

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting 16

Monday, February 13, 2006

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Monday, February 13, 2006, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:10 p.m.

Members Present

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

	2:10 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc (Vice-Chair)	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson (Vice-Chair)	X
Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

Also Present:

Councillor Paul Ainslie	Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Gerry Altobello	Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Maria Augimeri	Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor David Shiner
Councillor Norm Kelly	Councillor Karen Stintz

16.1 Regular Business

The Budget Advisory Committee considered a presentation on the 2006 Operating Budget from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning.

Councillor Norm Kelly and Dr. Richard Irving, Schulich School of Business, York University addressed the Budget Advisory Committee.

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee received the presentation from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning, and thanked Councillor Kelly and Professor Irving for their ideas.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

16.2 Toronto Parking Authority

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

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following Briefing Notes:

- (a) (February 8, 2006) from the Director, Business and Strategic Innovation, Facilities and Real Estate, entitled “Staff Pay and Park at the Hagarman Lot”; and
- (b) (February 13, 2006) from the Chief Corporate Officer, entitled “Properties Presently Covered Under Umbrella Agreement with Toronto Parking Authority”.

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, in the amount of \$54,801 million gross and (\$40.333 million) net revenue, subject to the following amendment:

- (a) increasing the Toronto Parking Authority net by (\$50 thousand) for revenue generated from City-owned downtown properties under the jurisdiction of Facilities and Real Estate that will be made available to the Authority in 2006,

resulting in a 2006 Operating Budget of \$54.801 million gross and (\$40.383 million) net; and

- (2) received the Briefing Notes.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

16.3 Exhibition Place

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council approve the 2006 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place of \$435,200 net, subject to reducing the budget by an additional \$100,000.

16.4 Toronto Zoo

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

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council approve the 2006 Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo of \$11,791.1 net, subject to reducing the budget by an additional \$100,000.

16.5 Yonge-Dundas Square

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Yonge-Dundas Square.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the Yonge-Dundas Square 2006 Operating Budget of \$1.072 million gross and \$0.583 million net.

16.6 Business Support Services

The Budget Advisory Committee reopened the 2006 Operating Budget for Business Support Services.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for Business Support Services as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended on February 9, 2006, for a 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$10.577 million gross and \$9.241 million net, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) Remote Computing - reduction of \$0.036 million gross and \$0 net for services and rents; and
- (2) Public Automated Inspection Request (PAIR) System – reduction of \$0.200 million gross and \$0 net for equipment,

resulting in a revised 2006 Operating Budget of \$10.341 million gross and \$9.241 million net.

16.7 Toronto Police Service/Toronto Police Services Board

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

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 approve the 2006 Operating Budget for Toronto Police Service as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended on February 6, 2006, for a revised 2006 Operating Budget of \$789.970 million gross and \$751.639 million net, subject to the following technical adjustments:

- (i) increasing by \$5.0 million gross and \$0 net, to reflect a provincial funding grant for additional resources for Toronto Police, to be used as follows:
 - accelerate new officer hiring;
 - backfill officer time for three rapid-response teams of 18 officers;

- purchase necessary equipment for intelligence-gathering;
and
 - (ii) increasing by \$1.2 million gross and \$0 net, to reflect the costs and IDR funding from the City for Police Officer Day Court Attendance while Off-Duty,
- resulting in a revised 2006 Operating Budget of \$796.170 million gross and \$751.639 million net.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

16.8 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The Budget Advisory Committee noted the response from staff regarding the reduction of \$66,000 (see Briefing Note) and completed its review of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Operating Budget.

16.9 Social Services

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

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the 2006 Operating Budget for Social Services with the \$100,000 reduction from deferral of maintenance rather than a reduction in the Hardship Fund.

16.10 Affordable Housing

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Affordable Housing.

The Budget Advisory Committee completed its review of the 2006 Operating Budget for the Affordable Housing Office.

16.11 Toronto Transit Commission

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission (Conventional).

