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ROUNDTABLE ON A BEAUTIFUL CITY MINUTES MEETING 1

Date of Meeting:Monday, January 16, 2006Enquiry:Maria KolominskyTime:6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.Committee SecretaryLocation:Committee Room 2416-392-11472nd Floor, City Hallmkolomin@toronto.ca100 Queen Street WestToronto M5H 2N2

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There were no declarations of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Confirmation of Minutes - November 1, 2005 - Confirmed

1.1 Environmentally Friendly Cigarette Waste Disposal

Communication (December 20, 2005) from Case Ootes, Councillor, Ward 29, forwarding a communication from Mr. Frank Benac, Johnsons Environmental Products Inc., regarding environmentally friendly cigarette waste disposal stations.

The Roundtable received this communication for information and referred same to the City Policies, Processes and Standards Sub-Committee for review.

1.2 Renewal of Mandate of the Clean Streets Working Group

Communication (December 12, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding Works Committee Report 11, Clause 5, titled "Renewal of Mandate of the Clean Streets Working Group" which was considered by City Council on December 5, 6 and 7, 2005, directing that a Member of Council who sits on the Roundtable on a Beautiful City be appointed to the Clean Streets Working Group.

The Roundtable appointed Councillor Jane Pitfield as its representative on the Clean Streets Working Group.

1.3 Annual Review

The document can be found on line at www.toronto.ca/cleanandbeautiful/report.htm

The Roundtable received this report for information.

1.4 Test Results of New Recycling/Litter Bins

Report (January 3, 2006) from the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, addressed to the Works Committee, on the results of the test of the proposed new Eucan recycling/litter bins.

1.4(a) Action taken by the Works Committee on this matter at its meeting held on January 11, 2006, as contained in Works Committee Report No. 1, Other Items Clause 15(e), as follows:

The Works Committee:

(i) referred back the report of the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to allow for the gathering of additional quantitative data on the recycling performance of the test bins, and to allow for consideration of the results of the Eucan test simultaneously with the report expected on a Harmonized Street Furniture approach, scheduled to be submitted to the May 3, 2006, meeting of the Works Committee; and further that the report be forwarded to the City Manager's Office for input prior to submission to the Works Committee and also with respect to Council's direction of July 20, 21 and 22, 2004; and

(ii) requested the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, when reporting back to the May 3, 2006 meeting of the Works Committee, to amend the staff recommendations contained in his January 3, 2006, report to provide for the revised dates for the proposed Community Council consultation and date for report back to the Works Committee on the outcome of such consultation.

Mr. Geoff Rathbone, Solid Waste Management Services, addressed the Roundtable on this matter.

The Roundtable referred this matter together with the following motion to the City Policies, Processes and Standards Sub-Committee for review and comment and report back to the Roundtable at its next meeting on April 3, 2006:

"The Roundtable on a Beautiful City supports the Works Committee's motion to defer the decision on the EUCAN report until its next meeting on May 3, 2006, at which time the Megabin Pilot Project will be considered simultaneously with the forthcoming report on a Harmonized Street Furniture approach."

1.5 Removal of Trial Info Pillars

Communication (January 11, 2006) from Rina Greer, Public Art Consultant, regarding the removal of the Info Pillar in the Bloor/Spadina Parkette.

The Roundtable referred the communication together with the following recommendation to the City Policies, Processes and Standards Sub-Committee for review and report back to the Roundtable at its next meeting on April 3, 2006:

"The Roundtable on a Beautiful City requests the City to undertake any further pilot projects or make any final decisions on street furniture-related projects (i.e. info pillars) until the public has considered the supports the Works Committee's motion to defer the decision on the EUCAN report until its next meeting on May 3, 2006, at which time the Megabin Pilot Project will be considered simultaneously with the forthcoming report on a Harmonized Street Furniture approach."

1.6 Canada Blooms

Arthur Beauregard of City Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The Roundtable received the presentation by Arther Beauregard and requested him to explore additional opportunities for community involvement.

1.7 fAd Update (Festival of Architecture and Design)

Elyse Parker to provide an update provided an update on the continuation of the 2006 Festival of Architecture and Design to be proclaimed during the month of May. This year it will be part of Live with Culture. The Clean & Beautiful City Secretariat will be coordinating the event including a calendar of events and a website.

The Roundtable received the verbal report for information.

NEW BUSINESS

1.8 Undergrounding of Hydro Lines on St. Clair Avenue West (Councillor Mihevc)

1.8(a) Communication (January 16, 2006) from Councillor Jane Pitfield regarding policy and budgetary implications that are outside the jurisdiction of the Roundtable.

The Roundtable referred the following motions to the City Policies, Process and Standards Sub-Committee for review and further analysis and report back to the Roundtable at its meeting on April 3, 2006::

- 1. requested, the Chief Planner, in consultation with the General Manager of Transportation Services and the General Manager of Toronto Hydro, to report on:
 - (a) how hydro line undergrounding can be achieved when infrastructure improvements are being undertaken;
 - (b) practices and examples in the City and in other local municipalities of undergrounding; and
 - (c) the costs and benefits of undergrounding, as well as streetscaping issues such as tree planting, pedestrianways, and stormwater retention.
- 2. that the Roundtable request City Council, through the Works Committee, to encourage the TTC and Toronto Hydro to give strong consideration to:
 - (d) the replacement of current streetlighting with new upgraded streetlighting and poles; and
 - (e) giving priority to undergrounding hydro wires on streets undergoing major infrastructure changes; and
 - (f) establishing a landscape budget based on a percentage of the construction budget for all TTC projects and that this become an integral component of all planned projects from building to building edge.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

Chair.