in the EMT Recommendations; and
 - (b) the adoption of Recommendation 2 in the Recommendation Section of the report (January 17, 2005) from the City Librarian, subject to adding that the retroactive payment of approximately \$7.992 million be taken from the City Employee/Retiree Benefits Reserve Fund and the \$6.210 million be added to the Toronto Library Board Operating Budget; and

Other

- (3) received the following communications:
 - (a) (January 18, 2005) from the City Librarian, entitled “Improved Internet Accessibility”; and
 - (b) (January 20, 2005) from the President, Toronto Civic Employees’ Union, Local 416 CUPE, entitled “Toronto Public Library (Operating Budget).

9. Toronto Public Health (Capital and Capital)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget, including all technical amendments, for Toronto Public Health;

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Board of Health, with the following adjustments:
- (a) reducing the Needle Exchange Quality Assurance program in the amount of \$58.8 thousand gross \$26.5 thousand net;
 - (b) reducing the Vaccine Preventable Disease Quality Assurance program in the amount of \$56.6 thousand gross and \$25.5 thousand net;
 - (c) reducing the TPH AIDS and Drug Prev. Community Capacity Building in the amount of \$60.8 thousand gross and \$27.4 thousand net;
 - (d) deleting the West Nile Virus – Restructuring Program staff positions;
 - (e) adding \$1,335.4 thousand for the Preschool Speech and Language (PSL) program;
 - (f) adding \$200.6 thousand for the Infant Hearing Program;
 - (g) adding \$1,037.0 thousand for the Invasive Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Campaign;
 - (h) adding \$207.5 thousand gross and \$93.4 thousand net for the Sexual Health program;
 - (i) adding \$110.7 thousand gross and \$49.7 thousand net for the Tuberculosis Control - Correctional Istit. Initiative;
 - (j) adding \$991.7 thousand gross and \$446.3 thousand net for the TB Testing for Homeless/Underhoused ; and
 - (k) adding \$674.0 thousand gross and \$303.3 thousand net for the Restaurant Inspection Compliance Tools program;

SAVE AND EXCEPT

- (3) deferred consideration of the following programs until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting:
- (a) Additional Animal Field Services and requested the Medical Officer of Health to report at that time on potential rates and fees to offset the additional animal field services; and
 - (b) Annual Mobile Dental for Seniors Living in Institutions; and

Other

(4) received the following communications:

- (a) (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled “Peer Nutrition Program, 2004 Budget Enhancement”;**
- (b) (November 27, 2004) from the Board of Health, entitled “Toronto Public Health – 2005-2009 Capital Plan and Budget”;**
- (c) (November 27, 2004) from the Board of Health, entitled “Toronto Public Health - 2005 Operating Budget Submission”;**
- (d) (November 27, 2004) from the Board of Health, entitled “Grants Service Envelope”;**
- (e) (November 27, 2004) from the Board of Health, entitled “Invasive Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Campaign – 2005”;**
- (f) (December 14, 2004) from the President, CUPE Local 79, entitled “West Nile Virus Larvacide Program”;**
- (g) (January 19, 2005) from the Board of Health, entitled “Toronto Public Health 2005 Operating Budget – Update on Executive Management Team (EMT) Recommendations and Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) Funding”; and**
- (h) (January 20, 2005) from the President, Toronto Civic Employees’ Union Local 416 CUPE, entitled “Board of Health Budget – Animal Services”.**

10. Toronto Zoo (Capital and Operating)

Action Taken by Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Toronto Zoo Capital Budget, including all technical amendments, as recommended by the Toronto Zoo Board, save and except consideration of the confidential report (December 2, 2004) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting the proposed divestiture of the Valley Halla being deferred with a request that the Toronto Zoo and Toronto Region and Conservation Authority meet to discuss this matter and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting; and**

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo, subject to addressing the unspecified reduction of \$400,000.00 by:**
 - (a) increasing the entrance fees for seniors and children by \$1.00 for additional revenue in the amount of \$201,500.00;**
 - (b) deferring the hiring of staff until December 1, 2005, for savings of \$125,000.00; and**
 - (c) adding \$73,500 for the balance of the \$400,000.00.**