

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 5

Monday, May 30, 2005

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, May 30, 2005, in Committee Room 1, 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. – 12:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X	X
Councillor Mike Feldman	X	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Peter Li Preti	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	R	R
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Paula Fletcher	
Councillor Howard Moscoe	
Councillor Michael Walker	

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on April 28, 2005 were confirmed.

**5.1. 2005 Commercial Research Grant Program
- Grant Recommendations
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking approval for the 2005 Commercial Research Grant Program and recommending grant allocations.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Commercial Research Program Grant allocations totalling \$41,760.00 be approved as per Attachment 1, conditional upon the applicants satisfying the Program Guidelines for the 2005 Commercial Research Grant Program as contained in Attachment 2;
- (2) \$2,000.00 be set aside for the appeals process;
- (3) any applicants wishing to appeal their recommendations be permitted to make deputations at the May 30, 2005 meeting of Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
- (4) 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 (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 6, Clause 1)

**5.2. 2005 Grant Recommendations for the
Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) and
the Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI)
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, forwarding the recommended 2005 grant allocations for the Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) and the Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI), outlining the evaluation criteria applied to the applications and summarizing the grant requests.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Economic Development Sector Initiative Program (EDSIP) grants totalling \$210,470.00 be allocated to 15 projects listed in Attachment 1 and described in Attachment 3;
- (2) Economic Sector Initiatives (ESI) grants totalling \$136,990.00 be allocated to four projects listed in Attachment 2 and described in Attachment 4;
- (3) the disbursement of the Economic Development Sector Initiative Program (EDSIP) and Economic Sector Initiatives (ESI) grants allocations be conditional on satisfying the 2005 EDSIP Goals and Criteria set out in Attachment 5 and on project specific conditions set out in Attachments 3 and 4;
- (4) \$10,000.00 be set aside for the appeals process for Economic Development Sector Initiative Program (EDSIP);
- (5) any applicants wishing to appeal their recommendations be permitted to make deputations at the May 30, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Jeffrey Latimer, Executive Producer, First Night Toronto;
- Anne Cobban, Development Officer and Emanuele Lepry, Director, Bata Shoe Museum, and filed a copy of her submission;

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- William Marshall, McLuhan Global Network Conference (McLuhan Festival), and filed a copy of his submission; and
- Piera Pugliese and Frank Greco, Junction Forum for Arts Culture, and filed a copy of her submission.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager; and
- (2) referred the following grant appeals to the Deputy City Manager for consideration and report to the July 4, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:
 - (a) First Night Toronto;
 - (b) Bata Shoe Museum;
 - (c) McLuhan Global Network Conferences (McLuhan Festival); and
 - (d) Junction Forum for Arts and Culture.

(Report 6, Clause 2)

**5.3. 2005 Cultural Grants Recommendations
- Major Cultural Organizations
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following report/communication:

- (i) (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, recommending allocations for the major cultural organizations that have applied through the Culture Division for municipal support within the Cultural Grants Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) cultural grants be approved for the following organizations:

Art Gallery of Ontario	\$ 430,782.00
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Canadian Opera Company	\$1,009,095.00
National Ballet of Canada	\$ 908,033.00
National Ballet School	\$ 108,130.00
Toronto Symphony Orchestra	\$ 892,060.00
George Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Arts	\$ 103,900.00
Caribbean Cultural Committee (Caribana)	\$ 384,700.00
Pride Toronto	\$ 100,000.00;

- (2) the grant to the Caribbean Cultural Committee be conditional on the organization instituting financial controls as recommended by its auditor and satisfactory to the Deputy City Manager responsible for Economic Development and Culture;
 - (3) the balance of the 2005 grant instalments to the Art Gallery of Ontario, Canadian Opera Company, National Ballet of Canada and Toronto Symphony Orchestra be made as one payment following adoption by City Council and that monthly grant instalments to these organizations resume in January 2006; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) (May 20, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding the Motion by Councillor Rae, which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council at its meeting on May 17, 18 and 19, 2005:

Moved by: Councillor Rae

Seconded by: Councillor McConnell

“WHEREAS Pride Week is the pre-eminent venue for the cultural and artistic expression of Toronto’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersex and queer community; and

WHEREAS Pride Week has become undoubtedly one of the most diverse artistic festivals in Canada, offering 10 stages of performance over three days on its festival site with over 150 artists from divergent genres that reflect the cultural and artistic mosaic of Pride’s members; and

WHEREAS Pride Week hosts an annual event in downtown Toronto each year, during the last week in June, and Pride Week 2005 is scheduled for June 20 - 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS most recently Pride Week was considered by City Council to be a major cultural organization and \$100,000.00 in funding from the Major Cultural Organizations Grants Program within the 2005 Approved Budget for Community Partnership and Investment Program was designated towards Pride Week for its 2005 activities; and

WHEREAS a staff report dated April 28, 2005, entitled '2005 Cultural Grants Recommendations – Major Cultural Organizations', is to be heard at the Economic Development and Parks Committee on May 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS the regular reporting schedule of the above-noted staff report would not allow the City funds to be released to Pride Toronto until after their 2005 event; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$100,000.00 of funding from the Major Cultural Organizations Grants Program within the 2005 Approved Budget for Community Partnership and Investment Program designated to Pride Toronto be immediately released so that it may be used for next month's Pride Week event."

Robert Lamb, Managing Director, Canadian Opera Company, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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 report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also received the communication (May 20, 2005) from the City Clerk for information.

(Report 6, Clause 3)

**5.4. 2005 Arts and Culture Grants Recommendations,
Community Partnership and Investment Program
Local Arts Service Organizations
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, forwarding the recommended grant allocations for the four organizations that have applied for municipal support within the Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) category of Arts and Culture, Community Partnership and Investment Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Arts and Culture Grants allocations totalling \$330,200.00 to four Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) be approved as follows:

Arts Etobicoke	\$159,000.00
Lakeshore Arts	\$ 40,200.00
Scarborough Arts Council	\$ 81,000.00
urbanArts Community Arts Council	\$ 50,000.00; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 6, Clause 4)

**5.5. 2005 Community Festivals and
Special Events Grants Program - Recommendations
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, forwarding the recommended grant allocations for all community organizations and Business Improvement Areas that have applied for municipal support in the Community Festivals and Special Events Grants Program for 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Community Festivals and Special Events Grant allocations totalling \$135,600.00 to 57 of the 71 organizations that applied for funding as listed in Attachment 1 (Community Groups) and Attachment 2 (Business Improvement Areas and Business Associations) and described in Attachments 3 and 4 be approved;
- (2) \$4,460.00 be set aside for the appeals process;

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- (3) any applicants wishing to appeal their recommendations be permitted to make deputations at the May 30, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Simon Chung and Katy Liu, Toronto Community and Cultural Centre;
- Koyes Ahmad, Executive Director and Israt Karim, Vice-Chair, Network for International Care Services, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Matthew Jun, Research and Grant Coordinator, Korean Senior Citizens Society of Toronto;
- Mehrdad Ariannegad, Chair, Iranian Association at the University of Toronto; and
- Luba Cherny, Russian Carousel Cultural Centre.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
- (2) referred the following grant appeals to the Deputy City Manager and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation for consideration and report to the July 4, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:
 - (a) Toronto Community and Cultural Centre;
 - (b) Network for International Care Services;
 - (c) Korean Senior Citizens Society of Toronto;
 - (d) Iranian Association at the University of Toronto; and
 - (e) Russian Carousel Cultural Centre

(Report 6, Clause 5)

**5.6. Storage Space for Theatre Companies
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, providing a comprehensive overview of the storage issues facing community theatre groups throughout the City.

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 for information.

(Report 6, Clause 15(a))

**5.7. Wychwood Green/Arts Barn Project - Section 37 Contributions
(Ward 21 - St. Paul's)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 10, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, requesting authorization for a one-time adjustment to the Culture Division Operating Budget to include a total of \$1 million in Section 37 contributions for the Wychwood Green/Arts Barn Project for which the funds are provided for this purpose.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council authorize a one-time adjustment to the 2005 Culture Division Operating Budget (AH0035) for \$1 million gross, zero net and funded through the *Planning Act* Reserve Fund from a Section 37 agreement associated with 510, 518 and 522 St. Clair Avenue West, towards the preferred proponent Toronto Artscape, at the Wychwood Car Barns Redevelopment;
- (2) City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to immediately release \$0.100 million to Toronto Artscape as the preferred proponent for expenses incurred, which are directly related to redevelopment of the Wychwood Car Barns project;
- (3) City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to release the balance of \$0.900 million to Toronto Artscape once the rezoning application is final and binding and upon submission of the appropriate documentation to the satisfaction

of and in the discretion of the Deputy City Manager, in consultation with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning;

- (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (5) 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 to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 10, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Deputy City Manager - May 30, 2005)

(Report 6, Clause 15(b))

**5.8. Business Improvement Area (BIA)
2003-2006 Boards of Management Additions and Deletions
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, replacing existing members of various Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management with new nominees and to make the necessary amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council appoint new members and remove existing members to the Boards of Management for the eighteen Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) City Council amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas" to alter the number of members on the Boards of Management, and the number of members required for quorum for the BIAs, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report;
- (3) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; 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 (May 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 6, Clause 7)

**5.9. 2005 Recreation Grants Program - Recommendations
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 12, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, forwarding the recommended grant allocations for all community organizations that have applied for municipal support in the Recreation Grants Program for 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Minor Recreation Grant allocations totalling \$345,459.00 to 126 community organizations listed in Attachment 1 and described in Attachment 4 be approved;
- (2) Major Recreation Grant allocations totalling \$896,900.00 to 23 community organizations listed in Attachment 2 and described in Attachment 5, be approved;
- (3) Lawn Bowling Grant allocations totalling \$27,325.00 to nine lawn bowling clubs listed in Attachment 3 and described in Attachment 6, be approved;
- (4) \$10,686.00 be set aside for the appeals process;
- (5) any applicants wishing to appeal their recommendations be allowed to make deputations at the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on May 30, 2005; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Omar Warfa and Bashi Jibriz, Dixon Community Services;
- Kevin Lee, Scadding Court Community Centre;
- Jean Claude Mbuyi, S.O.S. Afrique Refugies;
- Marlon Merraro, St. Stephens Community House, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Simon Chung, Toronto Community and Cultural Centre;
- Susan Kee, Executive Director and Marie-Josée Rosenthal, Central Eglinton Community Centre;
- Paul Yusuf, Nigeria Eagles of Toronto
- Nilla Rossit and Lisa Tobio, Executive Director, York Fairbank Centre for Seniors, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Stephen Flood, University Settlement, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Brian Smith, Woodgreen Community Services;
- Tony Puopolo, Executive Director, Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club;
- Scott Veals, Etobicoke Area Director, Youth Unlimited/Toronto YFC;
- Cliff Ledwos, Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre;
- Jennifer Peng and Qian Peng, Chinese Professional Women of Canada;
- Maureen Lukie, Amicus Productions, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Councillor M. Feldman, Ward 10 – York Centre, o.b.o. Community Association for Riding for the Disabled (CARD);
- Councillor P. Fletcher, Ward 30 - Toronto-Danforth, and filed a communication in support of Woodgreen Community Services' appeal;
- Councillor H. Moscoe, Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence; and
- Councillor M. Walker, Ward 22 - St. Paul's.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 12, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to:
 - (i) amending Recommendation (2) to provide that the Major Recreation Grant allocations be returned to the 2004 level;
 - (ii) amending Recommendation (4) by adding at the end the words, "subject to the 2005 Major Recreation Grant allocations being returned to the 2004 level"; and

- (iii) the Variety Village grant being maintained at the recommended level of \$46,300.00.

(Motion by Councillor Ashton)

- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chair of Budget Advisory Committee, to report to Council on the financial implications and potential funding sources of returning the funding for major recreation grants to the 2004 level;

(Motion by Councillor Ashton)

- (3) referred the following grant appeals to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for consideration and report to the July 4, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (a) Dixon Community Services;
- (b) Scadding Court Community Centre;
- (c) SOS Afrique Refugies;
- (d) St. Stephens Community House;
- (e) Toronto Community and Cultural Centre;
- (f) Central Eglinton Community Centre;
- (g) Nigeria Eagles of Toronto;
- (h) York Fairbank Centre for Seniors;
- (i) University Settlement Recreation Centre;
- (j) Woodgreen Community Services;
- (k) Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club;
- (l) Youth Unlimited/Toronto Youth for Christ;
- (m) Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre;
- (n) Chinese Professional Women of Canada;
- (o) Amicus Productions; and
- (p) Community Association for Riding for the Disabled (CARD);

(Motion by Councillor Ashton)

- (4) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that given the need within the Recreation Grants Program, the 2006 budget for Recreation Grants be increased; and

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

- (5) adopted the following motion by Councillor Hall:

Whereas it appears that criteria for funding for volunteer arts programs has been changed by the Toronto Arts Council; and

Whereas applicants appear to have been advised by the Toronto Arts Council to apply to Economic Development and Parks for a Recreation grant; and

Whereas the criteria for a recreation grant does not support volunteer art programs;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City Manager report to Economic Development and Parks Committee on the rationale for the Toronto Arts Council to change its criteria;

And Be It Further Resolved That City staff determine where volunteer arts program applicants can best apply for existing City grants or report back on steps required to create criteria within an appropriate body to provide an opportunity for grant application.

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation - May 30, 2005)

(Report 6, Clause 15(g))

5.10. Report on Various Grants Received by Parks, Forestry and Recreation

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 13, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, requesting authorization to receive grant funding from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation and to adjust the 2005 and 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation operating budget accordingly.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division be authorized to receive provincial funding in the amount of \$596,659.00, and that the program's gross operating budget be increased by \$596,659.00 in 2005, and be offset by a corresponding increase in the revenue budget for a net zero change in the net operating budget;

- (2) the Provincial funding grant be used for special projects as outlined in this report; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 13, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation - May 30, 2005)

(Report 6, Clause 15(c))

5.11. Sole Source Purchase Orders for Environmental Improvements with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking permission from City Council to enter into sole source purchase orders with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for environmental projects.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) staff be given permission to enter into sole source purchase order totalling \$191,500.00, including all taxes and charges, for 2005 with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in order to expedite and complete various approved environmental capital projects; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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 report (May 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 6, Clause 8)

5.12. Charitable Donations for Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Projects (Citywide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 5, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation, outlining a policy related to the receipt of charitable donations for Parks, Forestry and Recreation capital projects.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the policy for receiving charitable donations (Attachment 1) related to Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division capital projects be adopted; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 5, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 6, Clause 9)

5.13. Canadian National Exhibition Association (“CNEA”) - Revised Appointments to the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 3, 2005) from the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place, submitting revisions to the Canadian National Exhibition Association (CNEA) appointments to the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Andre Tellier resign as Second Vice-President of the Canadian National Exhibition Association (CNEA) and be appointed as First Vice-President of the CNEA;
- (2) Bill McVean, Second Vice-President of the CNEA, be appointed to The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place for a term of office expiring on the date of the CNEA Annual Meeting of the Association in the fall of 2005, on October 27, or until his successor is duly appointed; and
- (3) the appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 3, 2005) from the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place.

(Report 6, Clause 14)

**5.14. Tourism Toronto Partnership - Framework for Agreement Renewal
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 19, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting, as requested by City Council at its February 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28 and March 1, 2005 meetings on a framework to develop a renewed partnership arrangement between the City of Toronto and Tourism Toronto.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the framework for developing a renewed partnership arrangement with Tourism Toronto, including the establishment of a working group comprised of Councillors, City staff and Tourism Toronto representatives be approved;
- (2) the working group, through a process of advance consultation and strategic policy direction setting, determine a renewed partnership arrangement that will be

reported to the September meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and

- (3) 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 (May 19, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 6, Clause 10)

**5.15. Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Area
2005 Operating Budget
(Ward 21 - St. Paul's)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer forwarding the Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Area's (BIA) 2005 operating budget for approval by City Council as required by Section 205 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2005 expenditure request of the Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Area totalling \$37,621.00;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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 report (May 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Report 6, Clause 6)

