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## TORONTO CITY COUNCIL DECISION DOCUMENT MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 9 AND 12, 2005

City Council's actions on each Clause in the following Reports and Notices of Motions considered at the meeting are contained in this Decision Document. Declarations of Interest, if any, are included and all additional material noted in this document is on file in the City Clerk's Office, Toronto City Hall. Please refer to the Council Minutes for the official record of Council's proceedings.

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**New Report:****Policy and Finance Committee Report 12****1 2006 Capital and Operating Budgets for Toronto Water**

City Council on December 8, 9 and 12, 2005, amended this Clause by:

- (1) rescinding the following Part (C) of the Action Taken by the Budget Advisory Committee on November 16, 2005, with respect to the 2006 Operating Budget - Toronto Water:

“(C) requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to determine which Divisions’ budgets would be impacted in order to provide a ‘No-Fault’ Grants Program from general tax revenue with respect to sewer back-ups and watermain breaks, and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2006 Operating Budget on Non-Program funding;”

and adopting the following:

“That funding in the amount of \$4 million be included in the 2006 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget for a one-time Drain Grant Program for basement flooding caused by the August 2005 storm, and for damage caused by the major watermain break that occurred on Indian Road in October/November 2005, and that expenditure of these funds be subject to Council approving the terms and conditions of the Program, the funds to come from the Water and Wastewater Stabilization Reserve Account and at year-end, if there are under-expenditures in the Water and Wastewater operating expenditures, the funds to be returned to the Water and Wastewater Stabilization Reserve Account; and further, that the General Manager, Toronto Water be requested to report to the Works Committee on proposed terms and conditions by March 2006;” and

- (2) adding the following:

“That:

- (a) the Acting General Manager, Toronto Water, be requested to report to the Works Committee:
  - (i) on the impact of past water rate increases on commercial customers within the Toronto area, as well as the anticipated impact of future rate increases;

- (ii) on the re-opening of the by-law for Development Charge fees to enable an increase in the fees from new growth-related projects, and consider raising the Development Fee contribution to be more in line with the cost of building new Water and Wastewater infrastructure;
  - (iii) with a cost comparison of pricing practices in other major Canadian and U.S. cities, and on the feasibility of pricing residential water rates to encourage conservation of water;
  - (iv) on the progress of negotiations with York Region regarding water partnerships;
  - (v) on the water and wastewater system in Peel Region, including user rates that are in effect in the Region, which are the lowest water rates in the province; and
  - (vi) for the March 7, 2006 meeting, on the allocation of funds to deal with infrastructure repairs needed to address basement flooding resulting from the August 2005 storm, such report to specifically address the needs in areas hardest hit by the storm and, if necessary, to request additional funds to deal with the necessary sewer improvements; and
- (b) prior to restarting the Pelletizer and spending any of the operating funds, the General Manager, Toronto Water, be requested to report to Council, through the Works Committee, on who has agreed to purchase the pellets, the length of the agreement and the ongoing monthly and yearly cost to operate the facility.”

This Clause, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

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Council also considered the following:

- Report (December 5, 2005) from the General Manager, Toronto Water and the Treasurer [Communication 3(a)].  
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- Communication (December 6, 2005) from Mayor Miller and Councillor Soknacki, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee [Communication 2(a)].  
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- Communication (December 7, 2005) from the City Clerk [Communication 3(b)].

- Presentation Material (December 8, 2005), entitled “Proposed 2006 Budget and Rate Impacts”, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 4(a)]; and
- Chart (undated) pertaining to tax supported debt charges and net debt, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 2(b)].

**2 2006 Water and Wastewater Rate Increase and Rate Projections for 2007-2015**

City Council on December 8, 9 and 12, 2005, adopted this Clause without amendment.

Council also considered the following:

- Communication (December 6, 2005) from Mayor Miller and Councillor Soknacki, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee [Communication 2(a)].
- Presentation Material (December 8, 2005), entitled “Proposed 2006 Budget and Rate Impacts”, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 4(a)]; and
- Chart (undated) pertaining to tax supported debt charges and net debt, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 2(b)].