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following communications:

- (a) (January 26, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission on January 25, 2006 approved the following recommendations:
 - (1) receive this report for information noting that staff are proceeding with expenditure of the 1/3 portion of the \$1.3 Million against TTC accounts as per the motion of the December 16, 2005 Commission Meeting; and
 - (2) forward this report to the City of Toronto for approval to expend the City's 1/3 share (\$0.433 M) of the Spadina Subway Extension – Downsview to Steeles project interim funds of \$1.3 Million included in the 2006-2010 Capital Program for preliminary design costs;

- (b) (January 26, 2006) from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission on January 25, 2006 approved the following recommendations:
 - (1) receive this report for information; and
 - (2) forward this report to the City of Toronto, in satisfaction of the directive of the City Council at its December 12, 2005 meeting, in which Council requested if there is any risk of an increase to the cost of the CLRV life-extension program, as approved, that the TTC report to City Council no less than 60 days in advance of such costs being incurred to enable Council to consider this matter; and

- (c) (February 10, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Commission on February 8, 2006 held a special meeting to discuss the issue of a possible TTC fare increase; and forwarding the draft minutes detailing the decisions made at this meeting along with a subsequent Press Release announcing the approved fare increase which will take effect April 1, 2006.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee:

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

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- (1) City Council adopt the Toronto Transit Commission 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$1,037.992 million gross and \$246.306 million net, comprised of the following service:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Conventional	<u>1,037,991.9</u>	<u>246,306.5</u>
Total TTC Operating Budget	<u><u>1,037,991.9</u></u>	<u><u>246,306.5</u></u>

- (2) City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission (Conventional System) to report back to the Budget Advisory Committee in 2006 to determine the final disposition of the funds totaling \$10.06 million for the Ontario Health Premium payments for 2005 and 2006;

- (3) the 2006 provision (Conventional System) of \$6.441 million for dental benefits and \$10.600 million for medical benefits required in years beyond 2006 for the payment to fund TTC post-retirement benefits be postponed to those future years' budget consideration; and

- (4) City Council adopt the in-camera motion concerning a labour relations matter;

C. postponed consideration of the communications (January 26, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on March 10, 2006, for consideration under "Regular Business"; and

D. received the communication (February 10, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission regarding "TTC Fare Increase".

(Confidential Communications sent to: Chair, Toronto Transit Commission, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer; c. Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; and Policy and Finance Committee – February 14, 2006)

Toronto Transit Commission – Wheel-Trans:

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Toronto Transit Commission – Wheel Trans.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- (1) City Council request the Transit Commission (Wheel-Trans) to report to the Budget Advisory Committee in 2006 to determine the final disposition of funds totalling \$0.440 million for the Ontario Health Premium payments for 2005 and 2006; and
- (2) the 2006 provision (Wheel-Trans) of \$0.790 million for medical and dental benefits required in years beyond 2006 for the payment to fund TTC post-retirement benefits be postponed to those future years' budget consideration.

16.12 Fire Services

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

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for Fire Services as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended on February 8, 2006, in the amount of \$314.981 million gross and \$306.853 million net, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) reinstating the False Alarm Fee increase in the amount of \$2.123 million; and
- (b) providing for one position in support of the False Alarm Fee change for a total of \$56,300 gross and net;
- (c) reversing the February 8, 2006 Budget Advisory Committee decision to provide within Fire Services' Budget for \$0.828 million gross and net as an anticipated credit to Toronto Community Housing Corporation; and
- (d) increasing the 2006 Operating Budget of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration in order to offset charges to Toronto Community Housing Corporation for False Alarm Fee Changes in the amount of \$0.828 million gross and net,

resulting in a 2006 Operating Budget of \$314.209 million gross and \$306.081 million net.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

16.13 Culture

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

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for Culture Division of \$10,666.1 net, including the Year of Creativity Project.

16.14 Parks, Forestry and Recreation

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

On motion by Councillor Carroll (for Councillor Augimeri), the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to:

- (a) adding \$108,592.80 gross and net for the “After School Youth” component of the Youth Recreation Strategy; and
- (b) adding \$46,234.24 gross and net for the “Drop-in Social Clubs for Youth with Disabilities” component of the Youth Recreation Strategy.

