

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 4

Monday, January 24, 2005

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Monday, January 24, 2005, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

	9:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	2:14 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson	X	X

Also Present:

Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Raymond Cho	Councillor Bill Saundercook
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker	Councillor Karen Stintz
Councillor Adam Giambrone	Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	

4.1 Planning and Transportation Committee Transmittal (Capital)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a communication (January 4, 2005) from the Planning and Transportation Committee forwarding the 2005 Capital Budget Recommendations.

Recommendations:

The Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council:

- (1) adopt the 2005 EMT recommended Capital Budget respecting Urban Development Services, Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives; and Yonge Dundas Redevelopment Project, subject to deferring consideration of the \$4.083 million identified for the Front Street Extension until the reconstituted Waterfront Corporation has had an opportunity to review and establish the strategic priorities for Waterfront renewal; and
- (2) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled "Union Station Precinct Urban Design Study Budget Submission, 61-71 Front Street West, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2005 EMT Recommended UDS Capital Budget be increased \$0.500 million to undertake this study, such increase to be considered during the Budget Advisory Committee review of the 2005 EMT Recommended UDS Capital Budget;
- (2) authorize the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to develop Terms of Reference for the study within the context outlined in this report and retain such outside consultants as may be required to assist in the preparation of the Urban Design Plan to ensure that the work can be completed in a timely manner; and
- (3) request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the completion of the study.

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki the Budget Advisory Committee adopted the recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee contained in the communication (January 4, 2005), as amended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

4.2 Planning and Transportation Committee Transmittal (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a communication (January 4, 2005) from the Planning and Transportation Committee forwarding the 2005 Operating Budget Recommendations.

Recommendations:

The Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council:

- (1) adopt the 2005 EMT recommended Operating Budget respecting the Urban Development Services Department, subject to increasing Planning staff resources in order to provide early and meaningful community participation in the Planning process, to improve the timeliness of responses to development applications, and to expedite completion of local area studies; and that Planning Fees for Rezoning and Official Plan Amendments be increased to achieve 100 percent cost recovery for the existing and new resources;
- (2) adopt the 2005 EMT recommended Operating Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program; and
- (3) receive the communication (November 25, 2004) from the Toronto Cycling Committee, entitled "2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submission".

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee adopted the recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee contained in the communication (January 4, 2005), as amended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

4.3 Urban Development Services (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Urban Development Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the following communications and reports:

- (a) (November 1, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, considered this Clause 1 of Report 7 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, and forwarded a copy to the Budget Advisory Committee in support of the Urban Development Services Department's 2005 Budget Submission with respect to funding and staffing resources for the Civic Improvement Program.
- (b) (December 7, 2004) from the Planning and Transportation Committee, advising that the Committee on December 7, 2004, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled "Implementation of the *Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002 (Bill 124)*".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the service changes required to implement the amendments to the *Building Code Act* as a service improvement initiative focussed on improving in-house service delivery, in keeping with Recommendation 1 of Clause 23, Policy and Finance Committee Report 5, adopted by Council on June 22, 23 and 24, 2004, and that the required funding, as noted in the financial implications section of this report, be added to the base budget of Urban Development Services;
- (2) Council not authorize the use of Registered Code Agencies enabled under Section 4.1 of the *Building Code Act* as an alternative to enforcement of the Act by City plan review and inspection staff;
- (3) Council adopt an approach to meeting the new service delivery standards and requirements for reporting on the fees established in relation to the costs associated with the enforcement of the *Building Code Act*, subject to approval of the base budget request, as part of the Urban Development Services 2005 budget submission, including the following:

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- (a) undertaking improvements to in-house customer service, plan review and inspection services to meet the service delivery standards;
 - (b) directing revenues, recovered from building permit fees, to staff, technology and other service delivery improvements; and
 - (c) managing revenues, including the establishment of reserves, to manage fluctuations in volumes of permit activity and allow for investments in service delivery improvements such as technology to meet new requirements of the Act regarding the collection of permit fees and expenditures and related reporting requirements;
- (4) Council authorize the establishment of an obligatory reserve fund with a 2005 contribution of up to \$2.1 million as a result of increases in revenues in order to fund future year needs to meet statutory requirements and refer this to the 2005 budget process;
- (5) Council authorize the hiring of up to 12 plan review staff and 3 customer service staff effective March 1, 2005 to assist in managing current volumes and address the backlog of applications prior to the July, 2005 implementation date for the *Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002*;
- (6) Council request that the province amend O. Reg 305/03 to change the prescribed time frames for decisions of the Chief Building Official to issue a permit, or refuse to issue it; it is recommended that the time period for all Part 9 buildings (low rise, under 600 square metres) be 15 working days and the target for all Part 3 buildings (larger, professionally designed) be 30 working days;
- (7) Council request that the province delay the effective date of the qualification requirements of the *Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002*, to January 2006, to provide sufficient time for staff responsible for the enforcement of the *Building Code Act* and designers involved in submitting plans, to fulfill the qualification and registration requirements of the Act;
- (8) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services report to the Audit and Planning and Transportation Committees on how the program to implement the amendments to the *Building Code Act* would respond to outstanding recommendations of Clause 5, Report 10 of the Audit Committee, adopted by Council at its meeting of December 4, 5 and 6, 2001;

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- (9) that this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for their consideration as part of the 2005 Urban Development Services budget submission;
 - (10) that prior to the day on which the *Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act* comes into force, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services provide Council with a report on the status of the City's implementation of the Act, service delivery changes and recommended changes to Municipal Code Chapter 363; and
 - (11) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.
- (c) (July 27, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council at its meeting held on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, considered Clause 16 of Report 6 of The Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "Request for Direction - 511 Bremner Boulevard and 2 and 20 Housey Street – Ontario Municipal Board Hearing (Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20)" and forwarded a copy of this report to the Budget Advisory Committee to ensure that the provision of community services and facilities identified in Section 5.2 of the Railway Lands West Part II Plan be reviewed as part of the City's capital budget process.
- (d) (January 13, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting, on the number of "dirty" City complaints relating to private property for 2003 and 2004.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information purposes only.

- (e) (January 14, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting, on the Planning and Transportation Committee request, at its December 7, 2004 meeting, that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services submit a report to the Budget Advisory Committee on: (i) what productivity gains can be achieved with existing staff by increased use of preliminary plan reviews and expanding short route and Fastrack permit programs; and (ii) on the costs and benefits of hiring 12 permanent plan review staff and three customer service staff versus contract plan review staff and service staff.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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- (f) (January 20, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting, as requested by the Planning and Transportation Committee on January 4, 2005, on the financial implications of 100 Percent Cost Recovery on Community Planning Fees for Existing and New Planning Resources.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (g) (January 20, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, reporting as requested by the Planning and Transportation Committee on January 4, 2005, on the allocation of City resources to cycling programs.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

Capital

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to adding \$500,000 for the Union Station Project; and
- (2) defer consideration of the \$280,000 of unallocated projects, until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting and requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to provide details of those projects at that time.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that:

- (1) Councillor Mihevc's motion A.(1) be amended by deferring \$200,000.00 of the New Official Plan - Mediation Support Costs until 2006; and

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- (2) Councillor Mihevc's motion A.(2) be amended by deferring consideration of the following matters until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting:
- (a) Beautiful City Routes 2005; and
 - (b) Beautiful City Places 2005.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Watson moved that Councillor Mihevc's motion A(1) be amended by deleting \$40,000.00 for the 2004 Croft Street Project.

(Carried)

Operating

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by Planning and Transportation Committee, subject to, in order to achieve 100 percent cost recovery, community planning fees being increased in the amount of \$2.875 million per year; hire 9 additional staff in 2005; and defer hiring 5 additional staff for consideration during the 2006 budget cycle;
 - (2) request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to provide a Briefing Note for the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting on resources required to initially respond to waste, litter, graffiti and long grass, within a seven day period; and
 - (3) receive the communications and reports (a), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g).

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Milczyn moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to Budget Advisory Committee, through its quarterly Variance Report, providing information on the number of building permit applications and staff levels, including new hires required and projected attrition.

(Carried)

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Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- C. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer consideration of the following reports until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting:
- (a) (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services respecting the Implementation of the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2003 (Bill 124, until its wrap up meeting and requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report at that time with respect to a reserve fund from increased permit fees; and
 - (b) (January 14, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled "Implementation of the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act (Bill 124), Service Efficiencies and Public Service Improvement".

