

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 6

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 26, 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 12:35 p.m.	2:15 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield, Vice Chair	R	R
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow	Councillor David Shiner
Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor Karen Stintz
Councillor Paula Fletcher	Councillor Michael Thompson
Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Michael Walker
Councillor Case Ootes	

2005 Capital and Operating Budget

6.1 Toronto Police Service (Capital and Operating) Toronto Police Services Board (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Toronto Police Services and the 2005 Operating Budget for Toronto Police Services Board.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following communications:

- (a) (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004:
 - (1) considered Clause 3 of Report 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, and directed that a copy be forwarded to the appropriate Standing Committees, including Budget Advisory Committee, for consideration with the 2005 budget; and
 - (2) requested the Budget Advisory Committee to consider giving the Toronto Police Service additional funding to deal with graffiti enforcement.
- (b) (January 18, 2005) from the Toronto Police Services Board forwarding copies of the following four reports which will be considered by the Toronto Police Services Board at its meeting on Monday, January 24, 2005:
 - (a) report (January 14, 2005) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board regarding the Toronto Police Services Board – 2005 Operating Budget Submission;
 - (b) report (January 17, 2005) from the Chief of Police, regarding the Toronto Police Service – 2005 Operating Budget Submission;
 - (c) report (January 17, 2005) from the Chief of Police regarding the Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit: 2005 Operating Budget Submission; and
 - (d) report (December 9, 2004) from the Chief of Police, containing a response to the City of Toronto request for a report on computerized hand-held parking enforcement devices.
- (c) (January 25, 2005) from the Chief of Police, regarding Toronto Police Service 2005 Operating Budget - Request for Information on the Additional Cost of Policing the Entertainment District.

Capital

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for the Toronto Police Service, including technical adjustments, as recommended by the Toronto Police Services Board in November 2004.

Operating

- A. Councillor Watson moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:
 - (a) the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for the Toronto Police Service, as presented by the Toronto Police Services Board, in the amount of \$688.9 million, such amount to include the provision of the CAP program in the amount of \$545,000.00 in 2005;
 - (b) the adoption of the 2005 Toronto Police Services Board Operating Budget (net \$1.278 million) as recommended by the Toronto Police Services Board;
 - (2) refer the report (January 25, 2005) from the Chief of Police, addressed to the Chair and Members of the Police Services Board, respecting the additional costs of policing the Entertainment District, to the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, for a report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee in April 2005, in consultation with the appropriate City staff, staff from the Toronto Police Service and local Councillors, such report to include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) how the cost of policing in the Entertainment District can be recovered from the businesses in the Entertainment District; and
 - (b) information on how the funds so recovered will be used to enhance direct frontline Police Services in the City; and

(3) receive the communications (a) and (b).

(Carried)

B. Councillor Milczyn moved that Councillor Watson's motion A.(2) be amended by requesting that such report include specifically creating a new class of business licence for entertainment facilities with a new licence fee that would include a component for policing.

(Carried)

(E-mail: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer - February 16, 2005)

6.2 Parking Enforcement Unit (Capital) Parking Tag Enforcement and Operations (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital Budget for the Parking Enforcement Unit and the 2005 Operating Budget for Parking Tag Enforcement and Operations.

Capital

On motion by Councillor Watson, 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 Parking Enforcement Unit.

Operating

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Parking Tag Enforcement and Operations.

6.3 Association of Community Centres (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres, subject to the following amendments:

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- (1) adding \$15,000.00 to the Association of Community Centres program to undertake a review of the desk top support requirements, in conjunction with Corporate Information and Technology, to determine the most cost effective desk top support strategy for the 10 Centres; such strategy be implemented in 2005; and the strategy and related costs be reported to the Budget Advisory Committee in the 2006 budget process; and
- (2) adding \$22,600.00 for an increase in Volunteer Co-ordinator hours at the Central Eglinton Community Centre.

6.4 Community Services Committee Transmittal (Capital)

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

Recommendations:

The Community Services Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council:

(1) Works and Emergency Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005-2014 Capital Programs for:

- the Emergency Management Plan;
- Emergency Medical Services; and
- Fire Services; and

(2) Community and Neighbourhood Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005-2014 Capital Programs for:

- Children's Services;
- Homes for the Aged;
- Shelter, Housing and Support; and
- Social Services.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee adopted the recommendations of the Community Services Committee contained in the communication (January 11, 2005), as amended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

6.5 Community Services Committee Transmittal (Operating)

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

Recommendations:

The Community Services Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council:

Works and Emergency Services:

(1) Emergency Medical Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Emergency Medical Services;

(2) Fire Services:

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

- (a) that, with respect to the Fleet Reserve Provision Increase, City Council be advised that the Community Services Committee does not support the EMT recommended cut of \$1 million; and further:
- (i) that the Fire Services contribution to the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve be funded at \$6.561 million in order to maintain the Council-approved annual incremental budget increase to accelerate the Fire Services vehicle replacement program, as even this amount is less than the Fire Services annual funding requirement;
 - (ii) that the 2005 EMT Recommended Fleet Capital Budget be increased by \$1 million for the provision of additional Fire Vehicles; and
 - (iii) that City Council continue with its commitment to eliminate within five years the backlog of 15 year-old vehicles still in service; and

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- (b) that City Council be advised that the Community Services Committee does not support the EMT recommended cuts to the expenditure categories listed below, and further that funding be reinstated as follows:
- (i) \$125,000.00 to Fire and Emergency Supplies;
 - (ii) \$225,000.00 to Fleet Maintenance Parts;
 - (iii) \$85,000.00 to Medical Supplies;
 - (iv) \$150,000.00 to Fleet Maintenance Contracted Services; and
 - (v) \$500,000.00 to Increase Gapping;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

(3) Children's Services:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Children's Services, subject to transferring from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund to the First Duty Reserve Fund the same amount of funding as was allocated in the first instalment of the First Duty pilot projects;

(4) Homes for the Aged:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged;

(5) Shelter, Housing and Support:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) that City Council be requested to endorse the principle of City-wide outreach workers and that Mayor David Miller include these positions in his forthcoming report on a comprehensive approach to housing and homelessness; and
- (b) the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Isolated Persons, co-chaired by Councillor Jane Pitfield, be requested to consider the establishment of a Youth Housing Advocacy Committee and report on this proposal to the Community Services Committee;

(6) Social Development and Administration:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration;

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(7) Social Services:

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

(8) Association of Community Centres:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) that funding in the amount of \$15,200.00 be reinstated for the IT Personnel/Systems Administrator position at Scadding Court; and
- (b) that funding in the amount of \$7,200.00 be reinstated for the Volunteer Co-ordinator position at Scadding Court; and

(9) Community Partnership and Investment Programs:

adopt the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2005 Operating Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Programs under the purview of the Community Services Committee, subject to increasing the Program by \$1,214,590.00, as follows:

- (a) providing a 2 percent net budget economic factor increase totalling \$274,590.00 for the following programs:
 - Community Services - \$202,740.00
 - Community Information Toronto - \$10,480.00
 - Breaking the Cycle of Violence - \$13,400.00; and
 - Homeless Initiatives Fund - \$47,970.00;
- (b) providing an increase in the amount of \$140,000.00 for the Breaking the Cycle of Violence program;
- (c) providing \$500,000.00 for Food Security grants; and
- (d) providing \$300,000.00 for Service Development.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee adopted the recommendations of the Community Services Committee contained in the communication (January 11, 2005), as amended by the Budget Advisory Committee.

6.6 Children's Services (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Children's Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a communication (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee, advising that the Committee, at its meeting on January 11, 2005, received the report (December 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the impact of the provincial Best Start Program on Toronto's Child Care System; and further directed that it be forwarded to:

- (a) the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education for consideration; and
- (b) the Budget Advisory Committee for information during consideration of the Children's Services 2005 Operating Budget.

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

Capital

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for Children's Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments.

