

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 13

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:41 a.m.

Members Present

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

	9:41 a.m. to 12:26 p.m.	1:35 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc (Vice-Chair)	X	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson (Vice-Chair)	X	X
Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	X	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X	R
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Paul Ainslie	Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Maria Augimeri	Councillor Michael Walker
Councillor Janet Davis	

13.1 Fire Services

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Fire Services.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. 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

- B. 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.

13.2 Social Development, Finance and Administration/Affordable Housing Office

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration and the Affordable Housing Office.

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. 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; and

- B. 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.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

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Affordable Housing Office

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. 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; and

(Motion by Councillor Soknacki)

- B. 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.

(Motion by Councillor Milczyn, on behalf of Councillor Carroll)

- C. defer consideration of this budget to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 13, 2006.

(Lost)

(Motion by Councillor Milczyn)

13.3 Social Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Social Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. 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 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 million;

(Motion by Councillor Soknacki)

- B. 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.

(Motion by Councillor Watson)

13.4 Children’s Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Children’s Services.

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, 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.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

13.5 Homes for the Aged

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Homes for the Aged.

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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.

13.6 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. 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:

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“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;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (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,

(Motion by Councillor Watson as amended by Councillor Soknacki)

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

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- B. 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
- C. requested the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to meet on an 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.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

13.7 Association of Community Centres

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following communications:

- (a) (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):

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- (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.”; and
- (b) (January 24, 2006) from Councillor Bill Saundercook, Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park, in support of Swansea’s Town Hall’s request for funding toward a Volunteer Coordinator.

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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).”

13.8 Community Partnership and Investment Program

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Community Partnership and Investment Program.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following:

- (a) communication (January 12, 2006) from the Community Services Committee, entitled “Update on the Rent Bank and Analysis of Administrative Costs”, 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:

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- (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.”;
- (b) communication (December 15, 2005) from the City Clerk, entitled “Juno Beach Memorial and the Juno Beach Centre Association”, 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.”;

- (c) communication (January 17, 2006) from the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, entitled “Request for Emergency Food Fund for Drop-In Centres”, 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.”;

- (d) communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk, entitled “2005 Recreation Grants Program Recommendations and Appeals (All Wards)”, 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;
- (e) 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;

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- (f) report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, entitled “Variety – The Children’s Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)”, reporting on the ongoing viability of Variety Village.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information;

- (g) communication (January 17, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee, entitled “Harbourfront Centre – Renewal of Operating Grant (Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)”, 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;

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- (h) communication (January 23, 2006) from the Board of Health, entitled “2006 Community Partnership and Investment Program Budgets”, 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; and
- (i) communication (February 8, 2006) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2006 considered Clause 1 of Report 1 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee and requested the Budget Advisory Committee to consider granting the Toronto Region Research Alliance a Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 through the 2006 budget process.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, 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.”

13.9 Heritage Toronto

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Heritage Toronto.

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;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (2) \$2,500 reduction in printing materials for Doors Open Program;

(Motion by Councillor Rae with amendment by Councillor Mihevc)

- (3) \$2,000 reduction in printing and distribution of new membership solicitation brochure;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (4) \$1,000 reduction in Board expenses by suspending the annual December volunteer/donor/sponsor reception;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (5) \$4,500 reduction in Postage costs by utilizing electronic distribution for information distribution; and

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (6) \$2,250 reduction in Walking Tours program planned improvements.

(Motion by Councillor Rae with amendment by Councillor Mihevc)

13.10 Culture

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Culture.

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, 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.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

13.11 Economic Development

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Economic Development.

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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.

13.12 Tourism

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Tourism.

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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.”

13.13 Parks, Forestry and Recreation

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, 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;

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- (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.”

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

13.14 Yonge-Dundas Square

This budget was not dealt with.

13.15 Exhibition Place and Toronto Zoo

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Chair