

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 4

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Thursday, November 17, 2005, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:43 a.m.

Members Present

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

	9:43 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.	2:08 p.m. to 3:08 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc (Vice-Chair)	X	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 Raymond Cho	Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti
Councillor Suzan Hall	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor David Shiner

4.1 Economic Development and Parks Committee Transmittal

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a revised communication (November 10, 2005) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled “2006 Capital Budget Economic Development and Parks Committee”.

Recommendations:

The Economic Development and Parks Committee, at its meeting on November 9, 2005, reviewed the 2006-2015 Capital Budgets under its purview, and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

I. Yonge-Dundas Square:

The adoption of the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Yonge-Dundas Square.

II. Economic Development:

The adoption of the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Economic Development Division.

III. Culture:

The adoption of the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Culture Division.

IV. Tourism:

The adoption of the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Tourism Division.

V. Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

The adoption of the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (November 10, 2005) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

4.2 Yonge-Dundas Square

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square.

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 Yonge-Dundas Square.

4.3 Economic Development

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Economic Development.

The Budget also considered the following:

- (a) communication (October 6, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on September 28, 29 and 30, 2005, adopted, as amended, Report 8, Clause 8 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, and directed that a copy of the Clause be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 budget process; and
- (b) report (November 14, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, reporting as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee on November 9, 2005, on adding an additional \$12,500.00 to the Economic Development Capital Budget for 2006 to allow for consideration of a Façade Improvement Grant for 335 Yonge Street within the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area (BIA).

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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 Economic Development, with the following adjustment:
 - adding \$12,500.00 for 2006 for façade improvements to 335 Yonge Street;

- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Acting Director of Economic Development to report to the Budget Advisory Committee during 2006 Operating Budget consideration in January on a joint cost share program for tree watering with the BIAs in the amount of \$0.100 million net, \$0.200 million gross range; and
- (3) received the following communication and report for information:
 - (i) (October 6, 2005) from the City Clerk;
 - (ii) (November 14, 2005) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke.

4.4 Culture

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Culture.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following:

- (a) submission from Joe Gill, Friends of Fort York, to the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on November 9, 2005, which was endorsed by the Economic Development and Parks Committee and referred to staff for report to the Budget Advisory Committee; and
- (b) communication (November 7, 2005) from David G. Wallett, General Manager, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, which was endorsed by the Economic Development and Parks Committee and referred to staff for report to the Budget Advisory Committee.
 - A. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Culture with the following adjustments:
 - (a) adding \$75,000.00 for Franklin Carmichael Art Centre Retrofit;
 - (b) adding \$750,000.00 for St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts for 2006 and \$750,000.00 for 2007; and
 - (c) adding \$50,000 gross and net for the Fort York Renewal Project.

(Carried)

- B. Councillor Carroll moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- I. recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council request:
 - (1) the Executive Director of Culture to report back in 2006 before the 2007 capital budget commences, setting out a detailed critical path showing how the Fort York New Buildings proposals can be completed by the end of 2011 so the new facilities will be available for the celebrations of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812;
 - (2) that the five-year capital budget include the net costs of adding Fort York's New Buildings proposals for the years 2006-2010 contingent upon at least \$5.5 million being raised from outside sources (\$4 million fund-raising from the private sector plus \$1.5 million from other levels of government); and
 - (4) staff of the Culture Division and Heritage Preservation Services to work with the Emery Village Heritage and Arts Committee to determine how best the City can help in the Heritage Committee's plans to build the replica Emery Elementary School; and
 - II. receive the following communications for information:
 - (i) (November 2005) from Joe Gill, Friends of Fort York; and
 - (ii) (November 7, 2005) from David G. Wallett, General Manager, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.
- (Carried)**

4.5 Tourism

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Tourism.

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 Tourism.