Operating

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Children's Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, subject to transferring \$370,000.00 from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund to the First Duty Reserve Fund for continuation of the First Duty pilot projects from June 2005 to June 2006; and
- (2) received the communication.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

6.7 Homes for the Aged (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a communication (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on December 6, 2004, referred Clause 37(a) of Report 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, together with the following motions by Members of Council, to the Budget Advisory Committee for further consideration:

Moved by Councillor Chow:

“That Staff Recommendation (1) contained in the report dated September 23, 2004, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be amended by inserting, after the words “Homes for the Aged”, the words “and other TCHC seniors’ supportive housing”, so that Recommendation (1) now reads as follows:

- ‘(1) Council establish a Cost Centre called “HFA Community-Based Services”, within the Community Initiatives Reserve Fund, to be used to purchase furnishings, equipment and amenities as required by the Homes for the Aged and other TCHC seniors’ supportive housing community-based programs;’.”

Moved by Councillor Watson:

“That the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee be deleted and the following be inserted instead:

- (1) that funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the HFA Capital Reserve be made available in 2005 to furnish and equip the amenity space at Albion Lodge;
- (2) that funds totalling \$1.450 million, plus applicable interest, be transferred from the HFA Capital Reserve to the Corporate Capital Financing Reserve Fund;
- (3) that the aforementioned funds be made available to Economic Development, Culture and Tourism in the 2005 budget process for work on the Parks and Recreation work order system and the Forestry TMMS enhancement; and

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- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.”

Moved by Councillor Carroll:

“That Parts (2) and (3) of the motion by Councillor Watson be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for further consideration.”

Moved by Councillor Balkissoon:

“That the motion by Councillor Watson be amended by adding the following:

- (5) that staff review the City’s Works and Emergency Services Department TMMS, Hansen and Aventes systems such that, as a first priority, an existing City Business System can be expanded to meet the needs of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department.’ ”

Capital

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 the Homes for the Aged, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) City Council establish a Cost Centre called “HFA Community-Based Services”, within the Community Initiatives Reserve Fund, to be used to purchase furnishings, equipment and amenities as required by the Homes for the Aged and other TCHC seniors’ supportive housing community-based programs; and
- (b) that funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the HFA Capital Reserve be made available in 2005 to furnish and equip the amenity space at Albion Lodge.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Watson moved that Councillor Mihevc’s motion A. be amended by adding:

- (1) that funds totalling \$1.450 million, plus applicable interest, be transferred from the HFA Capital Reserve to the Corporate Capital Financing Reserve Fund;

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and

(Carried)

- (3) that the aforementioned funds be made available to the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department in the 2005 budget process for work on the Parks and Recreation Work Order system and the Forestry TMMS Enhancement.

(Lost)

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 Homes for the Aged, as recommended by the Community Services Committee; and
- (2) receive the communication (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled, "Homes for the Aged - Community-Based Services Furnishings and Equipment."

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Watson moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend that staff review the City's Works and Emergency Services Department's TMMS Hansen and Aventes Systems such that, as a first priority and existing City Business System can be expanded to meet the needs of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department.

(Lost)

6.8 Social Development and Administration (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee meet privately to discuss a subject matter relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, in accordance with the *Municipal Act*, which was carried.

The Budget Advisory Committee recessed at 2:45 p.m. to meet in-camera, with the following Members in attendance:

Members Present:

Councillor David Soknacki, Chair
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Vice-Chair
Councillor Shelley Carroll
Councillor Peter Milczyn
Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Sylvia Watson

Also Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Janet Davis

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its private meeting at 3:22 p.m. and immediately reconvened in public session with the aforementioned Members in attendance.

6.9 Shelter, Housing and Support (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support.

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

- (a) (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, considered Clause 58 of Report 9 of The Policy and Finance Committee, and directed that a copy be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information.

