
Budget Committee

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Budget Committee		
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Schedule of Timed Items Here (if applicable)

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – January 8, 10 and 12; January 26; February 8; and February 9, 2007

Communications/Reports

BU7.1	ACTION			Wards: All
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Capital Financing and Debenture Authorities

(February 1, 2007) report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommended that:

1. authority be granted for the Mayor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to enter into an agreement or agreements with a purchaser or purchasers for the sale and issuance of debentures, to provide an amount in 2007 not to exceed \$500 million;
2. the 2007 sinking fund levies of \$167,683,949.02 for the City of Toronto and \$2,293,802.99 for the Toronto District School Board be approved;
3. the 15 percent debt charges as a per cent of tax levy guideline approved by Council in 2006 be reaffirmed for 2007 and the recommended debt issuance and resultant debt charges to finance the 2007 Capital Budget adhere to this capital management guideline;
4. City Programs and Agencies, Boards and Commissions' capital financing requirements be included in the Five Year Capital Budget and submitted through the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer (DCM/CFO) for consideration of Council;
5. authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to the foregoing; and
6. the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

If the entire borrowing authority is utilized during 2007, the maximum financial impact is \$12.5 million in debt charges that would be reflected in the 2007 Operating Budget in the Non-Program Budget – Capital and Corporate Financing Account, assuming an interest rate of 5.00 percent per annum. For 2008, the estimated annualized debt charges resulting from the 2007 issuance of \$500 million is \$60 million.

There are no additional financial impacts contained in this report.

Summary

This report requests Council's approval for the sale and issuance of debentures in 2007 to finance tax-supported capital expenditures, the reaffirming of the guideline for the ratio of debt service charges to property taxes and ensuring that the City's capital financing and borrowing authority, including City Program, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, is delegated to the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer. These measures are necessary to support the City's efforts to further enhance its fiscal sustainability and credit worthiness.

Background Information

Staff Report Capital Financing

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1643.pdf>)

BU7.2	Information			Wards: 20
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Update on the State of Good Repair Capital Investment Program for Harbourfront Centre

(December 15, 2006) report from General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

Providing information on the state-of-good repair audits conducted on the City-owned Harbourfront Centre. Audits were conducted as part of a state-of-good repair capital investment program for the Harbourfront Centre.

Background Information

Staff Report - Update on the State of Good Repair

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1644.pdf>)

2a New Operating Grant Agreement and State of Good Repair Capital Investment Program for Harbourfront Centre (Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)

(October 2, 2006) letter from City Clerk

Summary

For consideration during the 2007 Operating and Capital budget processes.

Background Information

Attachment - State of Good Repair

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1645.pdf>)

BU7.3	ACTION			
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2007-2011 TTC Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast

(February 2, 2007) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Recommendations

The Toronto Transit Commission recommends approval of the 2007 Capital Program in the amount of \$757.0 million and \$4.114.4 billion for the 2007-2011 Capital Program (as amended by the Commission) and approval of the 10-year forecast.

Summary

Forwarded to the Budget Committee for information and appropriate attention.

Background Information

2007-2011 TTC Capital

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1646.pdf>)

3a TTC 2007-2011 Capital Program - Presentation

(February 16, 2007) letter from Toronto Transit Commission

Summary

TTC Presentation to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 16, 2007.

Background Information

TTC Presentation

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1700.pdf>)

BU7.4	ACTION			
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Customer Information Systems

(February 6, 2007) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Recommendations

The Toronto Transit Commission recommended that, in order to allow for the immediate development and implementation of Core Geographic Information Systems, the 2007-2011 Capital Program be amended to authorize this new project in the amount of \$500,000 in 2007.

Summary

Forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration in concert with the proposed 2007-2011 TTC Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast.

Background Information

Customer Information System

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1647.pdf>)

BU7.5	ACTION			
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Victoria Park Bus Terminal Replacement - Approval of Conceptual Design

(December 19, 2006) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Recommendations

The Toronto Transit Commission recommended that this report be considered with the Toronto Transit Commission proposed 2007-2011 Capital Program.

Summary

The Toronto Transit Commission on December 13, 2006 considered the report entitled, "Victoria Park Bus Terminal Replacement - Approval of Conceptual Design".

Background Information

Victoria Park Bus Terminal

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1648.pdf>)

BU7.6	ACTION			
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Birchmount Garage

Confidential - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

(December 20, 2006) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Summary

For consideration with the 2007-2011 Capital Budget Program.