**3 City of Toronto 2006 Budget Advisory Committee Recommended Capital Budget and 2007-2010 Preliminary Capital Plan**

City Council on December 8, 9 and 12, 2005, amended this Clause, as follows:

**Programs**

**Citizen Centred Services A**

**Children’s Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Court Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Culture**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Economic Development**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Emergency Medical Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Homes for the Aged**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Parks, Forestry and Recreation**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by:

(1) adding \$700,000.00 to address the state-of-good repair backlog, to be funded from available debt; and

(2) adding the following:

“That:

(a) the City Manager be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on an on-line licensing system through which additional Capital money can be used for enhancing bike rings, upgrades or signage, funded through licensing bicycles;

(b) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be requested to ensure that bicycle rings are placed in appropriate areas in parks;

- (c) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the Chief Librarian, be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, in the Spring of 2006, on the feasibility of adding a second storey to the 1900 Sheppard Avenue West Library facility, for the purpose of providing children and youth recreation programming;
- (d) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, prior to the 2007 budget process, on:
  - (i) the feasibility of entering into an agreement with the Toronto District School Board for a community recreation centre attached to the school in the area of Finch and Sentinel; and
  - (ii) partnership opportunities between the City and the YMCA for building community recreation centres throughout the City; and
- (e) the following motion be referred to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, for consideration and report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

Moved by Councillor Giambrone:

‘That the Capital Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation be amended by increasing the Bikeway Network Expansion budget by \$165,000.00 to fund the installation of the Bikeway Network Information System (BNIS) route signs and/or paths, to be funded from available debt.’ ”

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Shelter, Support and Housing Administration**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by adding the following:

“That:

‘**WHEREAS** there has been a steady decline in the number of families requiring shelter since September 11, 2001;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Affordable Housing Office be directed to:

- (a) explore adding affordable, transitional and supportive housing options for the City-owned 717 Broadview site;
- (b) seek advice and input of the local community;
- (c) consider including it in any Expressions of Interest and/or Requests for Proposals for affordable housing; and
- (d) report back to Council, through the Affordable Housing Committee, on viable options to the proposed shelter development.’ ”

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Social Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Tourism**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **311 - Project Management Office**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee by adding the following:

“That the report (November 29, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, entitled ‘311 Council-Staff Working Group: Recommended Ongoing Role’, be referred to the Administration Committee for consideration.”

The 311 - Project Management Office Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Citizen Centred Services B**

#### **Business Support Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.



### **City Planning**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by adding the following:

“That the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director, Facilities and Real Estate, be requested to report to the Administration Committee on the cost and benefits of video-conferencing equipment which would link the staff of the four district planning offices.”

The City Planning Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Cross-Divisional Projects**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Emergency Medical Plan**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Fire Services**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) in accordance with the following staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 7, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) an amount of \$800,000.00 of the Ontario Fire Services Grant be transferred in 2005 from Fire Services’ operating account FR0047 to the Vehicle Reserve-Fire account to secure the funds for the purchase of two new Pumpers, valued at \$400,000.00 each in 2006;
- (2) an amount of \$200,000.00 of the Ontario Fire Services’ grant be transferred from Fire Services’ operating account FR0047 in 2005 to the Vehicle Reserve-Fire Equipment account as a source of funding for consideration in the Fire Service’s 2006 Operating budget for the purchase of fitness equipment for fire stations; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.”; and
- (2) by adding the following:

“That:

‘**WHEREAS** in the 2006-2010 Capital Program and 10 Year Capital Plan - Sub-project Business Case/Financial Summary (1 D), it is stated that the area in Downsview is outside the four-minute travel time centre; and