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

4.4 Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives (Capital)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital Budget for Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a confidential report (January 21, 2005) from the City Solicitor, regarding expenditure of funds for certain approved transactions-Front Street Extension Project (Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina); and because the subject matter deals with possible litigation, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussion be held In-camera.

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to the following:

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- (1) City Council authorize the City to act as proponent or co-proponent for environmental assessment processes as may be required associated with waterfront revitalization initiatives that are approved as part of the 2005 Capital Budget; such initiatives include the creation of Commissioners Park, Interim Playing Fields, and the Western Beaches Watercourse Facility; as well as transit, roads in West Donlands and East Bayfront, storm and sanitary sewer facilities, community facilities, and parks and public spaces initiatives in East Bayfront and West Don Lands; and
- (2) the 2005 Cash Flow for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative be revised as outlined in the Briefing Note, dated January 18, 2005, entitled "Briefing Note re 2005-2014 Capital Works Program for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative", and that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report on the TWRC's 5-year business plan in the spring of 2005, noting that 2006 and beyond are estimates only.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Milczyn moved that Councillor Mihevc's motion A. be amended by:

- (3) deferring the Front Street Extension Project to be considered when Toronto City Council meet to deal with the Gardiner Expressway and its possible dismantling, such meeting expected later on in 2005, and that, as a consequence:
 - (a) no significant additional expenditures be undertaken in 2005 relating to the Front Street Extension; and
 - (b) all motions relating to Front Street Extension also be deferred to the above mentioned City Council meeting; and
- (4) the adoption of the recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the confidential report (January 21, 2005) from the City Solicitor and because the subject matter deals with possible litigation under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussion be held in-camera.

(Carried)

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C. Councillor Watson moved that Councillor Mihevc's motion A. be amended by:

- (5) City Council requesting the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation to report to Council on the source of funds for the shortfall between the agreed-upon contribution by the provincial and federal governments for the Front Street Extension (one-third each in the amount of \$170 million) and the actual projected cost of the Front Street Extension (\$255 million), and any future cost overruns;
- (6) City Council directing the appropriate City staff, in consultation with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, be requested to undertake a consultation process with the citizens of Toronto to determine what the public's priorities for scarce waterfront funds are; and
- (7) at the completion of the consultation process described in Recommendation (6), that City Council request Mayor David Miller to lead a delegation of City Council representatives to renegotiate waterfront funding commitments from senior levels of government with a view to aligning them with the priorities of the citizens of Toronto."

(Carried)

D. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, to report to the Works Committee on:

- (a) including public transit projects that would increase east west access to the downtown core along the waterfront area;
- (b) permitting complete or partial dismantling of the Gardiner Expressway in the absence of the Front Street Extension Project; with the primary emphasis being public transit to improve public access to the downtown core; and

- (c) listing of Waterfront projects that could go forward if the Front Street Project does not go forward.

(Carried)

4.5 Works Committee Transmittal (Capital)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a communication (January 6, 2005) from the Works Committee forwarding the 2005 Capital Budget Recommendations.

Recommendations:

(1) Solid Waste Management Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Solid Waste Management Services;

(2) Transportation Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Transportation Services, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) that, with respect to the Front Street Extension project, City Council be advised that the Works Committee does not support the \$255 million for the Front Street Extension and does not consider the project to be a Council priority; and further that:
- (i) all funding allocated to the Front Street Extension project, including any carry forward amounts, be deleted from the 2005 Capital Program for Transportation Services;
 - (ii) the Front Street Extension project remain in the Transportation Services work plan, but not as a Capital item, and that the amounts in the Transportation Services Capital Program be shown as zero; and further that no funding be spent on this project until monies are transferred from the provincial and federal governments;
 - (iii) the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to advise the Works Committee at the earliest opportunity after funding for this project has been made available to the Works and Emergency Services Department;
 - (iv) any significant financial commitments to the Front Street Extension be deferred until such time as City Council considers the matter of taking down the F. G. Gardiner Expressway;

