
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 1**

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2005 **Enquiry:** Merle Macdonald
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Committee Secretary**
Location: Committee Room 1 **416-392-7340**
City Hall **mmacona@toronto.ca**
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Toronto, Ontario

Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Economic Development And Parks Committee must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – December 13, 2004

Speakers/Presentations:

10:00 a.m. – Items 1 and 2

Communications/Reports:

1. 2005 Capital Budgets - Economic Development and Parks Committee

(Speakers - 10:00 a.m.)

Review of the 2005 Capital Budgets of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, for the following programs under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Culture;
- Economic Development;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Tourism; and
- Yonge Dundas Square.

1(a). Parks and Recreation State of Good Repair Backlog and the Capital Asset Management Program (CAMP) (All Wards)

Report (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to a request from the Economic Development and Parks Committee on December 13, 2004, for a report on Parks and Recreation State of Good Repair projects, which constitute the \$200 million backlog.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

1(b). Impact of Growing Number of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) on the Capital Budget (All Wards)

Report (December 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on the impact of the growth in the number of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) on the Capital Budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

(Please Note: There is no material attached for this item. Please bring the budget material that was circulated with the December 13, 2004 agenda to the meeting.)

2. 2005 Operating Budgets - Economic Development and Parks Committee

(Speakers: 10:00 a.m)

Review of the 2005 Operating Budgets of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, for the following programs under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Culture;
- Economic Development;
- Heritage Toronto;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Customer and Business Support;
- Tourism;
- Community Partnership and Investment Programs; and
- Yonge Dundas Square.

(Please Note: There is no material attached for this item. Please bring the budget material that was circulated with the December 13, 2004 agenda to the meeting.)

2(a). Clean and Beautiful City – Five Point City Action Plan to Make Toronto a Clean and Beautiful City (All Wards)

Communication (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause 3 of Policy and Finance Committee Report 9 which was adopted, as amended, by City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, where it recommends, in part, that:

- “(a) all parks receive an extra grass cutting in 2005, subject to the normal budget approval process;
- (b) all boulevards receive one extra cut in 2005, subject to the normal budget approval process; and
- (c) the funds that are allocated for 2005 and beyond for the Action Plan for a Beautiful City, be equally distributed across all 44 Wards in the City of Toronto; and”.

3. International Program Policy Related to Economic Development (All Wards)

Report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reviewing the experience of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department with the International Alliance Program as approved by Council in 2001 and forwarding recommendations to ensure clarity, direction and enhance the potential for success in the future of the Department's international activities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council adopt the criteria to select new and/or align existing relationships and the process for assessing such requests outlined in Attachment 4;
- (2) an annual report summarizing the activities related to partnership cities and investment attraction be submitted to Council;
- (3) Council adopt the principle that if cities are added to the list of formal Partnership cities or Friendship cities, the budget be automatically increased accordingly;
- (4) a cross-departmental staff workgroup comprising representatives from all affected departments be formalized to coordinate the international relations activities of the City of Toronto maximizing resources and increasing the profile of the City;
- (5) a new category of “Friendship City”, with a budget of \$5,000.00 for each city allocated to this category to provide seed money for projects and/or modest support to an inbound visit, be created;

- (6) this report replace all other relevant reports, policies and recommendations with respect to the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department's international program;
- (7) staff review the relationships and provide options for the assignment of cities in 2005 outlining the resource impacts of the options; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. 2005 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets - Report 2 (All Wards)

Report (December 31, 2004 from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, forwarding the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 205 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Recommendations:

It is recommend that:

- (1) Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2005 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2005 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2005 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Bloor Annex	67,415	57,115
Bloor by the Park	56,705	51,755
Bloordale Village	50,061	40,165
Bloor West Village	366,020	320,843
Downtown Yonge	1,687,630	1,528,018
Harbord Street	13,231	12,993
Kingsway	355,710	336,713
Liberty Village	215,063	198,140
Little Italy	214,382	204,839
Long Branch	64,352	57,107
Mimico by the Lake	29,463	28,080
Mimico Village	19,037	16,795
Old Cabbagetown	271,387	186,660
Pape Village	65,993	35,640
Rosedale-Summerhill	309,172	200,310
St. Clair Avenue West	21,351	12,826

St. Clair Gardens	35,271	28,281
Village of Islington	58,947	52,947
Wychwood Heights	52,670	34,596
York-Eglinton	169,961	80,530

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. Yonge-Dundas Square
(Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