16.15 Social Development, Finance and Administration

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

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Proposed Budget for the Social Development, Finance and Administration, subject to the following:

- (1) \$150,000 of the \$175,000 new funding contained in the Social Development Finance and Administration Division's 2006 Proposed Budget be transferred to the Community Services Grants envelope, within the Community Partnership and Investment Program, to support youth led organizations; and
- (2) the remaining \$25,000 in Social Development Finance and Administration Division be used to support initial research and program development of gang exiting programs.

16.16 City Planning

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for City Planning.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a report (February 13, 2006) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division regarding Specifics of the Initial "Lights Out Toronto" Campaign to Raise Awareness of the Spring and Fall Migratory Bird Seasons; and to seek authority for the City to receive third party contributions to offset costs of this campaign; and, to amend the 2006 City Planning operating budget to accommodate these contributions accordingly.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt a pilot program for a "Lights Out Toronto" campaign to run twice in 2006, corresponding with the spring and fall migratory seasons, that advocates and encourages the turning off of lighting, when not needed, through ads on TTC vehicles, brochures and other effective advertising media;
- (2) City Council authorize the acceptance of third party contributions to be used to undertake the "Lights Out Toronto" public awareness campaign from migratory bird stakeholders and partners including Canadian Wildlife Service, Toronto Hydro and the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) and other potential donors;
- (3) City Council authorize the entering of an agreement with the Canadian Wildlife Service in order to accept their third party donation of \$15.0 thousand to be used for the "Lights Out Toronto Campaign";

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- (4) the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, when reporting back as requested in one-year's time on progress made including a review of daytime strikes and an investigation of light pollution policies and by-laws enacted in other jurisdictions, that such report also include a review of the success of the 2006 "Lights Out Toronto" pilot program and the involvement and role of the City in subsequent "Lights Out Toronto" campaigns;
- (5) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for City Planning be increased by \$40,000, offset by revenue from third party contributions for an equal amount, for a \$0 net impact on the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget; and spending authority be contingent upon receipt of all third party funding required to complete the project;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for information; and
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for City Planning as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended on February 9, 2006, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) adding \$15,000 for the Green Roof Promotion, with the corresponding decrease in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Budget for Urban Forestry; and

(Motion by Councillor Milczyn)

- (b) adopting staff Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7) in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 13, 2006) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, entitled "Specifics of the Initial "Lights Out Toronto" Campaign to Raise Awareness of the Spring and Fall Migratory Bird Seasons", which includes the incorporation of an additional \$40.0 thousand gross revenue for a \$0 net impact to the City Planning 2006 Operating Budget with spending authority contingent upon receipt of all third party funding to complete the project,

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

resulting in a 2006 Operating Budget of \$31.939 million gross and \$13.195 million net.

16.17 Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat/Clean and Beautiful Initiative

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat.

On motion by Councillor Bussin, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget for the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat, as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended on February 9, 2006, in the amount of \$343.2 thousand gross and net, subject to:

- (i) reducing the request from Planning and Transportation Committee to continue Neighbourhood Beautification Program in 2006 by \$25.95 thousand resulting in a non-staffing cost of \$120.75 thousand for the Program in 2006; and
- (ii) adding the following Recommendation (2)(c) and renumbering the balance of the recommendations accordingly:
 - “(c) the Deputy City Manager, responsible for the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat, be requested to fill one Project Officer position by secondment to support the Neighbourhood Beautification Program in 2006;”;

resulting in a revised net budget of \$317.25 thousand, so that the Recommendations now read as follows:

- “(1) the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat’s 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.317 million gross and net be approved;
- (2) the Deputy City Manager responsible for the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat:
 - (a) report to the Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget Process on how the request for the continuation of the Neighbourhood Beautification Project in 2006 can be accommodated within the overall Clean and Beautiful City Initiative resources being proposed for 2006;
 - (b) report to the Budget Advisory Committee prior to the 2007 Operating Budget Process on the status and budget implications of the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat for 2007; and

- (c) be requested to fill one Project Officer position by secondment to support the Neighbourhood Beautification Program in 2006.”