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- (v) City Council request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, to report to Council on the source of funds for the shortfall between the agreed-upon contribution by the provincial and federal governments for the Front Street Extension (one-third each in the amount of \$170 million) and the actual projected cost of the Front Street Extension (\$255 million), and any future cost overruns;
 - (vi) City Council direct the appropriate City staff, in consultation with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, to undertake a consultation process with the citizens of Toronto to determine what the public's priorities for scarce waterfront funds are; and
 - (vii) at the completion of the consultation process described in Recommendation (a)(vi), City Council request Mayor David Miller to lead a delegation of City Council representatives to renegotiate waterfront funding commitments from senior levels of government with a view to aligning them with the priorities of the citizens of Toronto;
- (b) that any major changes to scope and costs of pre-approved and proposed multi-year projects be identified in the Works and Emergency Services covering report attached to the Capital variance report and be considered by the Works Committee on a quarterly basis; and further that the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to provide a briefing note on this matter to the March 8, 2005, meeting of the Works Committee;
- (c) that funding for the following projects, in the amounts listed below, be deferred until 2006 and that these funds be transferred to Cycling Infrastructure (Bike Plan) for 2005:
- (i) \$200,000.00 from the Leaside Bridge project;
 - (ii) \$200,000.00 from the Leslie/Sheppard project;
 - (iii) \$300,000.00 from Pole Replacement/Street Lighting Asset Management; and
 - (iv) \$200,000.00 from Facility Improvements;

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- (d) that the Traffic Plant Requirements/Signal Asset Management allocation be reduced by \$1,600,000.00, and that these funds be reallocated, as follows:
 - (i) \$100,000.00 to Cycling Infrastructure (Bike Plan);
 - (ii) \$600,000.00 to the Street Tree Planting program;
 - (iii) \$500,000.00 to Road Crossing Signals in the Cycling Infrastructure budget (Gatineau Hydro Corridor, etc.); and
 - (iv) \$400,000.00 for Traffic Calming;

 - (e) that the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the March 8, 2005 meeting of the Works Committee on a proposed street tree planting program that outlines, amongst other things:
 - (i) the area to be planted;
 - (ii) the number of trees to be planted;
 - (iii) the species to be planted; and
 - (iv) the maintenance plan;

 - (f) that City Council request Toronto Hydro to accelerate its commitment to provide a reduction in energy costs associated with the LED Conversion Program;

 - (g) that:
 - (i) City Council's approval of the Steeles Avenue East/GO Transit Grade Separation EA Addendum, design, and property acquisition be accelerated to commence in 2005 following provincial EA approval, and that construction be advanced to the 2006-2007 time frame thereby restoring this Bridge in the priority order; and
 - (ii) the construction of the Morningside Avenue/Finch Avenue Grade Separation be rescheduled and ranked after the Steeles/Kennedy Grade Separation, as was its original ranking;

 - (h) the \$110,000.00 allocation to the Street Name Sign Duplication Project be deleted from the 2005 Transportation Capital Budget; and
- (3) WES Departmental:
- adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005-2014 Capital Program for WES Departmental.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the recommendations contained in the communication (January 6, 2005) from the Works Committee, as amended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

4.6 Works Committee Transmittal (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a communication (January 6, 2005) from the Works Committee forwarding the 2005 Operating Budget Recommendations.

Recommendations:

(1) Solid Waste Management Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) that, with respect to the Clean and Beautiful City project:
 - (i) the “Enhanced Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter” project be renamed “Enhanced Sidewalk and Walkway Litter Cleaning and Weed Removal”;
 - (ii) the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the Works Committee at the earliest possible time on the 2005 allocation of \$568.7 for the Enhanced Sidewalk and Walkway Litter Cleaning and Weed Removal project; and
 - (iii) the funding in the amount of \$175,000.00 in 2005, \$125,000.00 in 2006 and \$125,000.00 in 2007, for the Clean City Communication Plan be transferred to the Corporate Communications Operating Budget;
- (b) that the implementation of a Diversion Incentive Surcharge for single homes be delayed and the budget adjusted accordingly; and further that any Surcharge be introduced in a manner that is consistent with the Solid Waste Management Services Multi-Year Business Plan;
- (c) the implementation date of a Waste Reduction Levy for multi-unit residences be accelerated from October 1, 2005 to September 16, 2005, resulting in a further net savings of \$241.1 thousand for a total net operating budget reduction of \$1,659.1 thousand; and

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- (d) prior to the implementation of a Waste Reduction Levy for multi-unit residences or a Diversion Incentive Surcharge for single family homes, the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to Council, through the Works Committee, on all facets of the implementation of each program City-wide, inclusive of all types of pick-up situations.

