

Budget Committee

Meeting No.	7 (Special)	Contact	Merle MacDonald ,Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Friday, February 16, 2007	Phone	416-392-7340
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	mmacdona@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall		

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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

Committee Recommendations

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. the following recommendations in the report (February 1, 2007) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, headed "Capital Financing and Debenture Authorities" be approved:

- “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 action to give effect thereto.”

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>

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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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>

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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>

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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2007-2011 TTC Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast

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

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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>)

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Customer Information Systems

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

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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Victoria Park Bus Terminal Replacement - Approval of Conceptual Design

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

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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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

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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Warden Station - Declaration of Surplus Property

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

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>

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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Process to Address Tree Preservation Requirements Related to Development and Construction Applications

(October 2, 2006) letter from City Clerk

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				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

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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Toronto Public Health 2007 - 2011 Capital Budget and Plan Submission

(September 15, 2006) letter from Budget Advisory Committee

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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

(January 24, 2007) letter from Councillor Suzan Hall

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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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

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

BU7.16				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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

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Use of Livent Claims Request

(December 5, 2006) letter from City Clerk

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>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

See Decision Advice and Other Information at the end of the Decision Document.

BU7.18				Wards: 23
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Goulding Community Centre - Renovation

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

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				Wards: All
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2007 Capital Budget Recommendations - Budget Committee

Summary

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

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee:

- A. recommended to the Executive Committee that:
 1. the following recommendations in the report (February 1, 2007) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, headed "Capital Financing

and Debenture Authorities” be approved:

- “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 action to give effect thereto.”

Toronto Transit Commission:

2. the Toronto Transit Commission Capital Budget, as approved by the TTC, be approved, subject to the total 2007 Recommended Capital Budget remaining at \$717.304 million;
3. the TTC be requested to remove from the 2007 Recommended Capital Budget the \$5.8 Million for the subway security (Subway CCTV and System Security/Safety Upgrades) projects and \$14.4 million from the bus security camera (Surface Vehicle Safety Camera System) project until:
 - i. the Mayor and the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission have discussed a security strategy for the TTC;
 - ii. the TTC has developed an overall security policy; and
 - iii. Federal funding of not less than 75 percent of these projects is secured;
4. the 2007 Capital Budget and Five-Year Plan be amended to reflect the TTC’s \$20.8 million budget increases which were approved at the Commission’s meeting on January 31, 2007, and accordingly increase the unspecified reductions by \$20.8 million over the 2007-2011 Five-Year period;

5. the Confidential Recommendations regarding the Birchmount Garage, be approved;

Transportation Services:

6. the 2007 Recommended Capital Budget for Transportation Services include \$7.000 million for Hydro Enhancements with \$4.000 million for 2007 and \$3.000 million for 2008. Funding for this change in scope has been accommodated by \$0.700 million in re-allocation from Local Road Reconstruction Projects and \$6.300 million in unspecified reductions. It is recommended that the General Manager Transportation Services report with the June 30, 2007 capital variance report to identify projects to offset these enhancements;

Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

7. the 2007 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget for 40 Wabash Parkdale (Community Centres No. 71) be increased by \$130,000 from \$380,000 to a total of \$510,000, to be funded from deferred revenues and the Wabash Reserve Fund; and
8. the transfer of a total of \$130,000 in reserve funds (\$100,000 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);

- B. requested the following:

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)

1. the TTC to submit a Briefing Note to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007, explaining in detail the justification supporting the \$.500 million request for the Customer Information System project in 2007;

Toronto Police Service:

2. the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board to submit a Briefing Note to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007, on projects which could be reduced or deferred in the 2007-2011 Capital Plan, so that the recommended debt funding of \$32.700 million is not exceeded in each of the five years; and further, include how the Toronto Police Services Board would stay within the recommended annual debt funding of \$32.700 million in the event the Federal Department of National Defence funding for the New Training Facility does not materialize;

Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

3. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007 on the following:

“That \$215 thousand from the \$4.5 million allocated to Sub-project #171, Camp (SGR) Arena Indoors 2007 (sub-project East York Curling Rink concrete floor, cost \$350 thousand) be redirected to the following health and safety and state of good repair projects:

 - \$150 thousand for completion of the Cullen Bryant Park Stairs into Taylor Creek Park; and
 - \$65 thousand for retrofit and resurfacing of the Dentonia Park Splash Pad.”;
4. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007, on moving the renovation of the Arena at the Goulding Community Centre forward to 2008, conditional upon the Goulding Hockey Association contributing \$375,000 towards the cost;
5. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to provide a Briefing Note to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007, concerning the timing of the development of the Community Centre project on the former Canadian Tire property;
6. the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007 on the following request:

“That staff be given permission to enter into sole source purchase orders not to exceed \$5 Million not including taxes, for 2007 with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in order to expedite and complete various approved environmental capital projects”;
7. the Chairs of the Budget Committee, the Parks and Environment Committee, and the Community Development and Recreation Committee to form a task force to investigate ways of improving the capital project completion rate within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation programs, and that they work in conjunction with the City Manager’s Office and other appropriate staff;

Facilities and Real Estate

8. that approval of the \$6.2 Million for second floor renovations be held in abeyance, and that staff report to the Budget wrap-up meeting on February 23, 2007 on:
 - i. alternatives on more modest plans for second floor renovations; and
 - ii. use of second floor meeting rooms;

- C. requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to incorporate into the 2007 Recommended Capital Budget any additional carry forward funding for 2006 projects that have not been completed;
- D. the recommendations included in the Program Analysts' Notes be adopted as amended by the foregoing;
- E. received the following reports/communications:
1. (December 15, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation (BU7.2);
 2. (October 2, 2006) from the City Clerk (BU7.2a);
 3. (February 2, 2007) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, The 2007-2011 TTC Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast (BU7.3);
 4. (February 6, 2007) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Customer Information Systems, \$.500 million in 2007 funding is included in the 2007 Recommended Capital Budget (BU7.4);
 5. (December 19, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Victoria Park Bus Terminal Replacement – Approval of Conceptual Design, \$34.4 million in funding is included in the Recommended 2007-2011 5-Year Capital Plan (BU7.5);
 6. confidential communication (December 20, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Birchmount Garage (BU7.6);
 7. confidential communication (September 21, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Warden Station – Approval of Conceptual Design and Property Implications, fund are in budget (BU7.7);
 8. confidential communication (December 20, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Warden Station – Budget Amendment and Approval to Proceed, \$18.5 million in funding is included in the Recommended 2007-2011 5-Year Plan (BU7.8);
 9. (September 21, 2006) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Warden Station – Declaration of Surplus Property (BU7.9);
 10. confidential communication (September 12, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee (BU7.10);
 11. (September 11, 2006) from the Works Committee (BU7.12);
 12. (September 15, 2006) from the Budget Advisory Committee (BU7.13);
 13. (January 24, 2007) from Councillor Suzan Hall, Ward 1 Etobicoke North, Environmental Assessment (EA) Study – Focusing on Rapid Transit, funds in the amount of \$.500 million funded by development charges are included in the Recommended 2007-2011 5-Year Capital Plan (BU7.14);
 14. (October 2, 2006) from the City Clerk (BU7.16); and
 15. (February 14, 2007) from Councillor John Filion, Ward 23 Willowdale (BU7.18);
- F. referred the following to the 2007 Operating Budget Process:
1. the communication (December 5, 2006) from the Toronto Centre for the Arts

Board of Directors, Use of Livent Claims Request (BU7.17);

2. the requested operating budget increases of \$1.06 million in 2007, with an annualization of \$0.19 million for 2008 contained in the communication (October 2, 2006) from the City Clerk, Process to Address Tree Preservation Requirements Related to Development and Construction Applications (BU7.11);

G. received the following request contained in the communication (October 2, 2006) from the City Clerk:

“the one-time capital request of \$0.11 million to address Tree Preservation Requirements Related to Development and Construction Applications be approved;”;

H. received the following Briefing Notes:

Corporate Issues

- a. 2005 Storm Damage Costs (Feb 15 – 1)
- b. Comparison of Total Capital Transit Budget to other Cities’ Total Capital Budget (Feb 15 – 17)

Citizen Centred Services “A”

Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

- c. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget (Feb 16 - 30)
- d. Status of Lambton Kingsway Outdoor Ice Pad (Feb 15 – 19)
- e. Status of Queensway Fieldhouse and Rink Capital Projects (Feb 15 – 20)

Citizen Centred Services “B”

City Planning:

- f. 2007 Civic Improvement Capital Projects (Feb 15 – 21)

Transportation Services:

- g. Transportation Capital Works Program – Roadwork Needs (Feb 15 – 25)

Agencies, Boards and Commissions

Toronto Police Service:

- h. Chronology of Toronto Police Service’s New Training Facility (Feb 15 – 27)

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-02-16	Morning	9:30 AM	11:35 AM	Public
2007-02-16	Morning	11:40 AM	11:45 AM	Closed
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