
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 1**

Date of Meeting: January 16, 2006 **Enquiry:** Merle MacDonald
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Acting Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **416-392-7340**
City Hall **mmacдона@toronto.ca**
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

If the Economic Development and Parks Committee wishes to meet in camera (privately), a motion must be made to do so and the reason given (*Municipal Act, 2001*).

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – November 9, 2005

Speakers/Presentations: A Complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

9:45 a.m. - Item 2

11:00 a.m. - Item 1

Communications/Reports:

1. 2006 Operating Budgets - Economic Development and Parks Committee

(Staff Presentations at 11:00 a.m., then Public Speakers)

2006 Operating Budgets under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

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

**(Note: Budget Material will be distributed as soon as it is available.)
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2. ICT Toronto: An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Cluster Development Strategy (All Wards)

(Speakers - 9:45 a.m.)

Report (December 12, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, presenting a sector development Strategy for Toronto's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Cluster and outlining actions initiated to implement it.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council endorse the goals and recommendations of "ICT Toronto: An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Cluster Development Strategy for the Toronto Region" as summarized in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) the Strategy be forwarded to the City's e-City Committee and to the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA) for their information;
- (3) the City thank the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) and International Trade Canada (ITC) for their support and partnership with this initiative and request that they continue their support for the City's ICT cluster-related initiatives; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. Report on Consultation with Culture Stakeholders Outside the Downtown Core of the City of Toronto (All Wards)

Report (December 19, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, responding to the Economic Development and Parks Committee's request for feedback from stakeholders outside the downtown core of the City of Toronto regarding Culture budgets and the potential for increasing the budgets for their programs.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**4. Bermondsey Employment Revitalization Area
Five-Year Strategic Action Plan
(Ward 31 Beaches-East York and Ward 34 Don Valley East)**

Report (December 5, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting on the activities of the Bermondsey Employment Revitalization Steering Committee, presenting their Five-Year Strategic Action Plan and to discuss its implementation.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee receive the Bermondsey Five-Year Strategic Action Plan and acknowledge the contribution of the volunteers on the Bermondsey Area Steering Committee;
- (2) Economic Development staff work with the Bermondsey Revitalization Area Steering Committee to establish a business association that will guide the implementation of the action plan;
- (3) an interdivisional staff team including representatives from Transportation Services, Solid Waste Management, Municipal Standards and Licensing, Planning, Finance and the Water divisions be established to assist the new business association implement the recommendations contained in the action plan;
- (4) a copy of the action plan be forwarded to appropriate staff in Toronto Hydro and the Toronto Transit Commission for their information; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2003-2006 Boards of Management Additions and Deletions and Nominees to a Newly Established BIA (All Wards)

Report (December 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking approval to appoint new members and terminate existing members for various Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management, 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 terminate existing members of Boards of Management for nine Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) City Council appoint 10 BIA members to the Uptown Yonge BIA Board of Management, as set out in Attachment 1, for the remainder of the 2003-2006 term;
- (3) 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 adjust or establish quorums as necessary, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report;
- (4) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. 2005 Culture Build Grants Recommendations
(All Wards)**

Report (December 15, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, recommending allocations to non-City-owned not-for-profit cultural organizations that have applied through the Culture Division for municipal support within the 2005 Culture Build Grants Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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

(a)	Armenian Community Centre of Toronto	\$ 42,500.00
(b)	Canadian Museum of Carpets and Textiles	\$ 7,500.00
(c)	Factory Theatre	\$ 48,000.00
(d)	Harbourfront Centre	\$ 9,000.00
(e)	Korean Canadian Cultural Association	\$ 57,000.00
(f)	Pia Bouman School for Ballet and Creative Movement	\$ 47,950.00
(g)	Prefix Institute of Contemporary Art	\$ 4,000.00

(h)	Tapestry New Opera Works	\$ 7,080.00
(i)	Tarragon Theatre	\$ 9,000.00
(j)	Toronto Community Videotex O/A Interaccess	\$ 17,970.00
	Total	\$250,000.00

