

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 1

Monday, January 10, 2005

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, January 10, 2005, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.	2:12 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X	X
Councillor Mike Feldman	R	R
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Peter Li Preti	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X

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Also Present:

Councillor Shelley Carroll	Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Olivia Chow	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Janet Davis	Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Paula Fletcher	Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor Adam Giambrone	Councillor Sylvia Watson
Councillor Pam McConnell	

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on December 13, 2004 were confirmed.

1.1. 2005 Capital Budgets – Economic Development and Parks Committee

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reviewed the following 2005 Capital Budgets under its purview:

- Culture;
- Economic Development;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Tourism; and
- Yonge Dundas Square.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also considered the following reports and communications:

- (i) Report (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to a request from the Economic Development and Parks Committee on December 13, 2004, for a report on Parks and Recreation State of Good Repair projects, which constitute the \$200 million backlog.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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- (ii) Report (December 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on the impact of the growth in the number of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) on the Capital Budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (iii) Communication (January 2, 2005) from Ken Greenberg, Chair, and Scott James, Secretary, Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association, requesting the City's commitment to provide funding on a matching basis for the restoration of the Victoria Memorial Square;
- (iv) Communication (January 6, 2005) from Phil Gillin, Chair, Toronto Office Coalition, regarding Fairness in Commercial Property Taxation;
- (v) Communication (January 7, 2005) from Martin Koob, Toronto Bicycling Network, regarding Toronto Bike Plan funding; and
- (vi) Communication (January 10, 2005) from Dr. Judy Adler, Chiropractor, in support of the recommendations of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Don Moffat, President, Jonathan Barker, Vice President, and Karen Tisch, Vice President, Toronto Arts Council;
- Gerry Divaris, Cedar Ridge Community Centre, and filed a copy of his submission;
- David Kidd, Membership Secretary, CUPE Local 79, and filed a communication (January 10, 2005) from Ann Debinski, President, CUPE Local 79;
- Alexandra Montgomery, The Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art;
- Kevin Garland, The National Ballet of Canada;
- Richard Landry, Dancer, National Ballet of Canada;
- Michèle Bogdanowicz, Member of the Ensemble, Studio of the Canadian Opera Company;
- Dr. Judy Adler, Toronto Cycling Committee;
- William Duron, CEO, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, National Trade Centre;
- Karin Eaton, Toronto Community Arts Alliance, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Phil Gillin and David G. Fleet, on behalf of Toronto Office Coalition, and filed a petition with approximately 205 signatures in support of Fairness in Commercial Property Taxation;

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- Alan Kasperski, General Manager, Strathcona Group/FieldSports, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Keegan Henry-Mathieu and Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler, Toronto Youth Cabinet, and filed a copy of their submission;
- Lyle Hall, Chairman of the Board, Tourism Toronto, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Kathleen Sharpe, President of the Board, Toronto Artscape Inc., and filed a copy of her submission;
- James Robinson, Executive Director, Downtown Yonge BIA;
- Scott James, Secretary, Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association;
- Frederic Geisweillerr, Le Select Bistro;
- Rod Seiling, President, Greater Toronto Hotel Association, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Jim Tomlinson, on behalf of residents of Slidell Crescent and Tulane Crescent, and filed a petition with approximately 33 signatures in opposition to the expansion of Fenside Arena;
- Peter Oliver, Bonacini Restaurants;
- Fred Luk, Filet of Sole, and filed a submission;
- Katrina Miller, Toronto Environmental Alliance and Janet McKay, Executive Director, LEAF;
- Wendy Strickland;
- Laura Berman, Community Garden Manager, FoodShare Toronto;
- Annan Lololi, AFRI-CAN Food Basket;
- Rhonda Teitel-Payne, The Stop Community Food Centre;
- Ken Sharratt, Secretary, High Park Community Advisory Council, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Sean Meagher, Scarborough Civic Action Network (SCAN);
- Janice Simmons, Manager, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Dawn Williams, SCARB-CAN;
- Honey Novick;
- Farley Flex;
- Paula Elphick, Weston Historical Society, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Margaret Watson, Co-Chair, Metro Chapter, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Bill Guthrie, Vice-President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, CUPE, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee;
- Kevin Currie, Queens Quay Harbourfront BIA;
- John Kiru;
- Councillor Shelley Carroll, Ward 33 Don Valley East;
- Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina;
- Councillor Janet Davis, Ward 31 Beaches-East York;
- Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30 Toronto-Danforth;