4.6 Parks, Forestry and Recreation

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following:

- (a) communication (October 13, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 Don Valley West, requesting that the Committee adopt the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2006 Capital Budget Request for the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre expansion; and
- (b) report (November 17, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee on November 9, 2005, providing comments and added detail on capital budget items.
 - A. Councillor Rae moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Capital Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Parks, Forestry and Recreation, with the following adjustments:
 - (a) increase funding by \$0.5 million to \$1.0 million for CAMP (SGR) ORC Sports Fields as requested in the Program's original submission;
 - (b) increase of \$150,000.00 to accelerate the expansion of the parking lot at Edgehill House to 2006 from 2010;
 - (c) increase the scope of the Humber Arboretum Nature Centre Construction project by \$0.6 million, with cash flow of \$0.3 million in 2007 and \$0.3 million in 2008, conditional on matching funding from Humber College; and further, the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in April 2006 on the renewal of the existing joint venture agreement with Humber College and

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the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on the operation of the Humber Arboretum;

- (d) technical adjustment to correct a cash flow error by increasing the 2006 budget for North Rexdale Parks Priority Site by \$0.1 million and reducing the 2007 by a corresponding amount;
- (e) adding \$120,000.00 to the 2006 Capital Budget for Grange Park as it is non-debt funded;
- (f) adding \$100,000.00 to the 2006 Capital Budget for Lindy Lou Park as it is non-debt funded;
- (g) the following sub-projects are to be further reviewed and considered as part of the Five-Year Capital Plan review to be completed in the Spring of 2006:

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Huron Park	84,000.00;
Bellevue Square Park	20,000.00;
Taddle Creek Park	1,100,000.00;
Sibelius Park	250,000.00;
St. Patrick Square Park	77,000.00;
Joseph Tyrell Park	20,000.00;
Walmer Road Circle Park	37,000.00;
Clarence Square Park	200,000.00;
Harbourfront CC Pool	300,000.00;
Humber Sheppard CC	500,000.00;
Strathburn Park	
– waterplay area	Not defined presently;
Gord and Irene Risk CC	
Addition	360,000.00; and
Ireland Park	130,000.00 gross
	and zero net;

(All subject to availability of S.45 and S.37 funds)

- (h) an adjustment to the cash flow and timing of the funding for the Lord Dufferin Pool (Pool #84) be made to apply \$2 million of S.37 funding now received by the City from the Trump International Hotel and Tower development, so that the final scope can be determined in 2006 requiring cash flow of \$250,000.00 (zero net impact);

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- (i) adding a new Change of Scope sub-project adjusting the Allan Gardens Greenhouse and Park Master Plan (SF #109) by increasing its scope by \$400,000.00 gross, \$400,000.00 net to develop a fenced off dogs leash-free area and to complete the outdoor children's education garden;
- (j) reduction of \$200,000.00 in the 2006 budget for Eglinton Pond (EI #180), and an increase of \$200,000.00 in the 2007 budget;
- (k) adding \$225,000.00 gross, net zero, for Victoria Memorial Park (Park #378) to the 2006 Capital Budget with a corresponding reduction in the 2008 budget; and
- (l) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Acting Director of Economic Development be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee during 2006 Operating Budget consideration in January on a joint cost share program for tree watering with the BIAs in the amount of \$0.100 million net, \$0.200 million gross range.

(Carried)

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

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee defer consideration of the Clean and Beautiful City project (\$745,000.00) and the Various Parks – Parks Rehab FY2006 Project (\$250,000.00) to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on November 18, 2005.

(Carried)

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Carroll moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
 - (1) request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to provide a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on November 18, 2005, in tabulation form on all funding with respect to Clean and Beautiful City projects and Various Parks and how that funding was spent; and
 - (2) receive the following communication and report:

- (i) (October 13, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 Don Valley West; and
- (ii) (November 17, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Carried)

4.7 Toronto Parking Authority

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

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 the Toronto Parking Authority.

4.8 Toronto Zoo

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

On motion by Councillor Watson, 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 Zoo, with the following adjustment:

- (1) \$2-Million from the OMERS savings be used by the Toronto Zoo to begin construction of the initial Tundra phase of the North Zoo Site Redevelopment Project and the 2006- 2010 cash flow be adjusted as presented with no change to the level of debt funding.

