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## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### DECISION DOCUMENT MEETING 9

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Monday, January 31, 2005</b>	<b>Enquiry:</b>	<b>Betty Henderson</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>		<b>Administrator</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1</b>		<b>416-392-8088</b>
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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.*

**Communications/Reports:**

**1. Clean and Beautiful City Initiative**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (1) recommended that the 2005 Capital and Operating Budgets for the following Departments be adjusted to include the amendments pertaining to the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative.

*Urban Development Services*

**Capital**

- (a) adopt the 2005 Beautiful City Routes and Beautiful City Places Budget as it relates to the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative in the amount of \$1.0 million gross \$0.786 million net;

*Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department - Parks and Recreation Division*

**Operating**

- (b) amend the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommendation for Spring Grass Cutting and Litter Pick-up Program from \$1.383 million to \$1.1 million in 2005, with the balance of \$283.1 thousand being deferred until 2006;
- (c) reinstate the Garden Maintenance (Weeding and Shrub Beds) in 2007 as recommended by EMT;
- (d) defer of \$53.7 thousand of the EMT recommended 2005 Budget for Enhanced Horticultural Displays until 2006;
- (e) amend the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommendation for Urban Forestry (Tree Service Delays) from \$1.109 million to \$1 million, with the balance of \$109.0 thousand being deferred until 2006;

*Works and Emergency Services Department - Transportation Services*

**Operating**

- (f) advance Clean City - Cleaning Around Parked Cars from 2007 to 2006 in the amount of \$0.145 million;
  - (g) not to advance Clean City - Increase in Grass Cutting, Litter Pick Up and Plantings from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$0.200 million per year;
  - (h) not to advance Clean City - Roadway/Roadside Weed Control from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$0.125 million per year; and
- (2) amend the Works Committee recommendation to rename the “Enhanced Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter” to the “Enhanced Sidewalk and Walkway Litter Cleaning and Weed Removal” to “Enhanced Sidewalk, Laneway and Walkway Litter Cleaning”.

## **2. Transportation**

### Action taken by the Committee:

#### **The Budget Advisory Committee:**

##### *Capital*

- (1) recommended that the Kennedy/Steeles Grade Separation and the Morningside/Finch Avenue Grade Separation Projects be included in the 2005-2009 five-year Capital Works Program for Transportation, simultaneously, with construction to begin in 2006, to be funded by possible deferral of other projects at the discretion of the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services (total \$34 million over three years);**

##### *Operating*

- (2) further amended the 2005 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, by:**
  - (a) deleting the increase in funding of \$110,000 for “Car Free Day”;**
  - (b) receiving the following recommendations:**
    - (i) Queen Street West from Yonge Street to Spadina Avenue be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on September 22, 2005, to all traffic except for TTC vehicles, bicycles and emergency vehicles;**
    - (ii) this project be funded by reducing the Capital from Current allocation to Transportation Services;**
    - (iii) an additional amount of \$75,000.00 be allocated equally for local community events in the North, East and West Districts of the City as part of Car Free Day; and**

##### *Other*

- (3) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee on the possibility of receiving funding for the Kennedy/Steeles Grade Separation and the Morningside/Finch Avenue Grade Separation Projects from the Region of York and Development Charges from the Kennedy/Steeles development.**

### **3. Parks and Recreation (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee further amended the 2005 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget and the 2005 Toronto Parking Authority Operating Budget by:**

- (1) increasing Parks and Recreation revenues by \$225,000 by reinstating paid parking at waterfront parks; and**
- (2) adjusting the Toronto Parking Authority revenues by \$125,000 by reinstating paid parking at waterfront parks.**

### **4. Toronto Public Library (Capital)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee amended the 2005 Toronto Library Capital Budget by adding \$90,000 for the Thorncliffe Library Project, such project to be funded by debt, to keep the Toronto Library Capital Budget within the \$10 million Capital guideline set by Council and further that this project not affect any projects within the 2005 Toronto Library Capital Program.**

