

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 3

Monday, April 4, 2005

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, April 4, 2005, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9:40 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X
Councillor Mike Feldman	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X
Councillor Peter Li Preti	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

**3.1 Toronto 2015 World Expo Feasibility Study
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (March 31, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism reporting on the Toronto 2015 World Expo Feasibility Study and seeking Council approval to proceed with Phase I-Pre-Bid.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Toronto City Council:

- (1) receive the “Feasibility Study of a World’s Fair in Toronto in 2015 – Final Report” for information;
- (2) endorse Phase I-Pre-Bid which outlines steps and an organizational structure to further investigate a bid to host a 2015 World Expo as outlined in this staff report;
- (3) enter into an agreement with the City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) to act as the legal entity for Phase I-Pre-Bid, to provide executive, administrative, technical expertise and a financial contribution of up to \$1.0 million representing the City of Toronto’s contribution for Phase I-Pre-Bid satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (4) authorize staff to work with TEDCO to actively seek private sector funding and in-kind services for Phase I-Pre-Bid;
- (5) authorize TEDCO to use reserve account funds of up to \$1.0 million for its financial contribution, structured in a manner acceptable to the TEDCO Board of Directors;
- (6) authorize staff to negotiate a financial agreement with the Province of Ontario to provide up to \$1.1 million for Phase I-Pre-Bid satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (7) authorize staff to negotiate and secure a financial guarantee from the Province of Ontario and report back to City Council on the terms of the guarantee prior to proceeding with Phase II – Official Bid;
- (8) authorize staff to negotiate the principles of a contribution agreement with the Federal and Provincial governments for the provision of infrastructure required exclusively for hosting a Toronto 2015 World Expo and report back to City Council on the terms of the agreement;
- (9) extend the term of the Toronto 2015 World Expo Steering Committee, to provide strategic direction during Phase I-Pre-Bid; and authorize the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to appoint new members, as required, to the Toronto 2015 World Expo Steering Committee including the City of Toronto’s Chief Planner, and President and CEO of TEDCO;
- (10) authorize the City Manager to identify City of Toronto employee secondment opportunities to TEDCO for Phase I-Pre-Bid as may be necessary;

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- (11) direct all City departments, agencies, boards and Commissions to provide guidance and support as necessary to the Toronto 2015 World Expo Steering Committee and to work with TEDCO in completing the work of Phase I-Pre-Bid;
- (12) direct staff to report back to Council by February 2006 at the completion of Phase I-Pre-Bid with key findings and recommendations including the preferred site, theme, business plan, and all the elements of the “Bid Book” for hosting a World’s Fair; and
- (13) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following Members of the Consortium 2015 Team gave a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Steven Staples, Project Manager (Planning and Urban Design, Attendance);
- Nicole Swerhun, Process Design and Facilitation (Public Consultation); and
- Jon Linton, TCI Management Consultants (Tourism/Accommodation).

Richard Churchill, Willmar Business Corporation appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in support of the report.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (March 31, 2005) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to:

- (1) amending Recommendation (8) by deleting the word “exclusively”, so that the Recommendation now reads:
 - “(8) authorize staff to negotiate the principles of a contribution agreement with the Federal and Provincial governments for the provision of infrastructure required for hosting a Toronto 2015 World Expo and report back to City Council on the terms of the agreement;”;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (2) amending Recommendation (9) by adding after the words “as required”, the words “including the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation”, so that the Recommendation now reads:
 - “(9) extend the term of the Toronto 2015 World Expo Steering Committee, to provide strategic direction during Phase

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I-Pre-Bid; and authorize the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to appoint new members, as required, including the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to the Toronto 2015 World Expo Steering Committee including the City of Toronto's Chief Planner, and President and CEO of TEDCO;"; and

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

Councillor Ashton appointed Councillor Lindsay Luby Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- (3) amending Recommendation (12) by adding after the words "business plan", the words "contribution agreements with the Federal and Provincial governments", so that the Recommendation now reads:

“(12) direct staff to report back to Council by February 2006 at the completion of Phase I-Pre-Bid with key findings and recommendations including the preferred site, theme, business plan, contribution agreements with the Federal and Provincial governments, and all the elements of the “Bid Book” for hosting a World’s Fair; and”.

(Motion by Councillor Ashton)

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to:

- (1) forward information regarding the City of Toronto to members of the BIE;
- (2) flesh out work on the Portlands option in greater detail;
- (3) come up with a plan to engage the public in a meaningful way; and

- (4) consider Toronto's position in the bio-medical industry as a major focal point for promoting our bid.

(Report 4, Clause 1)

3.2 Expression of Appreciation

On behalf of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, Councillor Ashton thanked Commissioner Joe Halstead for his years of dedicated service to the City of Toronto and wished him all the best in his retirement.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:00 noon.

Chair