BU7.7	ACTION			
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Warden Station - Approval of Conceptual Design and Property Implications

Confidential - A proposed or pending acquisition or sale of land for municipal or local board purposes

(September 21, 2006) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Summary

For consideration during the 2007-2011 budget process and requesting confirmation of funding and project commitment approvals to allow the project to proceed.

BU7.8	ACTION			
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Warden Station - Budget Amendment and Approval to Proceed

Confidential - A proposed or pending acquisition or sale of land for municipal or local board purposes

(December 20, 2006) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Summary

For consideration in concert with the TTC proposed 2007-2011 Capital Program.

BU7.9	ACTION			
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Warden Station - Declaration of Surplus Property

(September 21, 2006) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Recommendations

It is recommended that, subject to the conditions listed in the report, the City of Toronto confirm funding for Phase 1 of the Warden redevelopment strategy and that the proceeds from the sale of the Lands, or part thereof (“the Property”), shall accrue to the TTC in accordance with the City of Toronto (“the City”) Proceeds Policy and such proceeds shall be used to offset the capital cost of providing a replacement commuter parking lot in accordance with the Warden Woods Redevelopment Strategy approved by City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006.

Summary

The Commission has previously approved the Warden Redevelopment Strategy. City Council approved components of Phase I of the Warden Woods redevelopment strategy. Declaring the Lands surplus at this time, subject to the conditions in the report, is in keeping with the approved strategy and allows construction of a replacement commuter parking lot in the hydro corridor lands east of Warden Station and redevelopment of Warden North to proceed in the absence of funding from the TTC capital budget while protecting TTC ridership and revenues.

Background Information

Warden Station-Declaration of Surplus Property
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1649.pdf>

BU7.10	ACTION			
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Parks, Forestry and Recreation Safety and Security Plan - Operating and Capital Funding Requirements (All Wards)

Confidential - The security of the property of the municipality or local board

(September 12, 2006) letter from Economic Development and Parks Committee

Summary

Forwarding this matter to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2007 budget process.

BU7.11	ACTION			
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Process to Address Tree Preservation Requirements Related to

Development and Construction Applications

(October 2, 2006) letter from City Clerk

Recommendations

City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, adopted, without amendment, Clause 19 of Report 6 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, and in so doing, Council has recommended that to properly address tree preservation requirements related to development and construction applications, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division's Urban Forestry base operating budget increase of \$1.06 million and \$0.19 million (annualized) in 2007 and 2008 respectively, together with an additional capital expenditure of \$0.11 million, be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2007 budget approval process.

Summary

Reporting on existing and developing processes related to tree protection and development and construction applications.

Background Information

Tree Preservation

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1665.pdf>)

BU7.12	ACTION			Wards: 22
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St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project - Impact on State of Good Repair Capital Projects (Ward 11 York South-Weston; Ward 17 Davenport; Ward 21 St. Paul's and Ward 22 St. Paul's)

(September 11, 2006) letter from Works Committee

Recommendations

The Works Committee:

- (a) referred the report (August 24, 2006) from the General Manager, Transportation Services to the Budget Advisory Committee so that decisions regarding funding for the 2007 to 2010 portion of the St. Clair Avenue West undergrounding can be considered as part of the Budget Advisory Committee's 2007 Capital Budget deliberations; and
- (b) requested the General Manager, Transportation Services to meet with appropriate staff from Toronto Hydro, Enbridge Gas and the TTC to finalize funding issues and limit the impact on the City's Transportation Capital Budget.

Summary

Responding to various requests by Council on July 25, 26 and 26, 2006, to report on the capital projects that could be impacted to accommodate incremental aesthetic improvements (decorative lighting, hydro undergrounding and full sidewalk reconstruction) on St. Clair Avenue West between Yonge Street and Gunns Road, in conjunction with the TTC Transit Improvement Project.