**WHEREAS** an additional 1,000 residential units currently being constructed in the immediate area will add to the demands on response time to fire calls;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chief, Toronto Fire Services, and the Chief and General Manager, Emergency Medical Services, investigate the feasibility of consolidating and expediting an Emergency Medical Services Station and a Fire Station in the Downsview area and report back to the appropriate Standing Committee in time for the 2007 Capital Budget.’ ”

The Fire Services Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Solid Waste Management Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Transportation Services**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee by:

- (1) deleting the recommended cashflow of \$11.584 million for 2006 and the future year cashflow of \$18.416 million for 2007 for a total cost of \$30-million, and the issuance of 2006 associated debt be withheld pending a report to the Budget Advisory Committee by March 2006, from the City Manager and the three Deputy City Managers, on Capital priorities to which the City should allocate \$30 million; and
- (2) adding the following:

“That:

- (i) the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission and the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with Toronto Hydro, be requested to report to the Works Committee by March 2006, on the additional streetlighting improvement, hydro wire undergrounding, road resurfacing and sidewalk reconstruction work identified for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project, as well as the potential contribution of Toronto Hydro to the hydro wire undergrounding and streetlighting costs; and
- (ii) the General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to report to the Works Committee:
  - (a) on details of work to be done to bring the City of Toronto’s portion of the Queen Elizabeth Way to a state-of-good repair in a priority sequence, giving the highest priority to life safety matters; and
  - (b) identifying work that must be done and work that can be directed to the rehabilitation of local streets.”

The Transportation Services Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Internal Services**

#### **End of Lease/Sustainment**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

#### **Facilities and Real Estate**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

#### **Financial Services**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee by:

- (1) adding \$200,000.00 for an Integrated Voice Response (IVR) system to support the development of a self-serve option in Revenue Services, to respond to citizen requests for 24-7 accessibility services and to manage increasing call volumes during regular business hours, to be funded from debt financing; and
- (2) adding the following:

“That the following motion be referred to the Administration Committee for consideration:

“That:

- (1) when the Integrated Response System is established, the first message advises callers of a ‘zero-out’ option; and
- (2) the City Manager be requested to submit a report to Administration Committee annually on the number of Finance Division calls that go unanswered.”

The Financial Services Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Fleet Services**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Information and Technology**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **City Manager**

### **Human Resources**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Other City Programs**

### **City Clerk’s Office**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Energy Retrofit Program**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Nathan Phillips Square**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by adding the following:

“That the report (December 1, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin, entitled ‘Further Report on Framework for Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition and Capital Funding Forecast for Project Implementation’, be referred to the Administration Committee for consideration.”

The Nathan Phillips Square Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

**Union Station**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Special Purpose Bodies****Exhibition Place**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Police Service**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by adding the following:

“That the Chair, Toronto Police Service Board, be requested to circulate to all Members of Council, a copy of the report respecting the Toronto Police Service obtaining a helicopter(s), such report to include the anticipated operating costs.”

The Toronto Police Services Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Toronto Public Health**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Toronto Public Library**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee by:

- (1) adding \$400,000.00 for state-of-good repair projects at the Toronto Reference Library, in particular, to upgrade the most critical components of the fire alarm operating system, and to meet the most immediate roofing state-of-good repair needs, to be funded from available debt; and
- (2) adding the following:

“That the Chair, Toronto Public Library Board be requested to:

  - (i) report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the feasibility of including a theatre as part of the Albion Library Project; and
  - (ii) consider moving the Albion Library Capital Project forward as part of the 2007-2010 Capital Plan.”

The Toronto Public Library Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **GO Transit**

City Council confirmed funding for GO Transit.

Council also adopted the following:

“That City Council, and its representatives on the GO Transit Board of Directors, request that the Board consider the widening of the St. Clair Avenue West and Old Weston Road underpass, or the undergrounding of the line under St. Clair Avenue West, take place as part of the Air-Rail link proposal currently being considered by GO Transit.”

The GO Transit Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Toronto Port Authority**

City Council confirmed funding for the Toronto Port Authority.

