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Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 2

Thursday, March 9, 2006

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Thursday, March 9, 2006, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9:35 a.m. – 12:21 p.m.
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Chair	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri, Vice-Chair	R
Councillor Brian Ashton	X
Councillor Mark Grimes	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	R
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on January 16, 2006, were confirmed.

2.1 Rouge Park Successes, Vision and Moving Forward

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (February 8, 2006) from Gord Weeden, Chair, Rouge Park Alliance, requesting to make a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, regarding Rouge Park.

Gord Weeden, Chair, and Lewis Yeager, Rouge Park Alliance, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee, and filed background information.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the presentation and the communication.

(Report 2, Clause 13(a))

2.2 Making the Link: Advancing Design as a Vehicle for Innovation and Economic Development (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 14, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, presenting the findings and recommendations of Economic Development's research paper on the importance of design in Toronto and the opportunity to leverage the local design sector to advance the economy, create jobs, respond to social and environmental issues and improve quality of life.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council endorse the recommendations presented in the research paper and summarized in this report;
- (2) staff be requested to forward the research paper to the relevant departments in the Federal and Provincial governments and request their endorsement and active participation in its implementation, particularly with regards to incorporating design into their respective innovation and commercialization strategies; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Don Rosen and Christine Raissis, Design Industry Advisory Committee;
- Tim Poupore, Chair, Design Industry Advisory Committee; and

- Arlene Gould, Executive Director, Design Industry Advisory Committee.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 14, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 2, Clause 1)

**2.3 Design Exchange (DX) – 2006 Grant Annual Review
(Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 14, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, providing an update on the current financial situation at the DX, highlights of 2005 accomplishments, an overview of major programs planned for this year, and seeking Council's authorization to transfer payment to the Design Exchange (DX) for its annual grant for 2006.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Design Exchange (DX) be recognized for its work in the promotion of design as a strategic tool for business innovation in the City of Toronto;
- (2) the Design Exchange's 2006 grant request of \$500,000.00 plus accrued interest be approved as per the terms of the City's grant agreement with the Design Exchange;
- (3) staff be requested to work with the DX during 2006 to address the issue of sustainability, refine their mandate and activities with input from funders and key industry stakeholders, and resolve outstanding heritage preservation issues with the developer; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Samantha Sannella, President and CEO, and Frank Delfino, Volunteer Chair, Design Exchange, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 14, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager; and

(Motion by Councillor Ashton)

Councillor Lindsay Luby appointed Councillor Mammoliti Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- (2) requested the Deputy City Manager, together with other members of City Council and staff she deems appropriate, to meet with their Provincial and Federal counterparts to discuss what can be done to bolster the design sector.

(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)

(Report 2, Clause 2)

Councillor Lindsay Luby resumed the Chair.

**2.4 Impact of Alberta's Tax Position on the Toronto Economy
Supplementary Report (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (January 31, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, commenting on improving Toronto's competitive position in view of Alberta's tax policy.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(b))

**2.5 Intention to Merge the Upper Village (Toronto) and the
Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)
(Ward 21 St. Paul's)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 3, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting on the proposed merger of the Upper Village (Toronto) and the Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Areas (BIAs).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment 1 (Map 1), be designated as the Upper Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), under section 204 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law to dissolve the Upper Village (York) BIA and to expand the boundaries of the Upper Village (Toronto) BIA to incorporate the area of the existing Upper Village (York) BIA, and that the combined area be known as the Upper Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (3) the assets and liabilities of the Upper Village (York) BIA be transferred to the new Upper Village BIA upon its designation;
- (4) the Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare a survey of the area delineated by Attachment 1, and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (5) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the poll results of the intention to pass a by-law dissolving the Upper Village (York) BIA and designating the expanded area, referred to in Recommendation (2), and upon receipt of the survey prepared by the Director of Technical Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as an expanded Business Improvement Area (BIA) as described by Attachment 1 (Map 1), and that the area be known as the Upper Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) in accordance with Sections 204 and 209 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (6) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 3, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 2, Clause 3)

**2.6 Name Change for the Weston Business Improvement Area
(Ward 11 York South-Weston)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, providing authorization for the Weston Business Improvement Area (BIA) to change its name to the Weston Village Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Weston Business Improvement Area, as defined by the boundaries described in Attachment 1, be renamed the Weston Village Business Improvement Area; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including an appropriate amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code and the introduction of the necessary bills.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 2, Clause 4)

**2.7 2005 Business Investment Activity Summary Report
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 10, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, summarizing Economic Development's Investment, Attraction and Retention activities for the year 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(c))

**2.8 Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2003 to 2006
Boards of Management Additions and Deletions (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking approval to appoint new members and replace 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 replace existing members of Boards of Management for nine Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) 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;
- (3) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Clerk.