16.18 Transportation Services

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

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget for Transportation Services as contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes, as amended on February 9, 2006, in the amount of \$285.521 million gross and \$187.649 million net, including \$406,700 gross and net for the enhancement of cleaning and maintenance of orphaned spaces in areas such as near expressway ramps, roadsides and boulevards (see also Clean and Beautiful City).

16.19 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the 2006 Operating Budget for the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy of \$0.617 million gross and \$0.391.9 net, subject to funding the remaining shortfall of \$0.138 million out of the 2006 Capital Budget for the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy.

16.20 City Clerk's Office

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the City Clerk's Office.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a report (December 14, 2005) from the City Clerk, addressed to the Administration Committee, identifying the resources required to provide secretariat support services to four new committees and advisory bodies formed by Toronto City Council in the past five months; and recommending a policy to ensure that resource impacts are clearly identified when new committees and advisory bodies are formed in the future.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Operating Budget process;
- (2) the request by the City Clerk for one additional resource to support four new committees and advisory bodies established by Council be approved, conditional upon funding being approved in the City Clerk's Office 2006 Operating Budget;
- (3) City Council affirm that compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, Council Procedures, shall be necessary prior to Council establishing any Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee;
- (4) City Council adopt a policy, as set out in Attachment B of this report, that prior to establishing a Special Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee, the City Clerk will be required to provide an impact statement:
 - (a) advising that consultation with the City Clerk was undertaken with respect to the provision of any meeting support services for the proposed body;
 - (b) confirming the availability of resources to provide meeting support services;
 - (c) confirming compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council Procedures;
- (5) following adoption of policy contained in recommendation (4), the City Clerk's Office not be required to provide meeting support services to any new Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee for which the City Clerk has not submitted an impact statement;
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee considered the new and enhanced request for the City Clerk's Office Operating Budget and recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that:

- A. the following Recommendation (2) of the staff report (December 14, 2005) from the City Clerk be deleted:

“(2) the request by the City Clerk for one additional resource to support four new committees and advisory bodies established by Council be approved, conditional upon funding being approved in the City Clerk’s Office 2006 Operating Budget;”;

B. the City Clerk’s Office cease to provide secretariat support to the following committees, effective May 1, 2006:

- (i) Task Force to Bring Back the Don;
- (ii) Aboriginal Affairs Committee;
- (iii) Disability Issues Committee;
- (iv) Food and Hunger Action Committee;
- (v) Tenant Defence Sub-Committee;
- (vi) Advisory Committee for Homes for the Aged;
- (vii) Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors;
- (viii) Steeles Avenue Sub-Committee;
- (ix) Works Committee Community Partnership Sub-Committee;
- (x) Parc Downsview Park Operating Protocol Committee;
- (xi) Gardiner Lake Shore Corridor Task Force;

and that appropriate divisional program staff provide secretariat support to those committees effective May 1, 2006;

C. the City Clerk’s Office continue to provide secretariat support services to the following committees:

- (i) Mayor’s Economic Competitiveness Advisory Committee;
- (ii) Affordable Housing Committee;
- (iii) Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee; and
- (iv) Bellamy Recommendations Steering Committee;

D. the following Recommendations (3), (4), (5) and (6) of the report (December 14, 2005) from the City Clerk, be adopted:

“(3) City Council affirm that compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, Council Procedures, shall be necessary prior to Council establishing any Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee;

- (4) City Council adopt a policy, as set out in Attachment B of this report, that prior to establishing a Special Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee, the City Clerk will be required to provide an impact statement:
 - (a) advising that consultation with the City Clerk was undertaken with respect to the provision of any meeting support services for the proposed body;
 - (b) confirming the availability of resources to provide meeting support services;
 - (c) confirming compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council Procedures;
- (5) following adoption of policy contained in recommendation (4), the City Clerk's Office not be required to provide meeting support services to any new Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee for which the City Clerk has not submitted an impact statement;
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto."

16.21 Community Partnership Investment Program

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

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following:

- (a) 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:

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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 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, 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, 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;
- (f) 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.