5.16. Request for Proposals 3907-05-7003 - Construction of an On-Site Field House and the Operation of the Soccer Field at the Keele Reservoir (Ward 8 - York West)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Treasurer, advising on the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP) 3907-05-7003 for the construction of an on-site field house and operation of an outdoor soccer field at Keele Reservoir and requesting authority to negotiate and enter into a twenty-year License Agreement with the recommended Proponent.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and enter into a twenty-year License Agreement, commencing on July 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2025, with the Toronto Azzurri Soccer Club, the highest overall scoring Proponent meeting the requirements for the construction of an on-site field house and the operation of the soccer field at the Keele Reservoir; in a form and content, consistent with the RFP, with the recommended proponent investing approximately \$600,000.00, including all applicable charges and taxes, and approximately \$63,000.00, including all applicable charges and taxes in expenditures per year for ongoing maintenance of the soccer field and the field house; and with terms and conditions acceptable to the City Solicitor; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Li Preti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 6, Clause 11)

**5.17. Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Project
(Ward 32 - Beaches-East York)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 12, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, on the establishment of an obligatory reserve fund called “Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Reserve Fund” for receiving cash toward the development of additional phases of a skateboard park.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called “Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Reserve Fund“ for receiving cash toward the development of additional phases of a skateboard park;
- (2) Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9 - Donations Reserve Fund;
- (3) all donations received for the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Project, by the City, be held separately in the “Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Reserve Fund“ designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes be issued to donors for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* and City policy in this regard;
- (4) donations, previously deposited and recorded for the “Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park “ project be transferred to this reserve fund upon its establishment;
- (5) authority be granted to enter into an agreement, if necessary, with the Southeast Toronto Skateboard Association to allow the Southeast Toronto Skateboard Association to fundraise on behalf of the City of Toronto for the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Skateboard Park Project and said agreement shall be in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry & Recreation and the City Solicitor;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 12, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation; Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - May 30, 2005)

(Report 6, Clause 15(d))

**5.18. Poll Results - Proposed Designation of the College Promenade Business Improvement Area (initially named "College West BIA")
(Ward 18 - Davenport and Ward 19 - Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 16, 2005) from the City Clerk, reporting on the results of the poll for the proposed designation of the College Promenade Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) based upon the results of the poll, City Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 2), as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

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 (May 16, 2005) from the City Clerk.

(Report 6, Clause 12)

5.19. Poll Results - Proposed Designation of the West Queen West Business Improvement Area (Ward 18 - Davenport and Ward 19 - Trinity-Spadina)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the report (May 26, 2005) from the City Clerk, reporting on the results of the poll for the proposed designation of the West Queen West Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) based upon the results of the poll, Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 5), as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto.

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 (May 26, 2005) from the City Clerk.

(Report 6, Clause 13)

5.20. The Humber Trail

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the communication (May 18, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting on May 16, 2005 respecting the Humber Trail.

Recommendation:

The Toronto Cycling Committee on May 16, 2005 recommended that the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be requested to provide a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee - Bikeway Network Subcommittee on closing the gap in the Humber Trail from Cruikshank Park to Cardell Avenue given opportunities afforded by:

- (a) the recent purchase of land by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA);
- (b) the proposed GO Transit reconstruction in the area; and

- (c) the possible twinning of the rail bridge over the Humber River.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Toronto Cycling Committee, as recommended in the communication (May 18, 2005) from the City Clerk.

(Report 6, Clause 15(e))

The Economic Development and Parks Committee waived the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to permit introduction of the following:

5.21. Massey Harris Park Capital Project

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that the following motion by Councillor Rae be adopted:

Whereas funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 are being held by the City as a Letter of Credit (Bank of Nova Scotia LC No. S18572/181869); and

Whereas these funds have been earmarked for improvements to the east edge of the new Massey Harris Park; and

Whereas these funds should be added to the existing Massey Park project budget in order to undertake the work for which the funds were intended;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Massey Harris Park Capital Project Budget (CPR103-123) \$878,000.00 be increased by \$40,000.00 gross, (zero net) to a 2005 cash flow of \$918,000.00.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - May 30, 2005)

(Report 6, Clause 15(f))

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- 5.22.** Councillor Lindsay Luby, on behalf of the members of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, expressed appreciation and thanks to Councillor Brian Ashton for his leadership and excellent work during his tenure as Chair of the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Chair