

July 4, 2006

**To:** Budget Advisory Committee

**From:** Policy and Finance Committee

**Subject:** 2006 Draft Clean Air Action Plan – Proposed Actions

The Policy and Finance Committee referred the following Recommendation (3) contained in the communication (June 9, 2006) from Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Chair, Roundtable on the Environment to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration as part of the 2007 Operating Budget.

“(3) recommend to Policy and Finance that the City make resources available to Toronto Public Health to add a staff person to their complement to work on air quality measures;”.

Background:

The Policy and Finance Committee on June 20 and 21, 2006, considered a communication (June 9, 2006) from Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Chair, Roundtable on the Environment, advising that he was requested by the Roundtable on the Environment to forward the following recommendations to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration:

Recommendations:

- (1) that Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin implement the following actions:
  - (a) immediate creation of a centralized office in Environmental Services to co-ordinate air quality and climate change issues including improved data collection and management to better understand local air quality and health impacts, and increase ability to monitor, evaluate and report on improvement measures;
  - (b) create a “Clean Air” web page as soon as possible where residents can learn how to improve air quality and the City can promote its air quality activities in a co-ordinated way;

- (c) develop an Integrated Transportation Plan working with City Divisions and City of Toronto Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs);
  - (d) identify and explore ways to reduce City staff vehicle use; and
  - (e) identify innovative funding mechanisms to fund future air quality initiatives; and
- (2) that the Executive Director of Policy, Planning, Finance and Administration be requested to report back to the September 6, 2006 meeting of the Roundtable on the Environment on:
- (a) a further update on the status of the 2006 Draft Clean Air Action Plan; and
  - (b) the creation of the centralized office in Environmental Services to coordinate air quality and climate change issues for the City of Toronto.
- (3) recommend to Policy and Finance that the City make resources available to Toronto Public Health to add a staff person to their complement to work on air quality measures;
- (4) request Policy and Finance to consider the possibility of conducting consultation and providing information on clean air and climate change issues in other languages in addition to English.

City Clerk

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