

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 9

Monday, January 31, 2005

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Monday, January 31, 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.	2:00 p.m. to 2:10 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:

Councillor Bas Balkissoon	Councillor Adam Giambrone
Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Raymond Cho	Councillor Howard Moscoe

2005 Capital and Operating Budget

9.1 Clean and Beautiful City Initiative

The Budget Advisory Committee considered all issues pertaining to the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative.

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2005 Capital and Operating Budgets for the following Departments be adjusted to include the amendments pertaining to the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative.

Urban Development Services - Capital

On motion by Councillor Milczyn, the Budget Advisory Committee, recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2005 Beautiful City Routes and Beautiful City Places Budget as it relates to the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative in the amount of \$1.0 million gross \$0.786 million net.

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

Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2005 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation be amended by:

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

***Works and Emergency Services Department-
Transportation Services - Operating***

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2005 Operating Budget for Transportation Services be amended by:

- (1) advancing Clean City - Cleaning Around Parked Cars from 2007 to 2006 in the amount of \$0.145 million;
- (2) advancing Clean City - Increase in Grass Cutting, Litter Pick Up and Plantings from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$0.200 million per year;
- (3) advancing Clean City - Roadway/Roadside Weed Control from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$0.125 million per year; and
- (4) renaming the “Enhanced Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter” to the “Enhanced Sidewalk, Laneway and Walkway Litter Cleaning”.

9.2 Transportation (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered outstanding issues relating to the 2005 Capital and Operating Budgets for Transportation Services.

Capital

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

Operating

- A. Councillor Milczyn moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2005 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, be amended by:

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

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee on the possibility of receiving funding for the Kennedy/Steeles Grade Separation and the Morningside/Finch Avenue Grade Separation Projects from the Region of York and Development Charges from the Kennedy/Steeles development.

(Carried)

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

9.3 Parks and Recreation (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the matter of paid parking at Waterfront Parks.

On motion by Councillor Milczyn, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the 2005 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation and the 2005 Toronto Parking Authority Operating Budget, be amended by:

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- (1) increasing Parks and Recreation revenues by \$225,000.00 by reinstating paid parking at waterfront parks; and
- (2) adjusting the Toronto Parking Authority revenues by \$125,000 by reinstating paid parking at waterfront parks.

**9.4 Toronto Public Library and Parks and Recreation (Capital)
Jenner Jean-Marie/Thorncliffe Community Centre**

The Budget Advisory Committee considered 2005 Capital Budget for the Toronto Public Library as it pertains to the Jenner Jean-Marie/Thorncliffe Community Centre.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2005 Toronto Library Capital Budget be amended by adding \$90,000.00 for the Thorncliffe Library Project, such project to be funded by debt, to keep the Toronto Library Capital Budget within the \$10 million Capital guideline set by Council, and further that this project not affect any projects within the 2005 Toronto Library Capital Program.

9.5 Tourism (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2005 Operating Budget for Tourism as it pertains to the Tourism Toronto budget.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2005 Operating Budget for Tourism be amended by reducing the Tourism Toronto budget by a further \$500,000.00 for a net contribution to Tourism Toronto in 2005 of \$531,000.00.

9.6 3-1-1 Project

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a report (January 28, 2005) from the Chief Administrative Officer, requesting a 2005 Operating Budget for the Council-approved 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy, Project Management Office (PMO) to provide the City-wide oversight, and coordination required to successfully implement 3-1-1.

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Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) operating funds totalling \$503,102.00 be approved for 2005 for project management of the 3-1-1 initiative;
- (2) a total project cost of \$4,892,000 million with a 2005 cash flow of \$1,396,000 and a 2006 cash flow of \$3,495,500 for an automated work order system for parks and recreation services, forestry TMMS system upgrade, and forestry call centre be approved and added to the 2005 Recommended Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation;
- (3) the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department consult with the Council-Staff Working Group on work order system options, design and capability required for 3-1-1 preparation and eventual integration;
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer report to Council before the end of the second quarter of 2005, through the e-City and Administration Committees, on 2005 and 2006 3-1-1 capital budget requirements in accordance with final recommendations of the Council-Staff Working Group for Council approval; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 28, 2005) from the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to amending such recommendations to read:

- “(1) operating funds of up to \$503,102.00 be approved for 2005 for project management of the 3-1-1 Initiative, contingent upon the 3-1-1 Council Staff Working Group’s review of the need for position backfilling;
- (2) a total project cost of \$4,892,000 million with a 2005 cash flow of \$1,396,000 and a 2006 cash flow of \$3,495,500 for an automated work order system for Parks and Recreation, Forestry TMMS system upgrade, and Forestry Call Centre be approved and added to the 2005 Recommended Capital Budget for Parks and Recreation; and that the 2005 cash flow of \$1,396,000 be funded from the Capital Financing Reserve Fund;

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- (3) the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department consult with the Council-Staff Working Group on work order system options, design and capability required for 3-1-1 preparation and eventual integration;
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer report to Council before the end of the second quarter of 2005, through the e-City and Administration Committees, on 2005 and 2006 3-1-1 capital budget requirements in accordance with final recommendations of the Council-Staff Working Group for Council approval; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

9.7 Water and Wastewater (Toronto Water)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a report (January 28, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services on criteria to be used for the funding of capital and operating expenses from Toronto Water.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee:

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

9.8 Energy Retrofit Program (Capital)

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the Energy Retrofit Program.

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request that, as part of the 2006 budget process, the appropriate staff be requested to report to the Works Committee on the next phase of the Energy Retrofit Program, such report to include eligible contracts with applicable business cases.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on Energy Retrofit expenditures since amalgamation on City buildings and the resulting savings realized to date and projections for future details of buildings involved and reduction in utilities consumption.

(Carried)

(E-mail: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Administrator, Administration Committee; Administrator, Works and Emergency Services - February 16, 2005)

9.9 Toronto Transit Commission (Capital and Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a confidential communication (January 13, 2005) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, respecting the Sheppard Subway Project, such communication to be considered in-camera as the subject matter deals with litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

- A. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer all outstanding issues relating to the 2005 Capital and Operating Budget of the Toronto Transit Commission, including consideration of the confidential communication (January 13, 2005) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission,

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respecting the Sheppard Subway Project, until its meeting of February 4, 2005.

(Carried)

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

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee direct that a Working Group be established, comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair, Toronto Transit Commission, Councillors Carroll, Milczyn and Watson, such group to meet prior to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, February 4, 2005, and report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee on the outcome of the discussions at that time.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

9.10 Facilities and Real Estate (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2005 Operating Budget for Facilities and Real Estate.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee reiterated the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Facilities and Real Estate, as recommended by the Administration Committee, including the additional cleaners for IDC/DR Client Work in the amount of \$237,300.00.

9.11 Fleet Services (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2005 Operating Budget for Fleet Services as it pertains to the Fleet Management Accounts.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) reiterated the adoption of the 2005 Fleet Services Operating Budget; and
- (2) requested the Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto Police Service, Fire Services, and other City ABCs to meet to discuss a strategy to maximize market pricing on diesel and other fuels, and report thereon to the Administration Committee.

(E-mail: Chair: Toronto Transit Commission; Chair, Toronto Police Service; Fire Chief; c. Administrator, Administration Committee - February 16, 2005)

9.12 Service Improvement and Innovation (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2005 Operating Budget for Service Improvement and Innovation.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee reiterated the adoption of the 2005 Service Improvement and Innovation Operating Budget.

9.13 Non Program (Operating)

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2005 Operating Budget for Non Program.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following reports:

- (a) (January 26, 2005) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, responding to a directive from the Budget Advisory Committee requesting the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report on a strategy to defend the City of Toronto's property assessment base.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (b) (January 17, 2005) from the City Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing an update on the status of the 2003 election contribution rebate program and reporting on the funding required to ensure the Election Reserve will be adequate to meet the needs of election events, the contribution rebate program and any by-election and appointment costs for the period 2005-2013.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) further amended the Non-Program budget by reducing the Non Program Corporate Utilities Budget by \$1 million; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of February 4, 2005 on any further reductions in the Non Program Corporate Utilities Budget.
- (3) received the reports (a) and (b) above.

9.14 General

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the briefing note, entitled, "Service Impacts of Reducing the \$72.3 million Provincial Cost-sharing Shortfall from the 2005 City Budget".

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the briefing note, entitled "Service Impacts of Reducing the \$72.3 million Provincial Cost-sharing Shortfall from the 2005 City Budget" until its meeting of February 4, 2005.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Chair