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- Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 Davenport;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale;
- Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21 St. Paul's;
- Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong Ward 34 Don Valley East;
- Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 Don Valley West;
- Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina; and
- Councillor Sylvia Watson, Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

Culture Division

Adoption of the 2005 EMC recommended Capital Budget.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

Economic Development Division

Adoption of the 2005 EMT recommended Capital Budget, subject to adding:

- (1) \$120,000.00 (gross) to undertake the streetscape beautification projects of the Queens Quay Harbourfront BIA, which was established by Council at its meeting of November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, after submission of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget, subject to the BIA approving its budget at the first Annual General Meeting;
- (2) \$72,000.00 (gross), for a total new request of \$102,000.00 (gross) for Roncesvalles BIA to undertake the streetscape beautification projects, necessary repairs to the electrical infrastructure to provide decorative tree lighting in the area, having received a quote for the repairs following submission of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget submission;
- (3) \$142,000.00 (gross) to undertake the streetscape beautification projects for the Korea Town BIA, which was established by Council at its meeting of November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, after submission of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget, subject to the BIA approving its budget at the first Annual General Meeting;

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- (4) \$10,000.00 (gross) for the Dovercourt Village BIA to undertake the streetscape beautification projects of the BIA;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

Parks and Recreation

Adoption of the 2005 EMT recommended Capital Budget, subject to adding:

- (1) finding ways and means for additional \$500,000.00 for tree planting through the Tree Advocacy Planting Program;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (2) capital funds included in PKS000021 Arena FY2005 (Camp Arena sub project 155) for a state of good repair project at East York Curling club being amended to allocate \$240,000.00 for the completion of the project at the East York Curling Club, and the remainder, \$300,000.00, be re-allocated to a skateboard park in Ward 31, and further, that an appropriate account for these purposes be included in the 2005 Capital Program;
- (3) \$275,000.00 be brought forward from 2006 to 2005, for the drawings of the gymnasium expansion at Jenner Jean Marie Community Centre in Thorncliffe Park, as the Library portion of the project is commencing in 2005, and that no other project be deferred as a consequence of this transaction;
- (4) \$288,000.00 for the Wellington Place Project; and further, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Budget Advisory Committee on January 20, 2005, on a funding source;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (5) \$600,000.00 to provide for soil remediation of the Wychwood Car Barns site, such remediation required to allow for the affordable housing portion of the project to proceed.

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

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Tourism Division

Adoption of the 2005 EMT recommended Capital Budget.

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

Yonge Dundas Square

Adoption of the 2005 EMT recommended Capital Budget.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee further:

A. Parks and Recreation

- (1) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to Budget Advisory Committee for the 2006 budget process on options for accelerating the Natural Areas Restoration Program, including public education, engagement and stewardship.