(2) Transportation Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) that, with respect to a proposed Car Free Day:
 - (i) the Operating Budget for Transportation Services be increased by \$110,000.00 for a voluntary Car Free Day to be held on September 22, 2005, on Queen Street West from Yonge Street to Spadina Avenue;
 - (ii) 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;
 - (iii) this project be funded by reducing the Capital from Current allocation to Transportation Services;
 - (iv) 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;
 - (v) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to include a car free component in the Celebration Toronto Festival; and
- (b) that there be no change to the On-Street Permit Parking Fees until such time as the Works Committee considers the amalgamated by-law for the entire City of Toronto, in September 2005;

(3) Technical Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Technical Services; and

(4) Support Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Support Services.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee adopted the recommendations of the Works Committee contained in the communication (January 6, 2005), as amended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

4.7 WES - Support Services (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Operating Budget for the WES-Support Services.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the WES - Support Services Operating Budget and requested staff to meet with interested Councillors and provide recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting.

4.8 WES - Technical Services (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Operating Budget for WES-Technical Services.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the WES - Technical Services Operating Budget and requested staff to meet with interested Councillors and provide recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting.

4.9 Works and Emergency Services - Departmental (Capital)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital Budget for Works and Emergency Services - Departmental.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 - 2014 Capital Program for WES - Departmental, as recommended by the Works Committee, including technical adjustments.

4.10 Solid Waste Management Services (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following communication and reports:

- (a) communication (November 9, 2004) from the Works Committee forwarding a report (November 3, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer on the adequacy of the perpetual care of landfill reserve.

Recommendation:

- (1) approval, in principle, be given for the 40-year financing plan, shown in Appendix A, for the adequate provision of funding for perpetual care activities for known former landfill sites under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto;
 - (2) a 2005 contribution of \$3.0 million to the Perpetual Care Reserve Fund (XR1013) be funded from the 2004 operating surplus of Solid Waste Management Services, if any, and the balance, if any, be considered as part of the 2005 Solid Waste Management Operating Budget submission;
 - (3) for 2006 and future years until 2024, the contribution to the Perpetual Care Reserve Fund (XR1013) be increased by 5.55 percent annually, as shown in Appendix A, and included in future Solid Waste Management Operating Budget submissions;
 - (4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer review and update the long-term financing plan every three years and report back to Council with financing recommendations;
 - (5) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
 - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.
- (b) report (January 10, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services reporting on the feasibility of increasing the fine for illegal dumping and the direction of revenue generated by these fines.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (c) report (January 12, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the request for additional information during the review of the 2005 budget submission of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Services by the Works Committee.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Capital

- A. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Solid Waste Management Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to:

- (a) the reduction of \$250,000.00 for the New and Emerging Technologies Program; and
- (b) the reduction of \$550,000.00 for the Re-Use Centre;

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that Councillor Rae's motion A. be amended by:

- (c) deferring \$3.5 million for the Capital Project on Additional Source-Separated Organics Processing Capacity until 2006.

Operating

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, subject to:

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- (a) delaying implementation of North York Green Bin Program by one month for a cost savings of \$100,000.00;
 - (b) accelerating Multi-family Waste Reduction Levy by two weeks for a net savings of \$241,100.00; and
 - (c) adopting Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 3, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, on the adequacy of the perpetual care of landfill reserve:
 - (1) approval, in principle, be given for the 40-year financing plan, shown in Appendix A, for the adequate provision of funding for perpetual care activities for known former landfill sites under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto;
 - (2) a 2005 contribution of \$3.0 million to the Perpetual Care Reserve Fund (XR1013) be funded from the 2004 operating surplus of Solid Waste Management Services, if any, and the balance, if any, be considered as part of the 2005 Solid Waste Management Operating Budget submission;
 - (3) for 2006 and future years until 2024, the contribution to the Perpetual Care Reserve Fund (XR1013) be increased by 5.55 percent annually, as shown in Appendix A, and included in future Solid Waste Management Operating Budget submissions;
 - (4) the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer review and update the long-term financing plan every three years and report back to Council with financing recommendations; and
 - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto; and
- (2) received the reports (b) and (c) above.

