

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 1

Thursday, November 10, 2005

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Thursday, November 10, 2005, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present

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

	9:45 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.	1:40 p.m. to 3:23 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc (Vice-Chair)	R	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson (Vice-Chair)	X	X
Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	X	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	R	R
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker
Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor Adam Giambrone

1.1 Toronto Zoo

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo.

Calvin White, General Manager and CEO, Toronto Zoo, addressed the Budget Advisory Committee and filed a Briefing Note, entitled "North Zoo Site Redevelopment".

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Toronto Zoo; and
- (2) deferred the issue of OMERS funding, together with the Toronto Zoo Briefing Note for the North Zoo Site Redevelopment, to the wrap-up meeting.

1.2 Toronto Public Library

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for the Toronto Public Library.

The following persons addressed the Budget Advisory Committee:

- Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board;
- Rick Goldsmith, Vice-Chair, Toronto Public Library Board; and
- Josephine Bryant, City Librarian.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the Toronto Public Library Capital Budget to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting; and
- (2) requested the Toronto Public Library Board to report to Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up with recommendations on how the additional \$1-Million can be found.

1.3 Exhibition Place

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Exhibition Place.

Dianne Young, General Manager and CEO, Exhibition Place, addressed the Budget Advisory Committee.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Exhibition Place.

1.4 Public Health

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a report (July 18, 2005) from the Board of Health, advising that the Board, on July 11, 2005, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:

- (1) the 2006 – 2010 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan and Budget totalling \$19,032.2 thousand as detailed in Appendix 1, “Toronto Public Health 2006 2010 Capital Budget and Plan” be endorsed;
- (2) ten new Information and Technology and six new Facilities sub-projects with a total project cost of \$19,032.2 thousand and 2006 cash flow of \$6,165.0 thousand and future year commitments of \$5,615.4 thousand for 2007, \$4,074.8 thousand for 2008, \$2,849.0 thousand for 2009, and \$328.0 thousand for 2010, be approved;
- (3) one previously approved project with a carry forward cashflow from 2005 to 2006 totalling \$1,070.0 thousand be approved;
- (4) an amount of \$134.2 thousand be contributed to the Public Health Efficiency Reserve Fund for five years starting in 2007 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of the Animal Services On-line Licence Renewal project; and
- (5) the operating impacts of \$414.4 thousand for 2006, \$593.6 thousand for 2007, \$562.5 thousand for 2008, \$42.2 thousand for 2009, and \$657.1 thousand for 2010, totalling \$2,269.8 thousand as detailed in Appendix 2, “Toronto Public Health 2006 – 2010 Operating Impact of Capital” within the overall scope of Toronto Public Health 2006 and future years’ operating budget submissions be approved.

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Budget Advisory Committee.

On motion by Councillor Bussin, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Public Health; and
- (2) received the report (July 18, 2005) from the Board of Health (Item 4(a)).

1.5 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Brian Denny, Chair, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, addressed the Budget Advisory Committee.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

1.6 Toronto Transit Commission

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a communication (September 20, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee advising that the Policy and Finance Committee, on September 30, 2005, referred the communication (September 2, 2005) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, respecting Procurement Authorization – Reserved Transit Lanes on St. Clair Avenue West (Phase One) to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Capital Budget process.

The following persons addressed the Budget Advisory Committee:

- Rick Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; and
- Vince Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission.

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

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- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Toronto Transit Commission, with the exception of Recommendations (4), (5), (6) and (18);
 - (2) request Budget Advisory Committee members (Councillors Carroll, Milczyn and Watson) to meet with representatives of Finance, TTC and Transportation, and report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting on the CLRV Life Extension Program, the SRT placeholder amount, and the amount required for the St. Clair right-of-way; and
 - (3) defer consideration of the communication (September 20, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee to the wrap-up meeting (Item 6(a)).

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Watson moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the City Solicitor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on the financial approval relationship between the Toronto Transit Commission and other major boards and agencies, their employees and the City of Toronto, to provide a clear understanding of the City's authorities over financial approvals to determine the extent to which the Toronto Transit Commission and such other agencies and their staff are authorized to make expenditures and commitments in the absence of any Council approval.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Mihevc moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer the following motion to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting:
- (a) That City Council approve the TTC plan to purchase new LRT vehicles subject to further review once the engineering work is done; and that the 5 year to 10-year Capital Plan be amended accordingly; and

- (b) that the TTC be requested to canvass other levels of government for financial support.

(Carried)

1.7 Toronto Police Service

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for the Toronto Police Service.

The following persons addressed the Budget Advisory Committee:

- Councillor Pam McConnell, Vice Chair, Toronto Police Services Board; and
- Chief Bill Blair, Toronto Police Service.

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Toronto Police Service, with the following adjustments:

- (1) amend Recommendations (2) and (2)(a)(i) to read:

“(2) the 2006 Proposed Capital Budget for Toronto Police Service with a total project cost of \$36.691 million and a 2006 cash flow of \$58.539 million and future year commitments of \$27.075 million in 2007; \$24.855 million in 2008; \$23.044 million in 2009; and \$3.153 million in 2010; be approved. The 2006 Proposed Capital Budget consists of the following:

- (a) New Cash Flow Funding for:

- (i) 16 new sub-projects with a 2006 total project cost of \$26.320 million that requires cash flow of \$19.567 million in 2006 and future year commitments of \$4.693 million in 2007; \$1.560 million in 2008; and \$0.500 million in 2009;”;

- (2) delete the following Recommendation (8):
 - “(8) New and Change in Scope Projects with future year commitments (HRMS, In-Car Camera, and Digital Video Asset Management II) be reviewed with Financial Planning staff prior to the finalization of the 2006 Capital Budget;”
- (3) request Finance staff to report to Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up with technical amendments on the revised debt service costs and cash flow requirements to reflect the revisions in the lower proposed Capital requirements.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

Toronto Parking Enforcement

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Toronto Parking Enforcement.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Parking Enforcement Unit.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Chair