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the January 20, 2005 meeting of Budget Advisory Committee on:

- (a) money spent on Toronto Bike Plan related projects, including the Toronto Bike Plan Pathways Upgrades budget item and any other cycling pathway-related or cycling infrastructure projects included in individual project budgets or district budgets, in the 2004 budget year; the report should include what it was spent on, and how it compares to the amount budgeted for this purpose;

- (b) money budgeted in the 2005 Parks budget submission for Toronto Bike Plan related projects and any other cycling pathway-related or cycling infrastructure projects, including:

- Bikeway Network related projects in the Capital Asset Management Program;
- State of Good Repair (CAMP-SGR) budget line;

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- the Toronto Bike Plan City-Wide Expansion budget line; and
 - any other cycling related projects in individual project budgets or district budgets; and
- (c) the cost and necessary measures for identifying and reporting the costs of cycling-related projects as a separate line item in budget submissions;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

B. Culture

requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the following:

- (a) the inclusion of \$200,000.00 in the 2006 Capital Works Programme of Parks and Recreation, recognizing the need and value of the joint playground programme the City of Toronto partnered with the two Boards of Education to undertake a joint playground program that saw the implementation of a number of new playgrounds;
- (b) in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, as part of the 2006 Capital Budget process, on the construction plan and time-frame for the renovation of the Franklin Carmichael Art Centre, which would address the lack of cultural facilities in northern Etobicoke.

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

C. received the reports and communications:

- (a) (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled "Parks and Recreation State of Good Repair Backlog and the Capital Asset Management Program (CAMP);
- (b) (December 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled "Impact of Growing Number of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)";

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- (c) (January 2, 2005) from Ken Greenberg, Chair, and Scott James, Secretary, Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association, entitled "Parks and Recreation Budget for the Restoration of Victoria Memorial Square";
- (d) (January 6, 2005) from Phil Gillin, Chair, Toronto Office Coalition, regarding Fairness in Commercial Property Taxation;
- (e) (January 7, 2005) from Martin Koob, Toronto Bicycling Network, regarding Toronto Bike Plan funding; and
- (f) (January 10, 2005) from Dr. Judy Adler, Chiropractor, in support of the recommendations from the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – January 12, 2005)

(Report 2, Clause 8(a))

1.2. 2005 Operating Budget - Economic Development and Parks Committee

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reviewed the following 2005 Operating Budgets under its purview:

- Culture;
- Economic Development;
- Heritage Toronto;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Customer and Business Support;
- Tourism;
- Community Partnership and Investment Programs; and
- Yonge Dundas Square.

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The Economic Development and Parks Committee also considered the following communications and report:

- (i) Communication (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause 3 of Policy and Finance Committee Report 9 which was adopted, as amended, by City Council on November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004, where it recommends, in part, that:
 - “(a) all parks receive an extra grass cutting in 2005, subject to the normal budget approval process;
 - (b) all boulevards receive one extra cut in 2005, subject to the normal budget approval process; and
 - (c) the funds that are allocated for 2005 and beyond for the Action Plan for a Beautiful City, be equally distributed across all 44 Wards in the City of Toronto; and”.
- (ii) Communication (January 7, 2005) from David Crombie, President and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute, on the Salmon Run sculpture at the Skydome;
- (iii) Report (January 5, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to increase the 2005 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget to provide for work on the Van Dusen Boulevard Creek Bank Stabilization Project (Ward 5 - Etobicoke Lakeshore).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2005 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget be increased by a one-time item of \$30,000.00 gross, (zero net) for the Van Dusen Boulevard Erosion Control Project” funded by funds contributed as a result of a development agreement relating to 3085 Bloor Street West;
- (2) that payment in the amount of \$30,000.00 be made to The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) who have carried out the work;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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Councillor Rae declared an interest in the Community Partnership and Investment Program budget only as it relates to the National Ballet of Canada, in that his spouse is an employee of that organization.

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- Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 Don Valley West;
- Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Ward 19 Trinity- Spadina; and
- Councillor Sylvia Watson, Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

Culture Division

Adoption of the EMT recommended Operating Budget, subject to adding \$66,600.00 for the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

Customer and Business Support

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget.