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

**7. Tourism Action Plan: Report on 2005 Tourism Program
Visitor Information Services Projects (All Wards)**

Report (December 20, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting as requested on the progress made in 2005 toward implementing strategies to enhance visitor information services as part of the implementation of the Five Year Tourism Action Plan, adopted by Council June 24, 25 and 26, 2003.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council reaffirm the validity of the Five Year Tourism Action Plan as a guide for strengthening Toronto's tourism industry, and endorse the continuation of the Visitor Information Services directions for 2005 to 2007;
- (2) an RFP be issued in conjunction with the Facilities and Real Estate Division, to procure a private operator for the Nathan Phillips Square visitor information kiosk for a period of three years;
- (3) Council adopt the word marks "INFOTOGO", "InfoTOgo" and INFOTOGO, Visitor Information Network" and the two design marks identified in this report as official marks of the City of Toronto and authorize the registration of the recommended word marks and design marks for the Visitor Information Network and its content, including the way-finding maps, audio information services, in-person information centres, and website; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**8. Canada's Walk of Fame Design Competition
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

Report (December 22, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, summarizing the progress made during 2005 in developing a new design for Canada's Walk of Fame and clarifies procedural matters related to the next phase of the project.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authorization be provided for the inclusion of Metro Square among the sites to be considered for Canada's Walk of Fame, subject to any operational, structural and design considerations as may be determined by the appropriate City officials in the Facilities and Real Estate and City Planning Divisions;
- (2) authorization be provided to retain the services of the Design Team that will be selected through the Competition Process to develop the design and working drawings and oversee the construction and installation of the required elements;
- (3) authorization be provided to reimburse Canada's Walk of Fame and to pay for costs associated with the competition within the parameters of the approved Capital Budget and the agreement that the project is to be cost shared between the City and Canada's Walk of Fame on a 50:50 basis; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**9. International Alliance Program (IAP) – Summary Report for 2005
(All Wards)**

Report (December 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, summarizing the activities of the International Alliance Program (IAP) in 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this summary of the International Alliance Program (IAP) for 2005 be received for information.

- 9(a).** Communication (December 7, 2005) from Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17 Davenport, expressing his strong support for a formal sponsorship Friendship Agreement between Lisbon and Toronto.

- 9(b). Communication (December 7, 2005) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 Davenport, expressing his support for a International Alliance Program with the City of Lisbon.
- 9(c). Communication (December 12, 2005) from The Honourable Mario Silva, Member of Parliament for Davenport, in support of the Proposed Friendship Agreement between the City of Lisbon and the City of Toronto.

10. Event Enhancement Strategy (All Wards)

Report (December 20, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting back on the implementation of the Event Enhancement Strategy.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) staff be directed to update the Toronto Special Events, Event Support website to include information on all event permitting information and related information;
- (2) Toronto Special Events, in partnership with Festival and Event industry stakeholders establish the Toronto Festival and Event Network and then develop a three-year plan to collectively promote the Toronto festival and event experience;
- (3) the Director of Events work with the Deputy City Manager and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to ensure that a system of tracking is developed that captures information that will be able to be used for an analysis for the 2007 Budget process and all Divisions be directed to track all fees collected and costs charged for services to all festival and event organizers from January 2006 through to September 30, 2006;
- (4) staff report back in October with a specific review of festival and event classifications and recommendations for modifications to City of Toronto approaches to financial assistance for festivals and events based on the analysis of City of Toronto fees and review of existing assistance programs;
- (5) Toronto Special Events continue to work with foreign Consulates, Embassies and High Commissions to obtain travel subsidies to allow staff to travel to international festivals for the purposes of program development; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

PARKS, FORESTRY AND RECREATION

11. Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund (Ward 27 Toronto Centre Rosedale)

Report (December 12, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, establishing an obligatory reserve fund to receive donations for the revitalization of Allan Gardens and issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called the “Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund” to receive donations for park improvements, the purpose of which is to provide funds for, but not limited to, the planning, design and revitalization of Allan Gardens;
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) to be amended by adding the “Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9, Donation Reserve Funds;
- (3) all donations received for the revitalization of Allan Gardens, by the City of Toronto, be held separately in the “Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund” designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes will be issued to donors in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (5) 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.

12. Operation of Snack and Hot Drink Vending - Nut Products in Parks, Forestry and Recreation Facilities (All Wards)

Report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its meeting of September 12, 2005, to advise on how nut products should be addressed in Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities through sales at vending machines and snack bars.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff work with snack bar and vending machine operators to: (a) eliminate unpackaged nuts, (b) voluntarily reduce the quantity of nut products sold, and (c) promote nut free products;
- (2) Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff continue to utilize Toronto Public Health as a resource to educate the public and staff regarding nut allergies; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**13. Proposed Construction and Management of a Pedestrian Bridge
Across the Etobicoke Creek (Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre)**

Report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking City Council approval to enter into an agreement with the City of Mississauga for construction and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge across the Etobicoke Creek.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the City of Mississauga for the construction and maintenance of the pedestrian bridge, in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and the General Manager of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation; 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 City Council to give effect thereto.