Background Information

St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1651.pdf>)

BU7.13	ACTION			
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Toronto Public Health 2007 - 2011 Capital Budget and Plan Submission

(September 15, 2006) letter from Budget Advisory Committee

Recommendations

The Board of Health recommended that the Budget Committee:

- (1) consider the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health as part of the 2007-2011 Capital Budget Process; and
- (2) adopt the following Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 30, 2006) from the Medical Officer of Health:
 - “(1) the 2007 – 2011 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan request with a total 5-year project cost of \$17,445.7 thousand as detailed in Appendix 1, “Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget and Plan” be endorsed;
 - (2) the 2007 Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health with a total project cost of \$8,260.3 thousand and a 2007 cashflow of \$3,463.0 thousand and future year commitments of \$4,797.3 thousand be approved. The 2007 Capital Budget submission consists of the following:
 - (a) new cashflow funding for four new Information and Technology sub projects with a total project cost of \$8,260.3 thousand, that requires 2007 cashflow of \$3,463.0 thousand and a future year commitment of \$2,797.2 thousand in 2008, \$1,436.6 thousand in 2009, and \$563.5 thousand in 2010;
 - (3) the 2008 – 2011 Toronto Public Health Capital Plan of \$9,185.4 thousand with

future year estimates of \$692.7 thousand for 2008, \$2,062.4 thousand for 2009, \$2,935.0 thousand for 2010, and \$3,495.3 thousand for 2011, as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved;

- (4) the net Operating impacts of \$66.6 thousand for 2008, \$0.7 thousand for 2009, \$188.6 thousand for 2010, and \$148.0 thousand for 2011 emanating from the approval of the 2007 Capital Budget, as detailed in Appendix 2, “Toronto Public Health 2007 – 2011 Operating Impact of Capital” be included in future years Toronto Public Health operating budget submissions; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

Summary

For consideration as part of the 2007 Capital Budget process.

Background Information

Toronto Public Health 2007-2011

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1652.pdf>)

BU7.14	ACTION			Wards: 1
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Environmental Assessment (EA) Study - Focusing on Rapid Transit

(January 24, 2007) letter from Councillor Suzan Hall

Recommendations

Recommending that \$500,000 (\$250,000 for 2007 and \$250,000 for 2008) for an Environmental Study (EA) focusing on rapid transit, preferably light rapid rail, in the north-west corner of the City of Toronto (north Etobicoke) be included in the 2007/2008 Capital Budget for Planning, to be funded from Development Charges.

Summary

Request for funding from the 2007-2008 Capital Budget.

Background Information

Environmental Assessment Study

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1653.pdf>)

BU7.15	ACTION			
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Capital Budget Adjustment - Transfer of Funds from Various Reserve Accounts to Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Account for 40-50 Wabash Field House Project

(February 9, 2007) Member Motion from Councillor Gord Perks

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. the 2007 PFR Capital Budget for 40 Wabash Parkdale (Community Centres No. 71) be increased by \$130,000.00 from \$380,000.00 to a total of \$510,000.00, to be funded from deferred revenues and the Wabash Reserve Fund; and
2. the transfer of a total of \$130,000 in reserve funds (\$100,000.00 from the UDS Deferred Reserve Account and up to \$30,000 from Reserve Account XR4221, as dictated by the available funds in this account at the time of transfer) to the 40 Wabash Parkdale Capital project (Community Centres No. 71).

Summary

40 Wabash Parkdale is an approved carry forward capital project (Community Centres 71) that is included in the FY 2007 capital budget submission.

Background Information

Capital Budget Adjustment

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1654.pdf>)

BU7.16	ACTION			Wards: 19
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War of 1812 Bicentennial

(October 2, 2006) letter from City Clerk

Summary

That the financial implications be reviewed as part of the capital and operating budget processes for 2007 and beyond.

Background Information

War of 1812

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1655.pdf>)

BU7.17	ACTION			
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Use of Livent Claims Request

(December 5, 2006) letter from City Clerk

Recommendations

The Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors recommended to the Budget Committee that 1.5 million dollars from the Livent Claim Receipts be allocated to the Capital Reserve fund, and the balance of the funds from the Livent Claim Receipts be allocated to costs associated with transitioning to third party management of the facility, with a view to reducing the City's financial contribution

Summary

Respecting the use of Livent Claim Receipts.

Background Information

Use of Livent

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1658.pdf>)

BU7.18	ACTION			Wards: 23
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Goulding Community Centre - Renovation

(February 14, 2007) memo from Councillor John Filion, Ward 23 Willowdale

Recommendations

Summary

Requesting that the Budget Committee move the renovation of the arena at the Goulding Community Centre forward to 2008, conditional upon the Goulding Hockey Association contributing \$375,000.00 towards the costs.

Background Information

Goulding Community Centre

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-1711.pdf>)

BU7.19	ACTION			Wards: All
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2007 Capital Budget Recommendations - Budget Committee

Summary

Recommendations adopted by the Budget Committee on February 16, 2007.