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- (b) (December 9, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that The Community Services Committee on December 9, 2004, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that the 2005 per diem rates for purchase of service shelters and payments to the Toronto Hostels Training Centre be increased by the same percentage and as of the same date as those approved by Council for the City's Union Employees under the Collective Agreements.
- (c) (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee advising that the Committee at its meeting on January 11, 2005 recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending Recommendation (2) by deleting the words "two instalments" and replacing them with the words "one instalment", so that such recommendation reads as follows:
- “(2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to administer the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009, and to allocate all available provincial funding in one instalment;”.
- (d) (January 11, 2005) from the Community Services Committee, advising that the Committee on January 11, 2005, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Capital

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Shelter, Housing and Support, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including the additional adjustments resulting in no increase in Department pressure and other 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:

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- (a) the 2005 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, subject to the 2005 per diem rates for purchase of service shelters and payments to the Toronto Hostels Training Centre being increased by the same percentage and as of the same date as those approved by Council for the City's Union Employees under the Collective Agreements, subject to the Province increasing its share of the per diem rate to cover 80 percent of the actual cost, inclusive of inflationary increases;

- (b) the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "New Provincial Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program", as amended by the Community Services Committee:
 - (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Toronto with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the administration of the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009;

 - (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support be authorized to execute an agreement with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to administer the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009, and to allocate all available provincial funding in one installment;

 - (3) the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be adjusted by \$3.6 million gross (\$0 net) conditional upon receipt of provincial grants and subsidies for the Strong Communities Housing Allowance Program - Toronto Pilot;

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- (4) an assessment of the results of the first year of the pilot program be prepared and reported to Council in 2006;
 - (5) Council urge the provincial government to commit to long-term funding for this program and that an administrative component be included in any future housing allowance initiatives to reflect the actual cost of delivering the program;
 - (6) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
 - (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (c) the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "Tenant Outreach and Organizing Services under the Tenant Defence Fund":
- (1) the funding level for the 2005 Tenant Defence Fund remain at \$325,000.00, with funding for the Outreach and Organizing Program component of the Fund set at \$200,000.00, and funding for the Tenant Support Grants Program component of the Fund set at \$125,000.00;
 - (2) in future years, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and/or the General Manager of Shelter, Housing and Support report to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on any proposed change to the 2005 allocation level for the Outreach and Organizing Program; and
 - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (d) received the communication (December 7, 2004) from the Community Services Committee, entitled "Measures Needed Respecting Homelessness Issues."

6.10 Social Services (Capital and Operating)

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

Capital

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Social Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments.

Operating

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Social Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

6.11 Emergency Medical Services (Capital and Operating)

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

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 Capital Program for Emergency Medical Services, as recommend by the Community Services Committee, including 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 Emergency Medical Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee; and

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

(Acting Commissioner Works and Emergency Services; Chief/General Manager of Emergency Medical Services; c. Administrator, Works Committee - February 16, 2005)

6.12 Emergency Management Plan (Capital)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Capital Budget for the Emergency Management Plan.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for the Emergency Management Plan, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to adding \$1,400,000 gross (excluding \$193,000 carry forward) \$350,000 net in 2005 and \$500,000 gross \$125,000 net in 2006 for the HUSAR Project, resulting in a total project cost of \$2.1 million gross, \$525,000 net, subject to 75/25 funding from the Federal Government - Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grants; and
- (2) requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee, on the status of the project funding, once the design phase is complete, should the entire JEPP funding not materialize, given that JEPP funding has only been approved for the design phase of the project.

6.13 Fire Services (Capital and Operating)

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

Capital

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005-2014 Capital Program for Fire Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

Operating

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Fire Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) confirmation of the Community Services Committee addition of \$1 million to the contribution to the Fleet Reserve for the provision of additional Fire Vehicles;
- (b) additional \$500,000 in revenues from false alarm fees;
- (c) increasing gapping in the amount of \$500,000; and
- (d) the total project cost for Fleet Services 2005 Capital Budget, as recommended by EMT, be increased by \$7.6 million for Fire Services and the 2005 cash flow be increased by \$1 million to effect increased recommended cash flow, and include future year commitments of \$3.3 million for 2006 and \$3.3 million for 2007 for Fire Services Fleet Replacement in accordance with Council's policy that authorizes commitments to 50 percent of fleet replacement purchases two years in advance.

6.14 General

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

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Chair