Report (December 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, proposing an amended financial relationship between the City and the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, and the necessary amendments to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 636 - "Public Squares".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve a new funding relationship between the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management and the City, whereby the City agrees to make an annual financial contribution to the Board, to be determined through the City's budget process, which takes into account the Board's "fixed" maintenance costs, including capital repair and replacement, security costs and related administrative expenses;
- (2) Section § 636-6 of the Toronto Municipal Code be amended by deleting from § 636-6 A. the words "with the objective of financial self-sufficiency with respect to operations and future capital maintenance of the Square by 2006," and from § 636-6 G. the words "with the goal of achieving self-sufficiency by 2006";
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

6. Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan (All Wards)

Report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, updating Council on a number of partnership initiatives currently being undertaken by staff that advance the recommendations of the Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan and providing an update on the consultation process with external agencies and the Interdepartmental Staff Team that informed these priorities.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

7. Toronto Arts Council Appeals Process (All Wards)

Report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to a request from the Economic Development and Parks Committee on December 13, 2004, for a report on the Toronto Arts Council notification and appeals process.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

8. Toronto Arts Council 2004 Third Quarter Report (All Wards)

Report (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, on revenues and expenditures reported to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, submitted by the Toronto Arts Council on Arts and Culture grants awarded from July to September 2004 inclusive.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report and the Toronto Arts Council's Third Quarter Report be received for information.

- 8(a).** Report dated November 2004 on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants for the Third Quarter of 2004 (July 1 to September 30) submitted by Donald Moffat, President, Toronto Arts Council.

9. Major Cultural Organizations – Pride Toronto (All Wards)

Report (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to a request from Council for a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the inclusion of Toronto Pride Week as part of the funding allocation for major cultural organizations within the 2005 Cultural Grants Program.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

10. Comprehensive Review of Fees in Urban Development Services

Communication (December 7, 2004) from the Planning and Transportation Committee advising that the Committee on December 7, 2004, in adopting the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, headed “Comprehensive Review of Fees in Urban Development Services”, in part, forwarded the report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee, for information.

11. Lease Agreement - City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation for St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada): Parts 95 and 100 (Ward 30 - Toronto Danforth)

(In-camera – Security of the Property of the Municipality)

Confidential report (December 14, 2004) from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, respecting a lease Agreement between City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation and St. Mary's Cement Inc.(Canada), and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-camera.



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Communications/Reports:

**1(c). Parks and Recreation Budget for the
Restoration of Victoria Memorial Square**

Communication (January 2, 2005) from Ken Greenberg, Chair, and Scott James, Secretary, Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association, requesting the City's commitment to provide funding on a matching basis for the restoration of the Victoria Memorial Square.

**12. Lease of Property in South Etobicoke
(Ward 6 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

(In-camera - Security of the Property of the Municipality)

Confidential report (December 17, 2004) from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, on leasing of property in South Etobicoke (New Toronto) for redevelopment purposes, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality under the *Municipal Act 2001*, discussions be held In-camera.

13. Supplementary Information re: Toronto Pearson International Airport, International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC) (All Wards)

Report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to the Economic Development and Parks Committee request for supplementary information in regard to operating costs and governance at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council request the Clerk to initiate the process to nominate candidates for appointment to the GTAA Board of Directors in a timely manner cognisant that the term of office commences May 11, 2005;
- (2) Council request the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and the federal government, through the Minister of Industry, to amend the GTAA's General Operating By-law (By-law No. 14) to increase the total number of Members, and the number of Members nominated by the City of Toronto, and provide for Toronto City Council to directly appoint its nominees to the Airport Authority's Board of Directors in a manner similar to that of the appointment of Board Members by the federal and provincial governments;
- (3) the Etobicoke York Community Council be requested to recommend citizens to Council for appointment as resident representatives to both the GTAA Consultative Committee and Noise Management Committee; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

14. Toronto Arts Council 2005 Operations Funding Request (All Wards)

Report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, forwarding the Toronto Arts Council 2005 Operations Funding request.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

15. Implementation of a Full Integrated Plant Health Care Program in City Parks (All Wards)

Report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding as requested by Council on the costs of implementing a full Integrated Plant Health Care program in City parks including strategies to achieve beautiful pesticide-free parks using examples of best practices and to report on the use of corn gluten meal for weed control in parks.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be forwarded to Council for information.

16. List of 2004 Outstanding Items Economic Development and Parks Committee

Communication (December 17, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding for information, a copy of the 2004 list of outstanding items for the Economic Development and Parks Committee, together with departmental responses up to the Council meeting of November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004.