

January 29, 2007

To: Budget Committee

From: Parks and Environment Committee

Subject: Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2007 Capital Budget Request

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee referred this matter to the Budget Committee for consideration in the 2007 budget, noting that the Committee supports the Toronto Bicycle Plan, and to the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Forestry, for consideration in 2008.

Background

The Parks and Environment Committee on January 23, 2007, considered a letter (September 15, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee forwarding the following communications:

1. (July 26, 2006) addressed to the Economic Development and Parks Committee from the Toronto Cycling Committee with funding requests affecting the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2007 Capital and Operating Budgets; and
2. (September 6, 2006) addressed to the Economic Development and Parks Committee from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, explaining and modifying the request from the Toronto Cycling Committee.

Speaker

Martin Koob

City Clerk

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(Communication dated July 26, 2007 addressed to the
Economic Development and Parks Committee from
The Toronto Cycling Committee)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Toronto Cycling Committee, in part:

- (3) (a) requested that the Economic Development and Parks Committee request the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation to include in the Parks Forestry and Recreation 2007 Capital Budget Request, the following amounts:
- (i) Trails and Pathways - State of Good Repair:

Add \$695,000.00 to the \$600,000.00 Trails and Paths - State of Good Repair budget specifically to upgrade the park paths that are part of the Bikeway Network.
(if a project is not ready for implementation it should be substituted by one of the subsequent projects from the Parks Trails and Paths Priority list);
 - (ii) Bikeway Network Expansion:

Increase the Bikeway Network Expansion budget to \$805,000.00;
 - (iii) Stand-alone Service Improvements:

Support the CP-PS Lead Railpath budget of \$1.1 million for 2007; and

- (iv) adopt the following 5 year capital plan for the Bikeway Network Expansion Budget and the Trails and Pathways State of Good Repair: Bikeway Network:

Year	Bikeway Network Expansion	Trails and Pathways SGR: Bikeway Network*	Total
2007	\$805,000	\$695,000	\$1,500,000
2008	\$795,000	\$755,000	\$1,550,000
2009	\$840,000	\$760,000	\$1,600,000
2010	\$515,000	\$1,085,000	\$1,600,000
2011	\$735,000	\$965,000	\$1,700,000

* in addition to the \$600,000 Trails and Pathways - State of Good Repair budget;

- (b) requested that the Economic Development and Parks Committee request the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation include in the Parks Forestry and Recreation 2007 Operating budget request, funds for a new position to address the general trail and pathway planning and the overall planning and coordination of the Toronto Bike Plan;
- (c) requested the Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee to forward a communication to the Economic Development and Parks Committee giving background information and explanations of any adjustments that occurred subsequent to the July 17, 2006 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding the position taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (d) authorized Martin Koob to make any necessary adjustments to the motion adopted at the July 17, 2006 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee and to forward them to the Chair of the Toronto Cycling Committee so that they may be included in his communication.

Background:

The Toronto Cycling Committee on July 17, 2006, considered the following:

- (i) report (June 14, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation entitled “Toronto Bikeway Network Projects, Bikeway Network Information System Sign Installation and Bikeway Network Trails” which was before the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its meeting on July 6, 2006 and was received for information; and
- (ii) Notice of Motion (J4) entitled “5 Year Toronto Bike Plan, from the City Council meeting held on January 31, 2006.

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- c. Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee
Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee