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**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2006 OPERATING BUDGET  
DECISION DOCUMENT  
MEETING 13**

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, February 8, 2006  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 1  
City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

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- *recommendations of the Committee to the Policy and Finance Committee are in bold type under the heading "Action taken by the Committee";*
- *action taken by the Committee on its own authority that does not require Policy and Finance Committee approval is also reported under the heading "Action taken by the Committee"; and*
- *Declarations of Interest, if any, appear at the end of an item.*

**Communications/Reports:**

**Community Services Committee Binder**

**1. Fire Services**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (I) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendations (1) and (4) for Fire Services, contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended by the Community Services Committee:

- “(1) The Toronto Fire Services 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$314.565 million gross and \$306.853 million net be approved; and**
- (4) the Chief and General Manager of Toronto Fire Services report to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the 2007 Budget process on the progress of discussions with the Provincial government on the recovery of Toronto Fire Services’ costs in providing highway assistance in emergency situations;”**,

**subject to the following amendments:**

- (i) restoring the false fire alarm fee increase to provide revenue in the anticipated amount of \$2.123 million;**
- (ii) that Fire Services exempt or refund the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and other social housing providers from the imposition of these fees to the extent of \$0.828 million so that Fire Services realizes a net additional revenue of \$1.295 million from the increase in false fire alarm fees;**
- (iii) that the Fire Services 2006 Operating Budget include a Technical Adjustment for the cost of fitness equipment for fire stations funded from the Fire Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$0.200 million gross; and**
- (iv) that Fire Services implement additional discretionary expenditure reductions of \$0.500 million resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$306.853 million, excluding negotiated Collective Agreement salary and benefit increases; and**
- (II) requested the Fire Chief to submit a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee on February 13, 2006, on how the Fire Services Division will manage this target budget without negatively impacting fire services to residents of the City.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006:*

- (1) postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Fire Services to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006;*
- (2) requested the Fire Chief and General Manager and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to provide a Briefing Note to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006, with respect to the Ontario Fire Service’s grant and the acquisition of new fire trucks; and*
- (3) requested the Fire Chief and General Manager to provide Briefing Notes to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006, on:*

- (a) *timing issues related to the implementation of false fire alarms fee changes, revenue issues, and on cost implications for the Toronto Community Housing Corporation budget;*
- (b) *how the Toronto Fire Services can comply with meeting a gapping target of 2.0 percent;*
- (c) *how the 2 percent target can be met including the COLA increases; and*
- (d) *the underwriters' scores for fire equipment for the top 10 Canadian cities by population.*

## **2. Social Development, Finance and Administration/ Affordable Housing Office**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

**(I) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendations for Social Development, Finance and Administration, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes,**

**“(1) the Social Development, Finance and Administration’s 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$33.046 million gross and \$21.449.3 million net, be approved**

**(2) the Youth Employment and Local Leadership (YELL) Program, with an addition of 1.0 staffing position, be approved subject to Federal subsidy for \$1.958 million gross and \$0 net.”,**

**subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$213,000.00 due to the consolidation of Finance and Administration functions, resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$21.449.3 million:**

**(II) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation for the Affordable Housing Office, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes:**

**“It is recommended that the Affordable Housing Office 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$3.021 million gross and \$1.414.0 million net be approved**

**subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$7.0 thousand resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$1.414.0 million:**

- (III) **postponed consideration of the amount of \$913,100.00 for New Council Priorities included in the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006; and**
- (IV) **requested Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to submit a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee on options for further savings in the 2006 Operating Budget for the Affordable Housing Office, through keeping positions vacant for the balance of the year, such report to include which positions are permanent and which can be contract positions.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Social Development, Finance and Administration/Affordable Housing Office to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006.*

### **3. Social Services**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

- (I) **recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation for Social Services, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes:**

**“The Social Services 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$1.036 billion gross and \$277.426.3 million net be approved**

**subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$100.0 thousand from the Hardship Fund, resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$277.426.3 million**

- (II) **requested Deputy City Manager Sue Corke to submit a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 13, 2006, on whether \$100,000.00 savings can be found elsewhere within her cluster rather than taking \$100,000.00 from the Hardship Fund.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006:*

- (1) *postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Social Services to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006; and*

- (2) *requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Social Services, to provide a Briefing Note to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on what steps need to be taken in order for the 2 percent target to be met and what the implications are of meeting this target.*

#### **4. Children's Services**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendations for Children's Services, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes:**

- “(1) the Children's Services' 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$415.589 million gross and \$68.567 million net be approved;**
- (2) the General Manager of Children's Services report back to the Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee on any unused funds from the 2005 provincial allocation for Best Start that may be required to be carried forward into 2006 through the 2005 Year-End Variance Report;**
- (3) the General Manager report back to the Budget Advisory Committee, through the Community Service Committee, on the financial details of the proposed After School Recreation and Care Program, in early 2006; and**
- (4) the General Manager of Children's Services report back to Budget Advisory Committee on the capital budget allocations for child care centres in City-owned and non-City-owned facilities, once identified, under the Best Start Initiative with recommended adjustments to Children's Services' Operating and Capital Budgets to accommodate the City's revised Best Start Capital Plan.”**

**subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$100.0 thousand and controlling expenditures by phasing implementation of the Before and After School Program resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$68.567.0 million:**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Children's Services to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006.*

#### **5. Homes for the Aged**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation for the Homes for the Aged, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes:**

**“It is recommended that the Homes for Aged 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$186.741 million gross and \$32.818.0 million net be approved**

**subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$570.0 thousand by one-time reductions in nine different accounts, resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$32.818.0 million:**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Homes for the Aged to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006.*

## **6. Shelter, Support and Housing Administration**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

**(I) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes:**

**“It is recommended that the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$666.370 million gross and \$274.990.9 million net be approved**

**subject to:**

- (i) reducing the budget in the amount of \$340.0 thousand by a reduction in funds for motels, recreation and educational supplies, medical and dental supplies and miscellaneous administration items;**
- (ii) \$50,000.00 to be taken from within the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division budget, or from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund, for the termite identification, treatment and eradication control program,**

**resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$274,990.9 thousand net;**

**(II) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations, with the exception of Recommendation (4), contained in the**

**Recommendations Section of the report (November 3, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, respecting “110 Edward Street: Extension of Emergency Shelter and Referral Centre Programs;”, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, so that the Recommendations now read as follows:**

- “(1) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to continue to operate 110 Edward Street as an emergency shelter and assessment and referral program beyond April 30, 2006 subject to the approval of the 2006 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating budget;**
  - (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to continue to operate 110 Edward Street as an emergency shelter and assessment and referral program once the sale of the property is complete, subject to the approval of the 2006 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating budget;**
  - (3) the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, report to Community Services Committee and Budget Advisory Committee prior to the redevelopment of the site to detail the on-going financial cost implications; and**
  - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”; and**
- (III) requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to meet on a expedited basis with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the United Way and report back to the Community Services Committee on the status and plans of funding winter relief and drop-in centres.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006:*

- (1) postponed consideration of the following to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006:*
  - (a) 2006 Operating Budget Recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; and*
  - (b) communication (November 8, 2005) from the Community Services Committee entitled “110 Edward Street: Extension of Emergency Shelter and Referral Centre Programs (Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale)” [Item 8(a)]; and*
- (2) requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to provide Briefing Notes to the Budget Advisory Committee on February 6, 2006:*

- (a) *on the termite control programs in the former municipalities and comments on which City division should be responsible for administering such a program;*
- (b) *outlining ways that a \$50,000.00 termite identification, treatment and eradication program can be incorporated into the existing budget; and*
- (c) *advising what level of bed nights in the hostel program will result in a reduction of staffing requirements and why positions are going up if bed nights are going down.*

**6(a). 110 Edward Street: Extension of Emergency Shelter and Referral Centre Programs (Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

Communication (November 8, 2005) from the Community Services Committee, advising that the Committee on November 8, 2005, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the following staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 3, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, respecting 110 Edward Street: Extension of Emergency Shelter and Referral Centre Programs:

- “(1) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to continue to operate 110 Edward Street as an emergency shelter and assessment and referral program beyond April 30, 2006 subject to the approval of the 2006 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating budget;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to continue to operate 110 Edward Street as an emergency shelter and assessment and referral program once the sale of the property is complete, subject to the approval of the 2006 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating budget;
- (3) the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, report to Community Services Committee and Budget Advisory Committee prior to the redevelopment of the site to detail the on-going financial cost implications;
- (4) this report be directed to the Budget Advisory Committee for review and consideration; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

**7. Association of Community Centres**



Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

**A. recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council:**

- (i) adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation for the Association of Community Centres:**

**“It is recommended that the Association of Community Centres 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$5.994 million gross and \$5.849.2 million net be approved**

**subject to adding \$15,000.00 for IT support, resulting in a revised net budget amount of \$5.849.2 million:**

- (ii) adopt the following Recommendation (2) contained in the communication (November 22, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled “Corporate Support Provided to the Ten City-Funded Community Centres (AOCC’s):**

**“(2) the Executive Director, Social Development and Administration and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be requested to review the status of the Fairbank Community Centre to determine the feasibility of revising its governance and administrative structure to one that parallels that of the Board-run community centres.”;**

- (iii) receive the following Recommendation (1) contained in the communication (November 22, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled “Corporate Support Provided to the Ten City-Funded Community Centres (AOCC’s):**

**“(1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 1, 2005) from the Executive Director, Social Development and Administration respecting Corporate Support Provided to the Ten City-Funded Community Centres (AOCCs).”**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006:*

- (1) postponed consideration of the following to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006:*

*(a) 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Association of Community Centres; and*

- (b) communication (November 22, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled "Corporate Support Provided to the Ten City-Funded Community Centres (AOCC's)" [Item 9(a)]; and*
- (2) requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on February 6, 2006, on ways to assist the Swansea Town Hall Community Centre in completing the improvements required to be made to the building; and*
- (3) requested the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to provide a Briefing Note to the Budget Advisory Committee on February 6, 2006, on the requirement for IT support in the amount of \$15,000.00.*

**7(a). Corporate Support Provided to the Ten City-Funded Community Centres (AOCC's)**

Communication (November 22, 2005) from the Policy and Finance Committee, advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on November 22, 2005, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:

- (1) City Council adopt the following staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 1, 2005) from the Executive Director, Social Development and Administration respecting Corporate Support Provided to the Ten City-Funded Community Centres (AOCCs):
  - “(1) Policy and Finance Committee endorse the recommended level of Human Resources support for the ten City-funded Community Centres and that the requested funding of \$84,000 be considered as part of the 2006 budget process;
  - (2) Policy and Finance Committee endorse the recommended level of Information and Technology support for the ten City-funded Community Centres and that the requested funding of \$160,000 be considered as part of the 2006 budget process;
  - (3) Policy and Finance Committee forward this report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration in the 2006 budget process; and
  - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”; and
- (2) the Executive Director, Social Development and Administration and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be requested to review the status of the Fairbank Community Centre to determine the feasibility of revising its governance and administrative structure to one that parallels that of the Board-run community centres.”

## **Budget Advisory Committee Binder**

### **8. Community Partnership and Investment Program**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 13, 2006, together with the following proposed amendment to the Community Services Committee envelope:**

**That there be a one-time increase of \$77,900 to the Health and Safety Fund to provide additional emergency response for drop-in centres from the unallocated portion of the 2006 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006:*

- (A) *postponed consideration of the following to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006:*
- (i) *the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Community Partnership Investment Program;*
  - (ii) *communication (January 12, 2006) from the Community Services Committee entitled “Update on the Rent Bank and Analysis of Administrative Costs” [Item 10(a)];*
  - (iii) *communication (December 15, 2005) from the City Clerk entitled “Juno Beach Memorial and the Juno Beach Centre Association” [Item 10(b)];*
  - (iv) *communication (January 17, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons entitled “Request for Emergency Food Fund for Drop-In Centres” [Item 10(c)];*
  - (v) *communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk entitled “2005 Recreation Grants Program Recommendations and Appeals (All Wards)” [Item 10(e)];*
  - (vi) *communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk entitled “Major Recreation Grants Program – Variety –The Children’s Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)” [Item 10(d)];*
  - (vii) *report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation entitled “Variety – The Children’s Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)” [Item 10(f)];*

- (viii) *communication (January 17, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee entitled “Harbourfront Centre – Renewal of Operating Grant (Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)” [Item 10(g)]; and*
- (ix) *communication (January 23, 2006) from the Board of Health entitled “2006 Community Investment Program Budgets” [Item 10(h)];*
- (II) *requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to submit a consolidated Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program in a summarized decision format to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006;*
- (III) *requested the Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration, to provide a Briefing Note to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006, providing information on how much money was allocated in 1999 for emergency food drop-in centres; how much this amount has increased from 1999 to the present day 2006 budget; and including comparable figures for both the United Way and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and*
- (IV) *requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to submit a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006, on how he would envision spending the \$500,000.00 referred to in the communication (January 17, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.*

**Administration Committee**

The Administration Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Community Partnership and Investment Program:

It is recommended that the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.774 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Access and Equity Service Envelope, comprised of the following service, be approved:

	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Grant Program		
Access and Equity		
Access, Equity and Human Rights	773.8	773.8

**Planning and Transportation Committee:**

The Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Urban Development Service Envelope:

- (1) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.559 million gross, \$0.309 million net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Urban Development Service Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Grant Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Urban Development		
Graffiti Transformation	309.3	309.3
Heritage Grant	250.0	0.0
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Total Urban Development Grants	559.3	309.3
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### Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Community Partnership Investment Program:

- (1) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$12.317 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Community Services Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Community Services Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Services		
Community Services	10,197.4	10,197.4
Community Information Toronto	524.0	524.0
Community Safety Investment	669.8	669.8
Food Security	300.0	300.0
Service Development	250.0	250.0
Snow Shovelling / Lawn Cutting	376.1	376.1
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Total Community Services Program	12.317.3	12.317.3
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- (2) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$7.407 million gross and \$2.484 million net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Housing Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Housing	Gross	Net
Services	(\$000s)	(\$000s)
Homeless Initiatives Fund	7,406.9	2,483.9
Total	<u>7,406.9</u>	<u>2,483.9</u>

- (3) the Deputy City Manager review and report to Budget Advisory Committee before the 2007 Budget Process, on the financial impact of the Provincial consolidation of the homelessness program funding, to determine whether funding should remain within the CPIP program for future years,

subject to finding appropriate corporate offsets to increase the budget for the Community Partnership Investment Program, Community Services Envelope, by:

- (i) adding \$150,000.00 for a funding stream to support youth led community initiatives within the Community Safety Investment Program;
- (ii) funding a \$290,000.00 (2 percent) cost-of-living increase for the grants budget; and
- (iii) adding \$250,000.00 to support service development in vulnerable neighbourhoods.

**Economic Development and Committee:**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Community Partnership and Investment Program:

- (1) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$15.562 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Arts and Culture Service Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Grant Program	Gross	Net
	(\$000s)	(\$000s )
Arts and Culture		

Toronto Arts Council Grants	8,913.3	8,913.3
Toronto Arts Council Operation Program	939.3	939.3
Major Organizations	3,936.7	3,936.7
Royal Winter Fair	884.7	884.7
Local Art Services Organizations	330.2	330.2
Museums	77.4	77.4
Artscape	230.8	230.8
Culture Build	250.0	250.0
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Total Arts and Culture Grants	<u>15,562.4</u>	<u>15,562.4</u>

- (2) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$1.280 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Recreation Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Grant Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Major Recreation	824.9	824.9
Minor Recreation	426.2	426.2
Lawn Bowling	29.3	29.3
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Total Recreation Grants	<u>1,280.4</u>	<u>1,280.4</u>

- (3) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.541 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Economic Development Service Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Grant Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Economic Development Sector Initiatives (EDSIP)	220.5	220.5
Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI)	137.0	137.0
Commercial Research	43.8	43.8
Community Festivals	140.0	140.0
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Total Economic Development Sector Initiatives	<u>541.3</u>	<u>541.3</u>

- (4) the Deputy City Manager responsible for Arts and Culture Grants, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget Process, on the appropriateness and financial implications of transferring the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair funding to Exhibition Place; and
- (5) consideration of funding for the Variety Village request of \$0.125 million be deferred pending a report from the Deputy City Manager in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to Budget Advisory Committee as part of the 2006 Operating Budget Process, on the operational and financial viability of the organization and proof of continued support from the Provincial government.
- (6) Consideration of funding totaling \$1.428 million be deferred pending Council direction for the promotion and funding of TO Live with Culture during 2006, for the following Grant requests:
  - Toronto Arts Council (\$1.097 million)
  - Major Arts Organizations (\$0.300 million)
  - Local Arts Service Organizations (\$0.016 million)
  - Artscape (\$0.015 million);

subject to:

- (i) adding \$400,000 to the Toronto Arts Council Cultural Grants Program;
- (ii) adding \$300,000 to Major Cultural Organizations;
- (iii) adding \$33,000 to Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs);
- (iv) adding \$15,000 to Toronto Artscape;
- (v) adopting the following motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby:

“WHEREAS Council last year adopted the principle that the grant for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair should equal the rent being charged;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the grant to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair be increased by \$83,000 for 2006, to allow the RWAFF to cover the increase in rental expenses at Exhibition Place.”

**8(a). Update on the Rent Bank and Analysis of Administrative Costs**

Communication (January 12, 2006) from the Community Services Committee, advising that the Committee on January 12, 2006 recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the following recommendation of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee in the communication (January 6, 2006) from the Sub-Committee:



“The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee recommended to the Community Services Committee that City Council adopt the following staff recommendations (1), (2) and (4) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 13, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration:

- (1) a one-time allocation of up to \$50,000.00 to Neighbourhood Information Post be approved from the 2006 City of Toronto Homelessness Initiatives Fund to cover the anticipated shortfall in administration costs of the provincial rent bank program, subject to the 2006 operating budget process;
- (2) Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to commit to ongoing funding for the provincial component of the rent bank program, including an increase in administrative funding to reflect the actual cost of delivering the program; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

**8(b). Juno Beach Memorial and the Juno Beach Centre Association**

Communication (December 15, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on December 5, 6 and 7, 2005, referred the following Motion to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2006 Operating Budget:

“WHEREAS The Honourable Albina Guarnieri, Minister of Veterans Affairs, has declared 2005 the ‘Year of the Veteran’; and

WHEREAS Toronto’s contribution in troops and material to Canada’s Second World War effort was considerable and significant; and

WHEREAS over 50 Canadian schools, including Toronto’s students, have visited the Juno Beach Centre to gain insights into Canada’s participation in World War II ; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto, as the leading Canadian City, has a responsibility to commemorate Canada’s contribution in one of the pivotal events in the 20th century and recognize its Veterans who defended our freedoms; and

WHEREAS the Juno Beach Centre Association’s previous request obtained the support of the City of Toronto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto agree to make a further contribution of \$25,000.00, to cover the operational costs of the Juno Beach Centre Association;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Budget Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, be requested to recommend the source of funding for this initiative and report to the next meeting of City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, on an identified source of funds.”

**8(c). Request for Emergency Food Fund for Drop-In Centres**

Communication (January 17, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, requesting that the Budget Advisory Committee consider the following motion in consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget for the City.

“WHEREAS the lack of nutritious food is leading to malnutrition and hunger amongst people on low income and homeless people; and

WHEREAS Drop-In Centres throughout the City of Toronto provide foodstuffs for poor people and are seriously underfunded to fulfill that life saving task; and

WHEREAS food obtained in Drop-In Centres helps people to retain their housing because the income of poor people is not enough to eat and to pay the rent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City should develop an emergency food fund of \$500,000.00 to be made available to the Drop-In Centres because of the serious shortfall in funds available to feed people;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT after delivering the emergency food fund the city should take three months to determine the yearly financial needs of Drop-In Centres, particularly in regards to their delivery of safe, adequate, and nutritious food to those people on low income;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT after determining the Drop-In needs, the City should make provision for necessary funds on a yearly basis.”

**Economic Development and Parks Committee**

**8(d). 2005 Recreation Grants Program  
Recommendations and Appeals (All Wards)**

Communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005, adopted, as amended, Report 7, Clause 9 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled “2005 Recreation Grants Program – Recommendations and Appeals (All Wards)”, and forwarded a copy to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Operating Budget process.

**8(e). Major Recreation Grants Program – Variety –  
The Children’s Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)**

Communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005, adopted, as amended, Report 7, Clause 15 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled “Major Recreation Grants Program – Variety – The Children’s Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)”, and forwarded a copy to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Operating Budget process.

**8(f). Variety – The Children’s Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)**

Report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the ongoing viability of Variety Village.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**8(g). Harbourfront Centre – Renewal of Operating Grant  
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

Communication (January 17, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommending to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt staff recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 14, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Staff Recommendations:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee renew the annual grant commitment of \$750,000.00 to Harbourfront Centre for one year from April 1, 2006, and ending March 31, 2007, or until Harbourfront Centre ceases to exist, ceases to operate Harbourfront Centre or loses its non-profit status;
- (2) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to commence a review with Harbourfront Centre of their capital needs to ensure a state of good

repair of the City-owned Harbourfront programming lands and report during the 2007 Budget Process on capital requirements;

- (3) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to commence negotiations with Harbourfront Centre with respect to a renewal of the operating agreement and state of good repair capital funding for a term of 10 years, commencing April 1, 2007, and ending March 31, 2017, outlining such additional terms and conditions as deemed necessary or appropriate and that the financial implications be reported during the 2007 Budget Process;
- (4) subject to City Council adopting Recommendation (3), the Government of Canada be requested to jointly examine a 10-year financial plan to ensure financial stability of Harbourfront Centre;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Operating Budget Process; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**8(h). 2006 Community Partnership and Investment Program Budgets**

Communication (January 23, 2006) from the Board of Health advising that the Board of Health on January 19, 2006, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that:

- (1) the Budget Advisory Committee adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the report (January 6, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, as follows:
  - (a) the 2006 Operating Budget request for the Community Partnership and Investment Programs Service Envelope under the purview of the Board of Health in the amount of \$5.862 million gross and net, comprised of a base budget of \$4.725 million gross and net and New/Enhanced service requests of \$1.137 million for the Student Nutrition Program, be approved;
  - (b) the report (January 6, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, be considered by the Budget Advisory Committee; and
  - (c) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (2) the Budget Advisory Committee and City Council be requested to increase the funding for the AIDS and Drug Prevention programs by 2 percent, consistent with the increase given to all City Divisions, Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

**9. Heritage Toronto**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee and City Council that the 2006 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto of \$0.355 million be approved, subject to additional savings of \$16,250 to meet the 2 percent target broken down as follows:**

- (1) \$4,000 reduction in printing of Heritage Toronto Awards materials by using electronic media for distribution of nomination material for one of five categories;**
- (2) \$2,500 reduction in printing materials for Doors Open Program;**
- (3) \$2,000 reduction in printing and distribution of new membership solicitation brochure;**
- (4) \$1,000 reduction in Board expenses by suspending the annual December volunteer/donor/sponsor reception;**
- (5) \$4,500 reduction in Postage costs by utilizing electronic distribution for information distribution; and**
- (6) \$2,250 reduction in Walking Tours program planned improvements.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 25, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Heritage Toronto to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting in February.*

**10. Culture**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

**A. recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee and City Council that the 2006 Operating Budget for Culture of \$9.166 million be approved, with the following 2006 Reserve Fund Technical Adjustments (one time) for a total of \$33,000 gross, net zero:**

- Gibson House Museum Donation Fund;**
- Spadina Museum Donation Fund;**
- Colborne Lodge Museum Donation Fund; and**
- World War II Fiftieth Anniversary Maintenance Reserve Fund; and**

**B. postponed consideration of the Year of Creativity Initiative with a 2006 cost of \$3.250 million gross and \$1.500 million net to the wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 25, 2006, postponed consideration of the following to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting in February:*

(i) *the recommendations of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:*

*“subject to:*

(i) *adding \$25,000 gross and \$12,500 net for the Music Garden Program;*

(ii) *adding the following recommendations:*

(5) *staff refer to Recommendation 47 of the Culture Plan, which reads “the Culture Division will work with the Local Arts Services Organizations (LASOs) to review service gaps and determine levels of funding” and report back to Economic Development and Parks Committee on July 6, 2006 with a report outlining the possibility of increasing the core funding of local arts organizations to a level of sustainability and growth;*

(6) *staff refer to Recommendation 43 of the Culture Plan specifying that the “Culture Division will develop a strategy to help LASOs provide services to a broader range of communities and art groups in every part of the City”, and report back to Economic Development and Parks Committee on July 6, 2006, with an action plan detailing steps to grow local arts and culture organizations across the City; and*

(7) *in light of the City’s recent reorganization and the impending reorganization of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, staff report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on September 12, 2006, with strategies to engage, fully support and grow community arts activities across the City through Culture’s staff complement.”; and*

(ii) *the 2006 Reserve Fund Technical Adjustments (one time) for a total of \$33,000:*

- *Gibson House Museum Donation Fund;*
- *Spadina Museum Donation Fund;*
- *Colborne Lodge Museum Donation Fund; and*
- *World War II Fiftieth Anniversary Maintenance Reserve Fund.*

## **11. Economic Development**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:**

- (1) City Council approve the revised 2006 Operating Budget for Economic Development of \$7,852.100, for additional savings of \$350,000; and**
- (2) \$0.037 million from the Governmental Reserve Fund continue to be used in the Economic Development 2006 Operating Budget to partially contribute to the City's Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance membership cost of \$0.100 million.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 25, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Economic Development to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting in February;*

## **12. Tourism**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

**A. recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:**

- (1) City Council approve a revised 2006 Operating Budget for Tourism of \$5,235.6 million, for additional savings of \$0.050 million;**
- (2) the completion of the Premier Ranked Destination Framework be approved for \$0.100 million gross, \$0.030 million net, for one year; conditional on securing \$0.070 million in Provincial and Federal funding;**
- (3) funding of the Major Events Strategy be conditional on approval of the proposed \$0.531 million deletion to the City's remaining contribution to Tourism Toronto to fund new initiatives in Economic Development, Culture and Tourism that support the City's economic development and Tourism objectives;**
- (4) \$0.200 million of the \$0.531 million savings be re-allocated to offset new funding initiatives of \$0.150 million in Culture and \$0.050 million in Tourism that support the City's tourism objectives to be proposed in each of the three Program's 2006 Operating Budget, respectively; and**

