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## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### DECISION DOCUMENT MEETING 6

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Wednesday, January 26, 2005	<b>Enquiry:</b>	Betty Henderson
<b>Time:</b>	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
<b>Location:</b>	Committee Room 1		416-392-8088
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- *recommendations of the Committee to Policy and Finance Committee are in bold type under the heading "Action taken by the Committee";*
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- *Declarations of Interest, if any, appear at the end of an item.*

1. **Toronto Police Service (Capital and Operating)**  
**Toronto Police Services Board (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) **recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for the Toronto Police Service, including technical adjustments, as recommended by the Toronto Police Services Board in November 2004;**

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for the Toronto Police Service, as presented by the Toronto Police Services Board, in the amount of \$688.9 million, such amount to include the provision of the CAP program in the amount of \$545,000 in 2005;

**Toronto Police Services Board**

- (3) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Toronto Police Services Board Operating Budget (net \$1.278 million) as recommended by the Toronto Police Services Board;

*Other*

- (4) referred the report (January 25, 2005) from the Chief of Police, addressed to the Chair and Members of the Police Services Board, respecting the additional costs of policing the Entertainment District, to the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, for a report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee in April 2005, in consultation with the appropriate City staff, staff from the Toronto Police Service and local Councillors, such report to include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) how the cost of policing in the Entertainment District can be recovered from the businesses in the Entertainment District;
  - (b) information on how the funds so recovered will be used to enhance direct frontline Police Services in the City; and
  - (c) specifically creating a new class of business licence for entertainment facilities with a new licence fee that would include a component for policing; and
- (5) received the following communications:
  - (a) (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled, "Clean and Beautiful City - Five-Point City Action Plan to Make Toronto a Clean and Beautiful City";
  - (b) (January 18, 2005) from the Toronto Police Service Board, entitled "2005 Operating Budget Submissions for the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Police Services Board and the Parking Enforcement Unit and Report on Computerized Hand-held Parking Enforcement Devices", which was considered by the Board at its meeting of January 24, 2005.

**2. Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit and Operations (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit and Operations**

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for the Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit; and

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit and Operations.

**3. Association of Community Centres (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres, subject to the following amendments:**

- (1) adding \$15,000 to the Association of Community Centres program to undertake a review of the desk top support requirements, in conjunction with Corporate Information and Technology, to determine the most cost effective desk top support strategy for the 10 Centres; such strategy be implemented in 2005; and the strategy and related costs be reported to the Budget Advisory Committee in the 2006 budget process; and
- (2) adding \$22,600 for an increase in Volunteer Co-ordinator hours at the Central Eglinton Community Centre.

**4. Community Services Committee Transmittal (Capital)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee, forwarding the 2005 Capital Budget Recommendations.**

**5. Community Services Committee Transmittal (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee, forwarding the 2005 Operating Budget Recommendations.

**General**

The Budget Advisory Committee requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to update the Provincial cost sharing shortfall and provide all Members of City Council with a Briefing Note outlining the service impacts of reducing the estimated 2005 \$82.5 million Provincial shortfall from the 2005 City budget.

**6. Children's Services (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Children's Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments;

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services, subject to transferring \$370,000 from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund to the First Duty Reserve Fund for continuation of the First Duty pilot projects from June 2005 to June 2006; and

*Other*

- (3) received the communication (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee, entitled, 'Impact of the Provincial Best Start Program on Toronto's Child Care System, Strategies to Restore Provincial/Municipal Cost-Sharing, Service Levels and Develop the City's Child Care System into a Universal Publicly Funded Program'.