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

Economic Development

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget, subject to:

- (1) the addition of \$100,000.00 for a "Shop Local" campaign on St. Clair Avenue West;
- (2) the Major Service Level Reduction ED Z004, in the amount of \$32.6 thousand net not be accepted, and that no position be deleted from Enterprise Toronto;
- (3) the reduction of ED-A003 in the Economic Development Program (\$52.3 net) not be accepted, and that no Economic Development Officer position be deleted;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

Parks and Recreation

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget, subject to:

- (1) increasing the grass cutting budget by \$1.383.1 Million;
- (2) garden maintenance be moved from 2007 to 2005 at a cost of \$2.1489 Million;

(Motion by Councillor Ootes)

- (3) the addition of \$1.109 Million to reduce tree service delays and improve service;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (4) the addition of \$188,200.00 for the Outreach to Youth with Disabilities Program;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

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- (5) the addition of \$366,500.00 to the Improve Youth Outreach Worker Program;
- (6) the addition of \$188,200.00 for the Outreach to New Immigrant Youth Program;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (7) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to give priority to the hiring of youth for employment opportunities created by the “Clean and Beautiful City” initiative, after the Department’s “recall” list is exhausted;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (8) the addition of \$235,000.00 for Operating Impact of Capital, including Section 37 Funds; and

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (9) the adoption of the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 5, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, on increasing the 2005 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget to provide for work on the Van Dusen Boulevard Creek Bank Stabilization Project. (Item 2(d))

(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)

Tourism

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget, subject to:

- (1) adding \$100,000.00 for the Cavalcade of Lights;
- (2) adding \$163,000.00 for the Summerlicious/Celebrate Toronto; and

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (3) reinstating the \$1-Million reduction to Tourism Toronto in the Tourism Division Operating budget be reinstated contingent upon a consultation process between the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department and Tourism Toronto, determining how the \$1-Million would be expended to advance key tourism and culture projects and programs; and further, that the outstanding agreements for partnership between the City and Tourism Toronto for Destination Marketing Services as well as the partnership agreement for the Toronto Branding Project be completed and approved.

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

Community Partnership and Investment

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget, subject to adding:

- (1) \$275,000.00 for Major Cultural Organizations;
- (2) \$150,000.00 for Toronto Pride Week;
- (3) \$50,000.00 for Artscape;
- (4) \$400,000.00 for Toronto Arts Council Grants;
- (5) \$94,300.00 for Toronto Arts Council Operations;
- (6) \$25,000.00 for Local Art Service Organizations; and
- (7) \$87,000.00 for Royal Winter Fair.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

Heritage Toronto

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

Yonge Dundas Square

Adoption of the 2005 EMT Recommended Operating Budget.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee further:

A. Parks and Recreation

(1) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to January 20, 2005 meeting of Budget Advisory Committee on:

- (a) funds required to reduce the tree maintenance backlog for 2005 to a service standard of six months;

(Motion by Councillor Ootes)

- (b) cost of maintenance of the “Salmon Run” sculpture at the Skydome; and

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (c) issues raised in the presentation of Bill Guthrie, CUPE Local 416.

(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)

(2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for the 2006 budget process on options for accelerating the Natural Areas Restoration Program, including public education, engagement and stewardship.

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

(3) received the communications for information:

- (a) (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause 3 of Policy and Finance Committee Report 9, entitled “Clean and Beautiful City – Five Point City Action Plan to Make Toronto a Clean and Beautiful City (All Wards)”;

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- (b) (January 7, 2005) from David Crombie, President and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute, on the Salmon Run sculpture at the Skydome.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee took the action noted with respect to the following motion:

Motion by Councillor Augimeri:

The addition of \$2.218.1 Million to reduce tree service delays and improve service, **which was lost.**

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – January 12, 2005)

(Report 2, Clause 8(b))

1.3. International Program Policy Related to Economic Development (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reviewing the experience of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department with the International Alliance Program as approved by Council in 2001 and forwarding recommendations to ensure clarity, direction and enhance the potential for success in the future of the Department's international activities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council adopt the criteria to select new and/or align existing relationships and the process for assessing such requests outlined in Attachment 4;
- (2) an annual report summarizing the activities related to partnership cities and investment attraction be submitted to Council;
- (3) Council adopt the principle that if cities are added to the list of formal Partnership cities or Friendship cities, the budget be automatically increased accordingly;

