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**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
MEETING No. 2**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Monday, March 27, 2006</b>	<b>Enquiry:</b>	<b>Patsy Morris</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>		<b>Administrator</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1</b>		<b>(416) 392-9151</b>
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	<b>Toronto</b>		

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**If the Policy and Finance 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 – January 23, 2006**

**Communications/Reports**

**1. City of Toronto 2006 Operating Budget**

**Note:** A communication from the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the City of Toronto 2006 Operating Budget will be distributed at the meeting.

**1(a). Auditor General's 2006 Operating Budget Request – Operation of the Fraud and Waste Hotline Program**

Communication (February 23, 2006) from the Audit Committee advising that the Audit Committee on February 22, 2006, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Auditor General's 2006 Operating Budget request for two additional audit staff resources, with one of the two additional staff being assigned to the operation of the Fraud and Waste Hotline, be approved.

**1(b). Responses to Telecommunications Services Review – Management Response and Work Plan - Status Update**

Communication (February 27, 2006) from the Audit Committee advising that the Audit Committee on February 22, 2006, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council consider holding up approval of the 2006 Operating Budget requests for the following Agencies, Boards and Commissions until such time that they submit a response to City Council's outstanding request regarding Telecommunications Services Review:

- Enwave District Energy Limited;
- Toronto Economic Development Corporation;
- Toronto Hydro Corporation; and
- Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

**1(c). Communication (March 12, 2006) from the Chief Financial Officer, TEDCO responding to City Council's request regarding Telecommunications Services Review.**

**1(d). Ontario Heart Health Partnership Year-End Funding for Active Living and Healthy Eating**

Communication (February 27, 2006) from the Board of Health advising that the Board of Health on February 27, 2006, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that the Policy and Finance Committee adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 13, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health, as follows:

- (1) an amount of \$79,396 gross expenditure and \$79,396 revenue be added to the 2006 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget for enhancement of nutrition and physical activity programming for children and youth;
- (2) this report be forwarded directly to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for February 28, 2006 due to time constraints for the use of the funding; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**1(e) 2006 Operating Budget for Toronto Transit Commission (Conventional System) (In-camera –Labour relations or employee negotiations.)**

Communication (February 14, 2006) from the Budget Advisory Committee forwarding a confidential recommendation respecting the 2006 Operating Budget for Toronto Transit Commission (Convention System) such communication to be considered in-camera as the subject matter relates to Labour relations or employee negotiations.

**1(f). Toronto Seniors Forum, 2006 City Budget Recommendations**

Communication (February 23, 2006) from Councillor Gay Cowbourne attaching the following decision from the February 21, 2006 meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors for consideration by the Policy and Finance Committee:

“The Roundtable on Seniors supports the advocacy and outreach efforts of the Toronto Seniors Forum during the 2006 budget debate and suggests that the following recommendations outlined in their presentation be referred to the appropriate City Divisions for their information:

“(1) Seniors’ Financial Resources/Costs/Fees/Access issues

- Adequately fund translation services according to demographics (i.e. largest language groups) (All Divisions);
- Lower the cost of the seniors TTC fares/pass (TTC);
- Increase the availability of transportation for non-medical appointments on wheeltrans (TTC);
- Provide recreation programming without fees (Parks, Forestry and Recreation);
- Reduce the fees for seniors groups providing programming in recreation centres (Parks, Forestry and Recreation);

(2) Housing and Accommodation/Long Term Care

- Increase affordable housing for seniors with targets to reduce waiting time from the current 10 years to 7 years in 2006, 5 years in 2007, 3 years in 2008 and one year or less in 2009 (TCHC & Homes for the Aged);
- Increase efforts to modify, restore and repair existing properties. (TCHC);
- Increase the available stock of barrier free housing (TCHC & Homes for the Aged);
- Increase the number of long term care homes with a goal of 2 new homes in 06/07 (Homes for the Aged);
- Ensure that long term care services are provided in a culturally sensitive manner (Homes for the Aged);

(3) Individual Health Environment, Community and Culturally Sensitive Services

- Provide a full range of dental care for low income seniors (Public Health);
- Review and raise the current financial cut off for access to subsidized dental care (Public Health);

(4) Safety, Security and Legal Protection

- Increase the Toronto Police Service program to educate seniors about telephone and other types of fraud (TPS);
- Increase community programs that encourage communities and neighbours to watch out for seniors (TPS);
- Increase the oversized street sign program (Transportation services);

(5) Participation and Leadership/Advocacy

- Increase opportunities for senior participation and advocacy through initiatives such as the Toronto Seniors Forum (SDFA);
- Increase leadership/advocacy training opportunities for seniors (SDFA);
- Encourage seniors to volunteer in their communities (SDFA); and

that the Ministry of Health move more financial resources into community health programs and further make seniors' health programs part of the mandatory programs that they require the city to provide. The province needs to fund these programs 100 percent"

**1(g). Toronto Police Service – 2006 Operating Budget Submissions – As at December 15, 2005**

Communication (March 1, 2006) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, providing the Policy and Finance Committee with information on the 2006 Operating Budget submission for the Toronto Police Service as at December 15, 2005; and advising that the 2006 Operating Budget submission continues to be considered through the Budget Advisory Committee.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Policy and Finance Committee receive this report.