### **Toronto Transit Commission**

City Council amended the Program Budget recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee by adding the following:

“That the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, be requested to report to the Toronto Transit Commission on the total amount of all increases, over and above the \$65 million approved by City Council one and a half years ago for the St. Clair Avenue West Right-of-Way Project, including legal fees, expropriation fees, and any other additional fees.”

The Toronto Transit Commission Capital Budget, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

### **Toronto Zoo**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Yonge-Dundas Project**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Rate Supported Programs**

#### **Toronto Parking Authority**

City Council adopted this Program Budget, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Corporate Recommendations**

City Council amended the Corporate Recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee by adding the following:

“That:

- (1) City Council reaffirm that any previously approved projects that require a change in scope due to changes in estimates and/or project requirements be reported back to the appropriate Standing Committee for further consideration of the revised total project cost and its changes prior to funding approval by Council; and
- (2) the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, be requested to develop an integrated, interdivisional Capital Budget for the 2007-2010 Capital Plan, for the Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy.”

The Corporate Recommendations, as amended, were adopted by City Council.

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Council also considered the following:

- Communication (December 6, 2005) from Mayor Miller and Councillor Soknacki, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee [Communication 2(a)].  
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- Report (November 29, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke [Communication 1(a)].  
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- Report (December 1, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin [Communication 1(d)].  
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- Report (December 4, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 1(g)].  
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- Report (December 7, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 1(h)].  
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- Communication (December 7, 2005) from the City Clerk [Communication 1(e)].  
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- Presentation Material (December 8, 2005), entitled “City of Toronto 2006-2010 Recommended Capital Budget and Preliminary Plan”, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 1(f)];
- Chart (undated) pertaining to adjustments to the 2006-2010 Policy and Finance Committee recommended Capital Budget, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer [Communication 1(b)];
- Chart (undated) pertaining to tax supported debt charges and net debt, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer [Communication 2(b)]; and
- Communication (November 22, 2005) from Glen Guerin, Noxious Studio [Communication 1(c)].

Councillor Walker declared an interest in this Clause, as it applies to the Toronto Port Authority Capital Budget, in that his daughter is an employee of the Toronto Port Authority.

**Condolence Motions:**

(1) **Moved by:** **Councillor Watson**

**Seconded by:** **Councillor Augimeri**

“**WHEREAS** Rose McGroarty’s life was violently ended approximately one month ago and her common-law husband has been charged with her murder; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto has been deeply saddened and disturbed by the events surrounding her death and discovery of her dismembered remains; and

**WHEREAS** Statistics Canada report in 1999 that more than 27,000 cases of spousal violence were reported to police departments across the Country, of which 87 percent of the victims were women; and

**WHEREAS** Rose McGroarty’s violent death highlights the dangers faced by women in many homes throughout Toronto on a daily basis and should serve to strengthen City Council’s resolve to support options for women and children suffering abuse;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Clerk be directed to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Rose McGroarty's family, friends and the many people she touched with love during her lifetime."

*Disposition:*

*City Council on December 8, 9 and 12, 2005, adopted this Motion unanimously.*

(2) **Moved by:** Mayor Miller

**Seconded by:** Councillor Rae

"**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Allan Waters on December 3, 2005, in his 84<sup>th</sup> year; and

**WHEREAS** Allan Waters served our country in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1942 to 1946 as a wireless radar mechanic posted to active duty in England and Belgium; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Waters was the founder of CHUM Limited and a Canadian broadcasting pioneer; and

**WHEREAS** in 1999, he was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and was the first broadcaster to be honoured with the Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award for contributions to the Canadian music industry; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Waters' unwavering commitment to community service and philanthropy resulted in founding the CHUM Charitable Foundation which assists hundreds of thousands of people; and

**WHEREAS** he made an indelible mark on the City of Toronto and the country;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Clerk be directed to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Waters."

*Disposition:*

*City Council on December 8, 9 and 12, 2005, adopted this Motion unanimously.*

**Issued:** December 16, 2005