**7. Homes for the Aged (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for the Homes for the Aged, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to the following amendments:**
  - (a) requesting City Council establish a Cost Centre called “HFA Community-Based Services”, within the Community Initiatives Reserve Fund, to be used to purchase furnishings, equipment and amenities as required by the Homes for the Aged and other TCHC seniors’ supportive housing community-based programs;**
  - (b) that funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the HFA Capital Reserve be made available in 2005 to furnish and equip the amenity space at Albion Lodge;**
  - (c) that funds totalling \$1.450 million, plus applicable interest, be transferred from the HFA Capital Reserve to the Corporate Capital Financing Reserve Fund; and**
  - (d) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto;**

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee; and**

*Other*

- (3) received the following communication (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled, “Homes for the Aged - Community-Based Services Furnishings and Equipment”.**

**8. Social Development and Administration (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

**9. Shelter, Housing and Support (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including the additional adjustments resulting in no increase in Dept pressure and other technical adjustments;

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support, subject to the 2005 per diem rates for purchase of service shelters and payments to the Toronto Hostels Training Centre being increased by the same percentage and as of the same date as those approved by Council for the City's Union Employees under the Collective Agreements, subject to the Province increasing its share of the per diem rate to cover 80 percent of the actual cost, inclusive of inflationary increases;
- (3) recommended the adoption of the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "New Provincial Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program", as amended by the Community Services Committee:
  - (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the administration of the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009;

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to administer the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009, and to allocate all available provincial funding in one instalment;
  - (3) the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be adjusted by \$3.6 million gross (\$0 net) conditional upon receipt of provincial grants and subsidies for the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot;
  - (4) an assessment of the results of the first year of the pilot program be prepared and reported to Council in 2006;
  - (5) Council urge the provincial government to commit to long-term funding for this program and that an administrative component be included in any future housing allowance initiatives to reflect the actual cost of delivering the program;
  - (6) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
  - (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (4) recommended the adoption of the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "Tenant Outreach and Organizing Services under the Tenant Defence Fund":
- (1) the funding level for the 2005 Tenant Defence Fund remain at \$325,000.00, with funding for the Outreach and Organizing Program component of the Fund set at \$200,000.00, and funding for the Tenant Support Grants Program component of the Fund set at \$125,000.00;
  - (2) in future years, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support report to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on any proposed change to the 2005 allocation level for the Outreach and Organizing Program; and
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

*Other*

- (5) received the communication (December 7, 2004) from the Community Services Committee, entitled "Measures Needed Respecting Homelessness Issues".

**10. Social Services (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Social Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments;

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Social Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

**11. Emergency Medical Services (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Emergency Medical Services, as recommend by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments;

*Operating*

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Emergency Medical Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee; and

*Other*

- (3) requested the Chief/General Manager of Emergency Medical Services to report directly to Council, if necessary, on whether there has been any additional expenses in regards to the hospital off-load delays.



**12. Emergency Management Plan (Capital)**

Action taken by the Committee:

- (1) **The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for the Emergency Management Plan, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to adding \$1,400,000 gross (excluding \$193,000 carry forward) \$350,000 net in 2005 and \$500,000 gross \$125,000 net in 2006 for the HUSAR Project, resulting in a total project cost of \$2.1 million gross, \$525,000 net, subject to 75/25 funding from the Federal Government - Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grants; and**
- (2) **requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee, on the status of the project funding, once the design phase is complete, should the entire JEPP funding not materialize, given that JEPP funding has only been approved for the design phase of the project.**

**13. Fire Services (Capital and Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

*Capital*

- (1) **recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Fire Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee; and**

*Operating*

- (2) **recommended the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Fire Services, subject to the following amendments:**
  - (a) **confirmation of the Community Services Committee addition of \$1 million to the contribution to the Fleet Reserve for the provision of additional Fire Vehicles;**
  - (b) **additional \$500,000 in revenues from false alarm fees;**
  - (c) **increasing gapping in the amount of \$500,000; and**

- (d) the total project cost for Fleet Services 2005 Capital Budget, as recommended by EMT, be increased by \$7.6 million for Fire Services and the 2005 cash flow be increased by \$1 million to effect increased recommended cash flow, and include future year commitments of \$3.3 million for 2006 and \$3.3 million for 2007 for Fire Services Fleet Replacement in accordance with Council's policy that authorizes commitments to 50 percent of fleet replacement purchases two years in advance.**