- (g) 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.
- (h) 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:

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- “(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, entitled “ICT Toronto: An Information and Communication Technology Cluster Development Strategy (All Wards)”, 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.

The following persons addressed the Budget Advisory Committee:

- Councillor Karen Stintz, Ward 16 Eglinton-Lawrence; and
- Ross McGregor, President and CEO, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council approve the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, subject to:

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- (i) increasing the budget by \$819,000, allocated as follows:

\$300,000 to the Toronto Arts Council;
\$200,000 to the Major Arts Organizations;
\$18,000 to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair;
\$12,000 to the Local Arts Service Organizations (LASO);
\$64,000 to the Community Services envelope;
\$200,000 to the Student Nutrition Program; and
\$25,000 to Variety Village;

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

- (ii) adding \$25,000 for the Toronto Region Research Alliance (TRRA), on the condition that TEDCO match the amount;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (iii) adopting the following staff Recommendations (1), (2) (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

“(1) that Council renew the annual grant commitment of \$750,000 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;

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

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (iv) adding a one-time grant of \$10,000 for promotion and advertising in the 2006 Operating Budget for Toronto Heritage Grant within the Community Partnership and Investment Program, and that these funds are fully offset by the funding from the Community Heritage Reserve Fund;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (v) \$150,000 of the \$175,000 new funding contained in the Social Development Finance and Administration Division’s 2006 Proposed Budget being transferred to the Community Services Grants envelope, within the Community Partnership and Investment Program, to support youth led organizations;

(Motion by Councillor Carroll)

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- (vi) requesting staff to work with other funders such as the United Way, Provincial and Federal Governments to leverage additional funds to supplement the base Service Development Investment Program; and

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (vii) requesting the Deputy City Manager to 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; and

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- B. received the following communications:
 - (a) communication (January 12, 2006) from the Community Services Committee, entitled "Update on the Rent Bank and Analysis of Administrative Costs";
 - (b) communication (December 15, 2005) from the City Clerk, entitled "Juno Beach Memorial and the Juno Beach Centre Association";
 - (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";
 - (d) communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk, entitled "2005 Recreation Grants Program Recommendations and Appeals (All Wards);
 - (e) communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk, entitled "Major Recreation Grants Program – Variety – The Children's Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)";
 - (f) report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, entitled "Variety – The Children's Charity (Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest)";

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- (g) communication (January 23, 2006) from the Board of Health, entitled “2006 Community Partnership and Investment Program Budgets”;
- (h) communication (February 8, 2006) from the City Clerk, entitled “Cluster Development Strategy (All Wards)”.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

16.22 Corporate Communications

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Corporate Communications.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee amended the Corporate Communications’ Clean and Beautiful funding in the amount of \$125.0 thousand for the Clean and Beautiful Initiative being absorbed within the Communications Budgets for Solid Waste Management Services (\$41,667), Transportation Services (\$41,666) and Parks, Forestry and Recreation (\$41,666) by adding the words “and that these amounts be shown as recoveries to the Corporate Communications 2006 Operating Budget, resulting in a net reduction of \$125,000 in the Corporate Communications Budget, and no net change to Solid Waste Management Services, Transportation Services and Parks Forestry and Recreation, so that it now reads as follows:

“Corporate Communications’ Clean and Beautiful funding in the amount of \$125.0 thousand for the Clean and Beautiful initiative being absorbed within the Communications Budgets for Solid Waste Management Services (\$41,667), Transportation Services (\$41,666) and Parks, Forestry and Recreation (\$41,666); and that these amounts be shown as recoveries to the Corporate Communications 2006 Operating Budget, resulting in a net reduction of \$125,000 in the Corporate Communications Budget and no net change to Solid Waste Management Services, Transportation Services and Parks, Forestry and Recreation.”

16.23 Facilities and Real Estate

The Budget Advisory Committee reopened the 2006 Operating Budget for Facilities and Real Estate.

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On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee increased the revenues to reflect incremental impact of \$114,000 (\$150,000 for parking revenue less revenue recently received on those properties for other uses).

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. City Manager; Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - February 17, 2006)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Chair