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- (4) a cross-departmental staff workgroup comprising representatives from all affected departments be formalized to coordinate the international relations activities of the City of Toronto maximizing resources and increasing the profile of the City;
- (5) a new category of "Friendship City", with a budget of \$5,000.00 for each city allocated to this category to provide seed money for projects and/or modest support to an inbound visit, be created;
- (6) this report replace all other relevant reports, policies and recommendations with respect to the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department's international program;
- (7) staff review the relationships and provide options for the assignment of cities in 2005 outlining the resource impacts of the options; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

A. The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Recommendation 4 to read:

"4. In conjunction with the CAO's office and consistent with the international policy framework, a cross-departmental staff work group comprising representatives from all affected departments be formalized to coordinate the international relations activities of the City of Toronto maximizing resources and increasing the profile of Toronto;"

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

B. The Economic Development and Parks Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to give consideration to the addition of Vietnam as a Friendship City and report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee as soon as possible.

(Motion by Councillor Ootes)

(Report 2, Clause 1)

**1.4. 2005 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets - Report 2
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 21, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, forwarding the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 205 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Recommendations:

It is recommend that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2005 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2005 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2005 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Bloor Annex	67,415	57,115
Bloor by the Park	56,705	51,755
Bloordale Village	50,061	40,165
Bloor West Village	366,020	320,843
Downtown Yonge	1,687,630	1,528,018
Harbord Street	13,231	12,993
Kingsway	355,710	336,713
Liberty Village	215,063	198,140
Little Italy	214,382	204,839
Long Branch	64,352	57,107
Mimico by the Lake	29,463	28,080
Mimico Village	19,037	16,795
Old Cabbagetown	271,387	186,660
Pape Village	65,993	35,640
Rosedale-Summerhill	309,172	200,310
St. Clair Avenue West	21,351	12,826
St. Clair Gardens	35,271	28,281
Village of Islington	58,947	52,947
Wychwood Heights	52,670	34,596
York-Eglinton	169,961	80,530

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;

- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 21, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Report 2, Clause 2)

**1.5. Yonge-Dundas Square
(Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, proposing an amended financial relationship between the City and the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, and the necessary amendments to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 636 - "Public Squares".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve a new funding relationship between the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management and the City, whereby the City agrees to make an annual financial contribution to the Board, to be determined through the City's budget process, which takes into account the Board's "fixed" maintenance costs, including capital repair and replacement, security costs and related administrative expenses;
- (2) Section § 636-6 of the Toronto Municipal Code be amended by deleting from § 636-6 A. the words "with the objective of financial self-sufficiency with respect to operations and future capital maintenance of the Square by 2006," and from § 636-6 G. the words "with the goal of achieving self-sufficiency by 2006";
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff recommendations 1, 2 and 4 in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – January 12, 2005)

(Report 2, Clause 8(c))

1.6. Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, updating Council on a number of partnership initiatives currently being undertaken by staff that advance the recommendations of the Toronto Labour Force Readiness Plan and providing an update on the consultation process with external agencies and the Interdepartmental Staff Team that informed these priorities.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council receive the report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Report 2, Clause 3)

1.7. Toronto Arts Council Appeals Process (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to a request from the Economic Development and Parks Committee on December 13, 2004, for a report on the Toronto Arts Council notification and appeals process.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report.

(Report 2, Clause 8(d))

1.8. Toronto Arts Council 2004 Third Quarter Report (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following reports:

- (i) (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, on revenues and expenditures reported to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, submitted by the Toronto Arts Council on Arts and Culture grants awarded from July to September 2004 inclusive.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report and the Toronto Arts Council's Third Quarter Report be received for information; and

- (ii) (November 2004) on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants for the Third Quarter of 2004 (July 1 to September 30) submitted by Donald Moffat, President, Toronto Arts Council.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the reports.