### **5. Tourism**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee further amended the 2005 Operating Budget for Tourism by reducing the Tourism Toronto budget by a further \$500,000 for a net contribution to Tourism Toronto in 2005 of \$531,000.**

### **6. 3-1-1 Project**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 28, 2005) from the Chief Administrative Officer, requesting funding for the Council approved 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy, Project Management Office (PMO), subject to amending such recommendations to read:**

- (1) operating funds of up to \$503,102.00 be approved for 2005 for project management of the 3-1-1 Initiative, contingent upon the 3-1-1 Council Staff Working Group's review of the need for position backfilling;**

- (2) a total project cost of \$4,892,000 million with a 2005 cash flow of \$1,396,000 and a 2006 cash flow of \$3,495,500 for an automated work order system for Parks and Recreation, Forestry TMMS system upgrade, and Forestry Call Centre be approved and added to the 2005 Recommended Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation; and that the 2005 cash flow of \$1,396,000 be funded from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund;
- (3) the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department consult with the Council-Staff Working Group on work order system options, design and capability required for 3-1-1 preparation and eventual integration;
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer report to Council before the end of the second quarter of 2005, through the e-City and Administration Committees, on 2005 and 2006 3-1-1 capital budget requirements in accordance with final recommendations of the Council-Staff Working Group for Council approval; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

#### **7. Water and Wastewater (Toronto Water)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (1) requested the General Manager of Water and Wastewater Services to provide a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee on whether or not the funding that was provided to Enway has met the same criteria as outlined in the report (January 28, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Criteria for Funding Operating and Capital Expenses from Toronto Water"; and
- (2) received the report (January 28, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Criteria for Funding Operating and Capital Expenses from Toronto Water".

#### **8. Energy Retrofit Program**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee requested:**

- (1) that, as part of the 2006 budget process, the appropriate staff report to the Works Committee on the next phase of the Energy Retrofit Program, such report to include eligible contracts with applicable business cases; and

- (2) **the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services report to the Budget Advisory Committee on Energy Retrofit expenditures since amalgamation on City buildings and the resulting savings realized to date and projections for future details of buildings involved and reduction in utilities consumption.**

## **9. Toronto Transit Commission**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (1) **deferred all outstanding issues relating to the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget of the Toronto Transit Commission, including consideration of the confidential communication (January 13, 2005) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, respecting the Sheppard Subway Project, until its meeting of February 4, 2005; and**
- (2) **directed that a Working Group be established, comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair, Toronto Transit Commission, Councillors Carroll, Milczyn and Watson, such group to meet prior to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, February 4, 2005, and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee on the outcome of the discussions at that time.**

## **10. Facilities and Real Estate (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee reiterated the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Facilities and Real Estate, including the additional cleaners for IDC/DR Client Work in the amount of \$237,300.**

## **11. Fleet Services (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (1) **reiterated the adoption of the 2005 Fleet Services Operating Budget; and**

*Other*

- (2) **requested the Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto Police Service, Fire Services, and other City ABCs to meet to discuss a strategy to maximize market pricing on diesel and other fuels, and report thereon to the Administration Committee.**

**12. Service Improvement and Innovation (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee reiterated the adoption of the 2005 Service Improvement and Innovation Operating Budget.**

**13. Non Program (Operating)**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (1) reduced the Non Program Corporate Utilities Budget by \$1 million;**

*Other*

- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of February 4, 2005 on any further reductions in the Non Program Corporate Utilities Budget.**
- (3) received the following reports:**
  - (a) (January 26, 2005) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Defending the City’s Assessment Base”; and**
  - (b) (January 17, 2005) from the City Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “2003 Election Contribution Rebate Program and the Election Reserve 2005-2013”.**

**14. General**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the briefing note, entitled “Service Impacts of Reducing the \$72.3 million Provincial Cost-sharing Shortfall from the 2005 City Budget” until its meeting of February 4, 2005.**