**B. deleted the following Recommendation (5) contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Tourism Division:**

- (5) **the Deputy City Manager responsible for Tourism to report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget process on the status of the investment in the City's Tourism initiatives by Tourism Toronto.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 25, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Tourism to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting in February.*

### **13. Parks, Forestry and Recreation**

Action taken by the Committee:

**The Budget Advisory Committee:**

**A. recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:**

- (1) **City Council approve a revised 2006 Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation of \$211.607 million, for additional savings of \$1.390 million, broken down as follows:**
  - (a) **\$0.500 million allocation recommended by Deputy City Manager Corke;**
  - (b) **deferral of consideration of the \$638.9 million of the Youth Recreation Strategy to the wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006;**
  - (c) **reverse the \$0.176 million revenue reduction to reflect the reversal of the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommendation to eliminate permit fees for children and youth for the use of class A, B and C gymnasias;**
  - (d) **reverse the \$0.076 million revenue reduction to reflect the reversal of the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommendation to eliminate non-prime time permit fees for seniors using multi-purpose rooms and gymnasias;**
- (2) **\$3.5 million gross, \$0 net, be approved for the Asian Long Horn Beetle Program, subject to 100 percent recovery from the federal government and a report to Council that costs associated with the survey, removal and disposal of infected trees will continue to be fully recovered through the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;**
- (3) **the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on opportunities for improving service delivery and optimizing existing**



resources as a result of the Program's organizational re-alignment prior to the 2007 Operating Budget process;

- (4) any additional funding for "Clean and Beautiful City" initiatives be supported from within Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2006 Proposed Operating Budget and that the resulting service impacts be identified;
- (5) Parks, Forestry and Recreation's future new service priorities be considered in the context of Council's highest priorities and within an affordable fiscal framework;
- (6) priority be given in 2006 to operating leisure skating over the Holiday Season at local rinks except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day;

B. received the following Recommendations (5) and (6) in the Analyst Briefing Notes:

- (5) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Acting Executive Director of Economic Development report to the Budget Advisory Committee, during the 2006 Operating Budget process, on offering to BIAs a cost-shared Pilot Program in 2006 for tree watering, in the amount of \$100,000 net, \$200,000 gross range;
- (6) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in conjunction with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, the City Solicitor, and the Deputy City Manager responsible for Culture, report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget process on the use of the Harbourfront Reserve Fund for Music Garden programming.

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 25, 2006, postponed consideration of the balance of the recommendations of the Economic Development and Parks Committee to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting in February as follows:*

- (i) *adding \$638,900 gross and net for the implementation of the Youth Recreation Strategy;*
- (v) *adding the following recommendation:*
  - (8) *In the 2006 operation of leisure skating over the Holiday Season, priority be given to operating leisure skating at local rinks except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.*
- (vi) *the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division eliminating the fees charged to children and youth for class A, B, C gymnasia; and that the request for \$176,000 in funding to offset the loss of revenue be directed to the Budget Advisory Committee, to be considered with all other children and youth initiative funding requests; and*

- (vii) *the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division eliminating the fees charged to seniors in the former Scarborough, Etobicoke and East York areas, for multi-purpose rooms and gymnasias during the day (non-prime time), and that \$76,000 be provided to offset the consequent loss in revenue.*

**14. Yonge-Dundas Square**

Action taken by the Committee:

**This was not dealt with.**

*The Budget Advisory Committee on January 25, 2006, postponed consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Yonge-Dundas Square to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting in February.*

**15. Exhibition Place and Toronto Zoo**

**The Budget Advisory Committee reopened the 2006 Operating Budgets for Exhibition Place and the Toronto Zoo and requested each to report back to the wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006.**