(Report 2, Clause 5)

**2.9 Designation of Community Improvement Project Areas to
Implement the BIA Commercial Façade Improvement Program**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (February 9, 2006) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2006, adopted, as amended, Clause 1 of Report 1 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, entitled "Designation of Community Improvement Project Areas to Implement the BIA Commercial Façade Improvement Program" and forwarded

a copy to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for information and also requested the Acting Executive Director, Economic Development, to report to the September 12, 2006, meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on:

- (a) the results of the Commercial Façade Improvement Program for BIAs; and
- (b) whether a revision should be made, effective 2007, to the eligibility guidelines of qualifying BIAs to permit them to participate in the Commercial Façade Improvement Program after being in existence for three years, rather than five years.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(d))

2.10 Citizen Appointment to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, recommending to Council the appointment of a citizen member to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee nominate the selected individual listed in Attachment 1 to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board for a term expiring on November 30, 2006, or until a successor is appointed; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 2, Clause 7)

**2.11 Appointment of a Citizen Member to the
Historic Houses Community Museum Board
(Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park and Ward 22 St. Paul's)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager, recommending to Council the appointment of one citizen member to the Historic Houses Community Museum Board.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee nominate the selected individual listed in Attachment 1 to the Historic Houses Community Museum Board for a term expiring on November 30, 2006, or until a successor is appointed; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the report (February 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 2, Clause 8)

**2.12 Request for Proposal (RFP) 0613-05-0299
Development and Operation of Food and Beverage Facilities at
Five Golf Courses and Three Locations in the Parklands (Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 9, 2006) from the Treasurer and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, advising on the results of Request for Proposal (RFP) 0613-05-0299 for the development and operation of food and beverage facilities at five golf courses and three locations in the parklands within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Proposal submitted by the Grenadier Group (505707 Ontario Ltd.) be accepted for the period from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2011, with guaranteed rent to the

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City at Don Valley Golf Course, Dentonia Park Golf Course, Humber Valley Golf Course, Scarlett Woods Golf Course, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course and Sunnybrook Park concession facility for the five-year term of \$1,500,000.00;

- (2) the Proposal submitted by International Foods and Snacks Corporation be accepted for the period from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2011, with a total minimum guaranteed rent to the City for G. Ross Lord Park and Ken Morrish Softball Complex for the five-year term of \$24,000.00 or 25 percent of gross sales, whichever is greater;
- (3) authority be delegated to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and execute License Agreements with both Grenadier Group (505707 Ontario Ltd.) and International Foods and Snacks Corporation in a form and content, consistent with the RFP and acceptable to the City Solicitor for the period from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2011, and be delegated to exercise the five-year option License Agreement with the Grenadier Group (505707 Ontario Ltd.) and International Foods and Snacks Corporation under the same terms and conditions, provided that the operation of the food and beverage concession facilities were performed at a level satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry, and Recreation; and in the form and content, consistent with the RFP and acceptable to the City Solicitor for the period from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2016; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto

Sam Caragiamakos, The Grenadier Group, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 9, 2006) from the Treasurer and General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and

(Motion by Councillor Grimes)

- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Committee as soon as possible on a business plan and how the City can capitalize on opportunities for tournaments and events, and include any capital investment required to secure the business plan.

(Motion by Councillor Ashton)

(Report 2, Clause 9)

**2.13 Request for Proposal (RFP) 9155-05-7312
Operator of Sports Injuries Clinic, Toronto Track and Field Centre
York University (Ward 8 York West)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the Treasurer and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, advising on Request for Proposal (RFP) 9155-05-7312 for an operator of the Sports Injuries Clinic, Toronto Track and Field Centre, York University.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the proposal submitted by Yonge-Eglinton Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Centre Inc. carrying on business as “Athletes Care Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine” be accepted;
- (2) authority be granted to enter into a License Agreement with Yonge-Eglinton Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Centre Inc. carrying on business as “Athletes Care Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine” for the operation of the Sports Injuries Clinic, Toronto Track and Field Centre, York University and for no other purpose whatsoever, for a term of five years, with the recommended proponent having the right to renew the License Agreement for an additional five years, on the same terms and conditions, save and except a further right of renewal and the renewal license fee, which shall be negotiated at the time of renewal, consistent with the RFP, the recommended proponent’s proposal and in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor; and
- (3) 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.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 20, 2006) from the Treasurer and General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 2, Clause 10)

**2.14 Sole Source Purchase Orders for Environmental Improvements
with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
(Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking permission from City Council to enter into sole source purchase orders with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for environmental projects.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be given permission to enter into sole source purchase orders totalling \$176,000.00 including all taxes and charges, for 2006 with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in order to expedite and complete various approved environmental capital projects; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 2, Clause 11)

2.15 Request by The Task Force to Bring Back the Don to Undertake an Ecological and Hydrological Assessment of Chester Springs Marsh (Ward 30 Toronto-Danforth)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, responding to the request by the Task Force to Bring Back the Don to raise funds for and undertake an extensive ecological and hydrological assessment of Chester Springs Marsh.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation seek external funding to help support a Capital Budget request for 2007, and include the request for funding of an ecological and hydrological study of Chester Springs Marsh in the 2007 Capital Budget request; and
- (2) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation consult with the Task Force to Bring Back the Don in the development of detailed terms of reference for the required study, and that such study be designed to offer insight and management strategy options for similarly impacted wetlands.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 2, Clause 12)

2.16 Redevelopment/Operation of 40 and 50 Wabash Avenue/Sorauren Park (Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing information regarding the outcome of Request for Proposal 9155-05-7164 Design Concepts for Redevelopment/Operation of 40 and 50 Wabash Avenue/Sorauren Park.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(e))

**2.17 Operation of the Proposed Yorkdale Community Centre
Located Within the Yorkdale Centre
(Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation reporting to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the motion concerning the funding for the operation of the Yorkdale Community Centre.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(f))

**2.18 Status Report – Nut Products in Parks, Forestry and Recreation Facilities
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, advising the Economic Development and Parks Committee as to the status of the report requested at its meeting on January 16, 2006, on the feasibility of initiating a policy whereby the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities (which include snacks and hot drink vending) be nut-free.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(g))

2.19 Lowering of Minimum Hiring Age to 14 Years Old for Local 79 Part-time Recreation Workers

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following:

- (i) report (February 24, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on Parks, Forestry and Recreation's implementation of lowering the hiring age to 14 years old for CUPE Local 79 part-time Recreation Workers.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (ii) communication (March 9, 2006) from Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79.

David Kidd, Membership Secretary, CUPE Local 79, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) received the report for information; and
- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report further to the Committee on:
 - (a) the issues raised in the communication (March 9, 2006) from Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79; and
 - (b) the current status of wage harmony for part-time recreation workers.

(Report 2, Clause 13(h))

2.20 Annual Report of Outstanding Staff Reports Requests

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 20, 2006) from the City Clerk, providing the Economic Development and Parks Committee with an annual update of outstanding items as required by Section 123 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council Procedures.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

(Report 2, Clause 13(i))

**2.21 2006 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets:
Report 3 (Ward 12 York South-Weston)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (February 27, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, forwarding the Eglinton Hill Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budget 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 request of the Eglinton Hill Business Improvement Area totalling \$47,928.00 and a 2006 BIA levy requirement of \$43,267.00;
- (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.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (February 27, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Report 2, Clause 6)

**2.22 Colonel Samuel Smith Park, Proposed Skateboard Facility Location
(Ward 6 Etobicoke Lakeshore)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a the following:

- (i) report (March 6, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an overview of the site selection process for a proposed skateboard facility in South Etobicoke and commenting on a Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) motion respecting the Lakeshore Grounds as a skateboard facility site.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

- (ii) (January 11, 2006) from Brian Bailey, President, Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW);
- (iii) (February 8, 2006) from Brian Bailey, President, Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW);
- (iv) (March 8, 2006) from Don McClement; and
- (v) (March 8, 2006) from Brian Bailey, President, Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront (CCFEW).

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Stuart Cornie obo Brian Bailey, President, Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront;
- Margaret Catto, Conservation Councillor, Toronto Ornithological Club;
- Ruth Grier, Citizens Concerned About the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront;
- Greg Rodriguez;
- Doug Westover;
- Ryan Geluch;
- Albert Veira;
- Chelsea Takalo;
- Laura Longhurst; and
- Dorothy-Anna Orser.

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On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report and communications for information.

The above motion was carried unanimously.

(Report 2, Clause 13(j))

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Chair