(Report 2, Clause 8(e))

1.9. Major Cultural Organizations – Pride Toronto (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to a request from Council for a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the inclusion of Toronto Pride Week as part of the funding allocation for major cultural organizations within the 2005 Cultural Grants Program.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report.

(Report 2, Clause 8(f))

1.10. Comprehensive Review of Fees in Urban Development Services

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (December 7, 2004) from the Planning and Transportation Committee advising that the Committee on December 7, 2004, in adopting the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, headed "Comprehensive Review of Fees in Urban Development Services", in part, forwarded the report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee, for information.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication.

(Report 2, Clause 8(g))

1.11. Lease Agreement - City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation for St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada): Parts 95 and 100 (Ward 30 - Toronto Danforth)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a confidential report (December 14, 2004) from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, respecting a lease Agreement between City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation and St. Mary's Cement Inc.(Canada), and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-camera. David Hanna appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the Confidential report (December 14, 2004) from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera.

(Report 2, Clause 4)

**1.12. Lease of Property in South Etobicoke
(Ward 6 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a confidential report (December 17, 2004) from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, on leasing of property in South Etobicoke (New Toronto) for redevelopment purposes, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality under the *Municipal Act 2001*, discussions be held In-camera.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the Confidential report (December 17, 2004) from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera.

(Report 2, Clause 5)

**1.13. Supplementary Information re: Toronto Pearson International Airport, International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC)
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to the Economic Development and Parks Committee request for supplementary information in regard to operating costs and governance at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council request the Clerk to initiate the process to nominate candidates for appointment to the GTAA Board of Directors in a timely manner cognisant that the term of office commences May 11, 2005;
- (2) Council request the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and the federal government, through the Minister of Industry, to amend the GTAA's General Operating By-law (By-law No. 14) to increase the total number of Members, and the number of Members nominated by the City of Toronto, and provide for Toronto City Council to directly appoint its nominees to the Airport Authority's Board of Directors in a manner similar to that of the appointment of Board Members by the federal and provincial governments; and
- (3) the Etobicoke York Community Council be requested to recommend citizens to Council for appointment as resident representatives to both the GTAA Consultative Committee and Noise Management Committee; and the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report, subject to:

- (1) amending Recommendation 3 to provide that the appointment of resident representatives to both the GTAA Consultative Committee and Noise Management Committee be on a City-wide basis and through the City's Nominating Committee process; and

- (2) adding the following:
- (a) That the nominating agencies be requested to balance the range of skills, placing special emphasis on candidates with skills and experience in High tech communications, construction management, environmental assessments, air transportation industry management, and labour relations; and
 - (b) That the Federal government be requested to adjust the Toronto Airport rents to a per capita basis similar to what is charged in Montreal.

(Report 2, Clause 6)

**1.14. Toronto Arts Council
2005 Operations Funding Request (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, forwarding the Toronto Arts Council 2005 Operations Funding request.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report.

(Report 2, Clause 8(h))

**1.15. Implementation of a Full Integrated Plant
Health Care Program in City Parks
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding as requested by Council on the costs of implementing a full Integrated Plant Health Care program in City parks including strategies to achieve beautiful pesticide-free parks using examples of best practices and to report on the use of corn gluten meal for weed control in parks.

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be forwarded to Council for information.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council receive the report (January 4, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Report 2, Clause 7)

**1.16. List of 2004 Outstanding Items
Economic Development and Parks Committee**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (December 17, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding for information, a copy of the 2004 list of outstanding items for the Economic Development and Parks Committee, together with departmental responses up to the Council meeting of November 30, December 1 and 2, 2004.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication.

(Report 2, Clause 8(i))

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Chair