**14. High Park, Proposed Prescribed Burn, Spring 2006
(Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park)**

Report (December 21, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on continuing efforts to restore and maintain provincially rare black oak savannah/woodland vegetation communities in High Park by implementing prescribed burning as a proven management tool.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Director, Urban Forestry, in conjunction with the Fire Chief/General Manager, be authorized to approve the Operational Prescribed Burn Plan prepared by the Fire Chief and proceed with the implementation of a Prescribed Burn in High Park in Spring 2006;
- (2) the Director, Urban Forestry, consult with the local Ward Councillor regarding the preparation of appropriate communications for distribution to the local communities;
- (3) the Director, Urban Forestry, consult with the Park Supervisor, Fire Services and Toronto Police Services regarding safety issues;
- (4) in future years, the Director, Urban Forestry, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, be authorized to approve the Operational Prescribed Burn Plan prepared by the Fire Chief and proceed with the implementation of prescribed burns in appropriate areas following consultation with local Councillors; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

Report (December 14, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the renewal of the annual operating grant to Harbourfront Centre for the period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (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 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.

**16. Community Access to Soccer Stadium at Exhibition Place
(Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina)**

Report (December 22, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update on the overall plan for the utilization of community access hours for the new soccer stadium at Exhibition Place.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**17. Establishment of a Withrow Park Improvement Reserve Fund
(Toronto-Danforth Ward 30)**

Report (January 3, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, regarding the creation of a Reserve Fund to support fundraising for the enhancement of facilities at Withrow Park.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called “Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund” for receiving cash toward the enhancement of Withrow Park commencing in 2006;
- (2) Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9 – Donations Reserve Fund;
- (3) all donations received by the Withrow Working Group and by the City for the Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund, be held separately in the Withrow Park Improvements 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) authority be granted to enter into an agreement, if necessary, with the Withrow Working Group to allow the Withrow Working Group to fundraise on behalf of the City of Toronto for facility enhancements at Withrow Park, in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (6) to give effect 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 thereto.

18. Construction and Operation of the Soccer Field and Field House at the Keele Reservoir (Ward 8 York West)

In-Camera: Security of the Property of the Municipality

Confidential report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, regarding the Construction and Operation of the Soccer Field and Field House at the Keele Reservoir, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera.

19. Extending the Hours of Seasonal Pools

Communication (November 8, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, referred Clause 8(g) from Report 9 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, titled “Extending the Hours of Seasonal Pools”, back to the Committee for further consideration.

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20. Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) - Policy Update

Communication (November 1, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, struck an Appeals Sub-committee, comprised of two members of Council from each of the Administration, Community Services and Economic Development and Parks Committees, to support all Standing Committees in the review of CPIP program allocation recommendations and to hear appeals from applicants and appointed Councillors Augimeri and Grimes as members of the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

21. Appointments to the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

Communication (December 13, 2005) from the Secretary, Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo, advising that the Board of Management on November 29, 2005, and December 13, 2005, recommended that the Economic Development and Parks Committee and City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 30, 2005) from the Chair, Board of Management and the General Manager and CEO, Toronto Zoo, with amendments to Recommendations (1) and (2), which increases the size of the Board of Management from 11 to 12 members, so that the recommendations now read as follows:

- (1) the number of Foundation Board recommended appointees on the Zoo Board of Management remain at three and that this number be reviewed annually following an evaluation of the Foundation Board’s accomplishments;
- (2) the following Members of the Foundation Board be appointed to the Zoo Board of Management:
 - Philip Smith, Chair;
 - Kathleen Crook, Vice-Chair; and
 - Fraser Phillips, Past Chair;
- (3) Peter Evans, Chair of the Learning Centre Steering Committee, be reappointed to the Zoo Board of Management; and

- (4) these appointments be for a term ending November 30, 2006, and until their successors are appointed.

22. Dogs in Parks - Water Reservoirs - Off-Leash Areas and Dog Urine/Excrement

Communication (November 10, 2005) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, requesting staff to report on the feasibility and implications of establishing dog off-leash areas either in close proximity to or directly on top of water reservoir areas.

23. Toronto City Hall Hockey Team

Communication (December 19, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on December 14 and 16, 2005, referred Item (j) contained in Clause 18c of Report 8 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee back to the Committee for further consideration.



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Communications/Reports:

1. 2006 Operating Budgets - Economic Development and Parks Committee

(Staff Presentations at 11:00 a.m., then Public Speakers)

2006 Operating Budgets under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Heritage Toronto; and
- Community Partnership and Investment Program.

Please note that, if necessary, the Economic Development and Parks Committee will continue its consideration of the 2006 Operating Budget on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in Committee Room 1.

- 9(d).** Communication (December 8, 2005) from Councillor Michael Thompson, Ward 37 Scarborough Centre, requesting information on what steps communities need to take to work toward establishing formal relations between the City of Toronto and the cities of Montego Bay, Monaco and Manila.
- 9(e).** Communication (December 29, 2005) from Albino Jose Dias, President, Casa das Beiras Cultural Community Centre of Toronto, expressing support for the proposed Friendship Agreement between Lisbon and Toronto.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND CULTURE

24. 2006 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report 2 (All Wards)

Report (January 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, forwarding Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 205 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2006 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2006 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2006 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Bloor by the Park	62,190.00	57,089.00
Bloordale Village	81,345.00	73,531.00
Gerrard India Bazaar	183,354.00	131,043.00
Harbord Street	10,876.00	7,876.00
Knob Hill Plaza	25,844.00	21,110.00
Little Italy	251,592.00	240,866.00
Old Cabbagetown	281,799.00	186,991.00
Pape Village	74,248.00	35,640.00
Queens Quay Harbourfront	216,041.00	165,000.00
Rosedale Main Street	285,240.00	200,310.00
St. Clair Avenue West	25,888.00	12,826.00
St. Clair Gardens	44,498.00	34,004.00
Upper Village (York)	25,360.00	0.00
Uptown Yonge	115,500.00	115,500.00
Weston	130,001.00	71,801.00
Wychwood Heights	61,178.00	36,772.00
York-Eglinton	63,695.00	58,685.00

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and

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

PARKS, FORESTRY AND RECREATION

25. Enhancing Tourism in Toronto With a Recreation Vehicle Campground (All Wards)

Report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation providing an update on opportunities for enhancing tourism in Toronto with a Recreational Vehicle Campground.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, working in conjunction with the Tourism Unit of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, prepare a comprehensive report exploring additional opportunities on how to further attract Recreational Vehicle tourism to Toronto, to include:
 - (a) the results of an industry consultation with relevant stakeholders that would specifically address the market potential of augmenting Toronto tourism infrastructure to include Recreational Vehicle specific facilities near the downtown core;
 - (b) the identification and analysis of potential locations for Recreational Vehicle specific facilities near Toronto's downtown core with access to public transit and the ability to provide the necessary support amenities required to accommodate Recreational Vehicle camping;
 - (c) an analysis and summary of research on competing campgrounds within the Greater Toronto Area, including City of Toronto, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Ontario Parks campgrounds;
 - (d) the results of an industry consultation that would specifically address the possibilities for and market potential of augmenting the Toronto Recreational Vehicle tourism infrastructure by way of increased promotion and development of the Glen Rouge Campground;
 - (e) an analysis of a 2005 Glen Rouge Campground camper survey, and a summary of results from the previous years;

- (f) a set of additional ideas, collected from relevant stakeholders, on how to effectively promote Toronto as a prime camping destination for Recreational Vehicle camping enthusiasts; and
 - (g) a set of staff recommendations outlining the next steps to be taken in order to further attract Recreational Vehicle tourism to the City and report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in 2006; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**26. Reduction in Permit Fees Policy
(All Wards)**

(Speakers)

Report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on a policy of reducing permit fees for parks and recreation facilities for community groups who experience financial hardships.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the reduction in Permit Fees Policy, as contained in Attachment 1, be approved;
- (2) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on the 2006 budget variance as a result of the implementation of this policy;
- (3) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation report to Budget Advisory Committee, prior to the 2007 Operating Budget cycle, on permit fee revenues; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**27. Proposed Youth Centre – Southwest Corner of Yonge Street and
Eglinton Avenue West (Ward 22 St. Paul's)**

(Speakers)

Communication (January 5, 2006) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, requesting staff to report on the feasibility of establishing a public youth centre in connection with the request for proposals (RFP) process to redevelop the former TTC Bus Lands at the southwest corner of Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue West

through a public-private partnership where the youth centre would occupy space at street-level in the redevelopment.