4.11 Transportation Services (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Transportation Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a report (January 20, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, responding to a Works Committee request on January 5 and 6, 2005, that the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the Budget Advisory Committee on a three-year accelerated Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Program, including financing options.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that City Council confirm the eight year implementation plan for the City-wide LED Conversion Program, as reported under Clause 9 embodied in Report 2 of the Works Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on March 1, 2 and 3, 2004;

OR

if City Council wishes to adopt an accelerated LED conversion program, it is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to amend the Transportation Services Division's 2005-2014 Capital Program to support an accelerated LED conversion program for completion by the end of 2008;
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, be requested to determine the most effective financial strategy for the implementation of an accelerated LED conversion program, taking into consideration a loan from the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF), or other external funding opportunities through Toronto Hydro based on Energy Conservation and Demand Management Strategies, as well as any other possible funding sources in an effort to minimize capital budget impacts;
- (3) authority be granted to proceed with the LED signal lamp procurement process in 2005, in consultation with the Purchasing and Materials Management Division, to establish a multiple year supply contract to support the accelerated LED conversion program for installation in 2006, 2007 and 2008;

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- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed that, upon the publication of the new Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) standard for LED Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads, LED vehicle yellow displays be incorporated into the LED conversion program for traffic signal lamps as availability, schedule and budget permit;
- (5) authority be granted to amend the Transportation Services Division's 2005 Operating Budget submission to provide for an additional temporary Engineering Technologist position at an annual cost of \$62,000.00 to support the accelerated LED conversion program with funding to be provided from the Transportation Capital Budget; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Capital

- A. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 - 2014 Capital Program for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, including technical adjustments; subject to:
 - (a) the Cycling Infrastructure – Road Crossing Program be \$200,000.00 in the year 2005, \$150,000.00 in 2006 and 2007 thereby reducing the cycling infrastructure program by \$300,000.00 for 2005;
 - (b) the Facilities Improvements Budget be increased by \$200,000.00; and
 - (c) the adoption of the following recommendations, in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 20, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, on a three-year accelerated Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Program, subject to amending such Recommendations to read:
 - (1) authority be granted, in principle, to amend the Transportation Services Division's 2006-2014 Capital Program to support an accelerated LED conversion program for completion by the end of 2008;

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- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, be requested to determine the most effective financial strategy for the implementation of an accelerated LED conversion program, taking into consideration a loan from the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF), or other external funding opportunities through Toronto Hydro based on Energy Conservation and Demand Management Strategies, as well as any other possible funding sources in an effort to minimize capital budget impacts;
- (3) authority be granted to proceed with the LED signal lamp procurement process in 2005, in consultation with the Purchasing and Materials Management Division, to establish a multiple year supply contract to support the accelerated LED conversion program for installation in 2006, 2007 and 2008;
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed that, upon the publication of the new Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) standard for LED Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads, LED vehicle yellow displays be incorporated into the LED conversion program for traffic signal lamps as availability, schedule and budget permit;
- (5) authority be granted to amend the Transportation Services Division's 2005 Operating Budget submission to provide for an additional temporary Engineering Technologist position at an annual cost of \$62,000.00 to support the accelerated LED conversion program with funding to be provided from the Transportation Capital Budget; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

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- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that Councillor Rae's motion A. be amended by adding back \$13,349,000 gross and \$0 net to the 2005 Transportation Capital Budget to fund current obligations for the Front Street Extension Project and that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized to allocate the funds to the appropriate previously approved projects.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report at the time of the mid-year variance report on means by which the \$800,000.00 backlog of speed bump requests can be accommodated.

(Lost)

Operating

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, subject to:
 - (a) On Street Parking Permit Fees be increased by \$1.50 to \$10.00 per month (\$120.00 annually) for the first vehicle; by \$7.00 to \$25.00 per month (\$300.00 annually) for the second vehicle; and by \$10.00 to \$35.00 per month (\$420.00 annually) for permits with access to off-street parking; and temporary visitor permits be increased by \$4.00 to \$14.00 effective June 1, 2005, for increased revenues of \$883,200 in 2005;
 - (b) Front Yard, Driveway Widening and Residential Boulevard Parking Permits be set at the same annual level as the "On-Street" parking permits (first vehicle rate of \$120.00 annually) effective January 1, 2006; the fee for processing of applications be harmonized at \$260.00; and implementing a \$60.00 transfer fee for changes in property ownership effective June 1, 2005 for increased revenues of \$66,300 in 2005;

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- (c) Surface Maintenance be reduced to \$9.1 million from \$9.6 million for savings of \$500,000.00;
- (2) request the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for its wrap up meeting on the implications of:
 - (i) reducing Traffic Study Investigations by \$750,000.00;
 - (ii) reducing Flushing of Collector and Local Roads by \$225,000.00;
- (3) request the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee once negotiations are finalized for the news vending boxes, on maximizing the revenue and minimizing the hiring of staff; and
- (4) request the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee on the cost of harmonizing City-wide street cleaning.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Mihevc moved that:

- (1) Councillor Pitfield's motion A.(1) be amended by On Street Parking be instituted starting June 2005 on 18 streets in the former City of Scarborough, where there currently is free overnight "On Street" parking and that the City Solicitor be requested to bring forward appropriate by-laws as part of the budget process;
- (2) consideration of the \$110,000.00 for "Car Free Day" and all motions regarding this matter be deferred until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting and the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with interested Councillors and stakeholders, be requested to prepare a summary report for the Committee at that time; and

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- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting on options for allocating additional funds to the “Energy Retrofit Fund” in 2005 and/or 2006, to allow the consideration of additional projects beyond what has been approved thus far.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) defer all Clean and Beautiful City issues until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting, including the following:
- (a) advancing Clean City - Cleaning around parked cars from 2007 to 2005 in the amount of \$144.6 thousand;
 - (b) advancing Clean City - Increase grass cutting, litter pick up and plantings from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$200.0 thousand per year; and
 - (c) advancing Clean City - Roadway/Roadside Weed Control from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$125.0 thousand per year; and
- (2) request the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Economic, Development, Culture and Tourism and Urban Development Services, to report to the Works Committee on the feasibility of consolidating all cycling matters under the purview of the Works Committee.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- D. Councillor Soknacki moved that Councillor Pitfield’s motion A(3) be amended by adding “and further revenue from the newspaper boxes be directed exclusively to the clean streets campaign.”

(Lost)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

(E-mail: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; c. Administrator, Works Committee - February 16, 2005)

4.12 Toronto Parking Authority (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority.

Capital

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 - 2014 EMT Recommended Capital Program for the Toronto Parking Authority, including all technical adjustments.

Operating

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority, subject to:
 - (a) parking meter hours being extended to midnight in the downtown areas;
 - (b) organizing a pilot project to extend parking meters on residential streets that flank major arterial roads; and
 - (c) approving, in principle, the transfer of parking enforcement on street meter/pay-and-display areas from the Toronto Police Service - Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit to the Toronto Parking Authority and requested the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to work with the Toronto Parking Authority and the Toronto Police Service to facilitate the transfer with the objective of improving service and achieving savings to take effect in the 2006 fiscal year or earlier;
- (2) requested the President, Toronto Parking Authority, to report to the Budget Advisory Committee at its wrap up meeting on the following:

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- (a) revenues generated from Recommendation 1(a) and (b) above;
 - (b) additional revenues generated from parking in regional parks; and
 - (c) maintaining materials and supplies, services and rents at rates of increase not to exceed 3 percent; and
- (3) requested the President, Toronto Parking Authority, in consultation with the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, to report to the Toronto Transit Commission and the Toronto Parking Authority on a Commuter Parking strategy.

(E-mail: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Yvonne Davies, Administrator, Administration Committee - February 16, 2005)

(President, Toronto Parking Authority; c. Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - February 16, 2005)

4.13 General

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Socknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee adopted the following recommendations:

- (1) that all Budget Advisory Committee recommendations and actions taken at this meeting be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for inclusion in the recommendations section of the Capital and Operating Budget Advisory Committee Summary Report to the Policy and Finance Committee to be considered at its meeting of February 10, 2005; and
- (2) if any further clarification of the Budget Advisory Committee recommendations and actions taken is required by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer the City Clerk shall report to the Budget Advisory Committee with additional clarification recommendations in advance of the February 10, 2005 Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

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Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Chair