**1(h). Toronto Police Services Board and Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement Unit 2006 Operating Budget Submissions – As at December 15, 2005**

Communication (March 1, 2006) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, providing the Policy and Finance Committee with information on the 2006 Operating Budget submissions for the Toronto Police Services Board and the Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement Unit.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Policy and Finance Committee receive this report.

**1(i). Toronto Police Service – 2006 Operating Budget Request – Revised**

Communication (March 1, 2006) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, providing the Policy and Finance Committee with a report on the revised 2006 net operating budget request of the Toronto Police Service.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Policy and Finance Committee receive this report.

**1(j). Grant to Save Our St. Clair (SOS) Group**

Communication (February 10, 2006) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on January 31 and February 1 and 2, 2006, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Palacio and Councillor Nunziata

**“WHEREAS** in September 2004, City Council approved the St. Clair Streetcar Designated Right-of-Way Project to build an exclusive streetcar lane down the middle of St. Clair Avenue West; and

**WHEREAS** Save Our St. Clair (SOS) is a grass roots group of local St. Clair Avenue West residents, businesses and organizations; and

**WHEREAS** in August 2005, Save Our St. Clair (SOS) took the City of Toronto to Divisional Court to stop the scheduled construction of City Council’s approved St. Clair Streetcar Designated Right-of-Way Project, arguing the City’s Environmental Assessment (EA) was done under the new Official Plan when it should have been done under the in force old Official Plan; and

**WHEREAS** on October 11, 2005, a three-judge panel ruled in favour of SOS, awarding legal costs to SOS; and

**WHEREAS** on November 3, 2005, after accusations of bias and a motion from the City for the judges to recuse (withdraw) themselves because one of the judges, Justice Ted Matlow, had been fighting the City about a parking garage in his Forest Hill neighbourhood and was therefore biased; and

**WHEREAS** the two of the three judges removed themselves from the case, triggering a new hearing process with a new three-judge panel; and

**WHEREAS** the original three judges gave their original October 11, 2005 rulings separately and sequentially according to seniority, placing Justice Matlow as the last to express his ruling, thereby making it impossible for his ruling to have influenced the other Justices' rulings; and

**WHEREAS** on November 18, 2005, SOS announced it is asking the Ontario Court of Appeals to uphold the October 11, 2005 ruling by the Divisional Court which found the City of Toronto had violated the *Planning Act* in the way it handled the approval of the St. Clair Streetcar Designated Right-of-Way Project; and

**WHEREAS** SOS lawyer, Eric Gillespie, states his client's case should stand and that, 'basically, the Supreme Court of Canada in a previous decision [has] already indicated that even if one judge was ultimately determined to have been biased or there was a reasonable apprehension of bias, that because of the way judicial decisions are made, the decisions of the other judges wouldn't be affected'; and

**WHEREAS** Save Our St. Clair (SOS) has already raised thousands of dollars towards these 'David and Goliath like' court proceedings and its ability to continue to raise money from volunteers will be limited; and

**WHEREAS** SOS has limited funds and the City has unlimited funds to pursue this matter further;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** City Council hereby authorize a one-time grant of up to \$30,000.00 to the Save Our St. Clair (SOS) group to enable it to re-make their case at future hearings, challenging City Council's approval of the St. Clair Streetcar Designated Right-of-Way Project;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this contribution is deemed in the interest of natural justice – fairness and is in the interest of the Municipality;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the appropriate City officials be directed and given authority to give effect to the foregoing.”

**1(k). Continuation of the Mayor's Roundtable on a Beautiful City**

Communication (February 2, 2006) addressed to the Planning and Transportation Committee from Mr. Ian Leventhal, President, Ian Leventhal Creates Inc., in support of the continuation of the Mayor's Roundtable on a Beautiful City.

**1(l). City of Toronto 2006 Operating Budget (All Wards)**

Communication (February 20, 2006) from the Policy and Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee advising that the committees met jointly on February 16, 2006, to hear speakers on the 2006 Operating Budget.

**1(m). Asian Long-Horned Beetle Eradication Program – All Wards**

Report (March 21, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation confirming the current and future Partnership Agreement between the City of Toronto and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) which provides for the reimbursement of all costs for survey, removal and disposal of infected trees associated with the Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALHB) Eradication Program.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- 1(n).** Communication (March 17, 2006) from Mr. John Wilson, Task Force to Bring Back the Don requesting that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that the support provided to the Task Force to Bring Back the Don by the City Clerk be continued.

**2. 2006 Tax Levy By-laws and Related Matters**

Report (February 22, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer respecting the 2006 Tax Levy By-laws and related matters.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to report directly to Council at its meeting scheduled for March 27 to 31, 2006, with respect to the 2006 municipal levy by-law and other related property tax by-laws.