4.9 Toronto Public Library

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

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 the Toronto Public Library, with the following adjustments:

- (1) increasing the Toronto Public Library Capital Budget by \$1.0 million to \$11.0 million in 2006, with the increase funded from reserve; and
- (2) for 2007-2010, the debt guidelines be set at \$11.0 million, and Financial Planning staff review other reserve options to further reduce the debt requirements.

4.10 Toronto Transit Commission

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

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 Transit Commission, with the following adjustments:
 - (1) the 2006 Recommended TTC Capital Budget include the life-extension program of the 196 CLRV's, as was originally presented;
 - (2) the sum of \$800,000.00 be added to the 2006 capital budget for the purpose of creating engineering and design specifications for a new LRT vehicle;
 - (3) once the engineering and design specifications are complete, the TTC report back to City Council advising if and when they propose to purchase such new cars and the business case supporting such a purpose;
 - (4) the TTC be authorized to split the life-extension order for the 196 CLRV's, providing that the cost of doing so does not exceed the total budgeted amount for the life-extension program and if there is any risk of an increase to the cost of the CLRV life-extension program, as approved, that the TTC report to City Council no less than 60 days in advance of such costs being incurred to enable Council to consider this matter;

- (5) the St. Clair right-of-way budget contained in the Wrap-Up Notes to Budget Advisory Committee be approved in principle, subject to the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer reporting to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council on the exact figures; and
- (6) the Scarborough Rail Transit (SRT) placeholder for gross cash flows, contained in the Wrap-Up notes to Budget Advisory Committee related to the: (i) purchase of 44 SRT cars; and (ii) McCowan Yard accommodations for SRT Cars, be approved in principle, subject to a report back to Budget Advisory Committee prior to making any commitments on either expenditure;
- (2) requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with TTC, to report back to Policy and Finance Committee and City Council, prior to the adoption of the 2006 Capital Budget, with an appropriate deferral to accommodate the increase referred to in the creation of engineering and design specifications for a new LRT vehicle;
- (3) received the following:
 - (a) motion tabled by Councillor Mihevc:
 - (i) 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 5-10 year budgets be amended accordingly; and
 - (ii) further request the TTC to canvass other levels of government for financial support;
 - (b) communication (September 20, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled "Procurement Authorization – Reserved Transit Lanes on St. Clair Avenue West (Phase One).

4.11 Toronto Police Service

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

On motion by Councillor Watson, 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) \$1.4 million of debt be added to the Toronto Police Service 2006 Capital Budget to fund SmartZone and CentraCom upgrades with budgeted cost recovery from Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services, which was not included in Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services capital budgets;
- (2) Recommendations (3) and (4) in the Analyst Briefing Notes be deleted and replaced with the following
 - “(3) new debt service costs of \$0.958 million in 2006 and incremental costs of \$4.323 million in 2007; \$3.724 million in 2008; \$3.425 million in 2009; \$2.629 million in 2010; and \$0.347 million in 2011 resulting from the approval of the 2006 Proposed Capital Budget, be approved for inclusion in the 2006 and future year operating budgets; and
 - (4) operating impacts in the Toronto Police Service Operating Budget of \$2.948 million for 2006, and \$0.420 million for 2007 emanating from the approval of the 2006 Capital Budget be considered within the overall scope of the Toronto Police Service’s 2006 and future years’ operating budget submissions;”.

4.12 Business Support Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Business Support Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a briefing note from Business Support Services dated November 21, 2005, entitled “Business Support Services Division issues referred to 2006 Capital Budget” addressing the outstanding issues.

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the Business Support Services Capital Budget.

4.13 Fire Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Fire Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a briefing note from Facilities and Real Estate dated November 16, 2005, entitled "2756 Old Leslie Street", and based on the conclusions in this report, recommended not to proceed with transferring surplus funds from the sale of this property to Toronto Fire Services for Station C.

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the Fire Services Capital Budget.

4.14 Energy Retrofit

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Energy Retrofit.

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the Energy Retrofit Capital Budget.

4.15 Fleet Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Capital Budget for Fleet Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the Fleet Services Capital Budget.

4.16 End of Lease

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Capital Budget for End of Lease.

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the End of Lease Capital Budget.

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The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Chair