

Budget Committee

Meeting No.	12	Contact	Merle MacDonald, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Friday, May 25, 2007	Phone	416-392-7340
Start Time	1:30 PM	E-mail	mmacdona@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall		

Attendance

Members of the Budget Committee were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section headed "Meeting Sessions", which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor Shelley Carroll, Chair	X
Councillor Paul Ainslie, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X
Councillor A.A. Heaps	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc	R
Councillor Gord Perks	R
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Ainslie, the Minutes of the meeting of the Budget Committee held on February 16, February 23, March 26, April 4 and April 12, 2007, were confirmed.

BU12.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Toronto Water Capital Budget: 2006 Carry-Forward Funding and 2007 Cashflow Reallocations

(April 20, 2007) report from General Manager, Toronto Water

Recommendations

The General Manager, Toronto Water recommends that:

1. the \$63.625 million in unspent cash-flow from Toronto Water's approved 2006 Capital Budget and related financing, as detailed in Appendix 1, be carried forward and included in Toronto Water's approved 2007 Capital Budget. As the total carry-forward amount remains unchanged, the adjustments have no net impact on Toronto Water's approved 2007 Capital Budget cashflow of \$410.001 million;
2. the technical adjustments and budget reallocations detailed in Appendix 2 of this report, which have no impact on the Toronto Water's total approved 2007 Capital Budget cashflow, be approved;
3. this report be forwarded to Executive Committee for consideration; and
4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial impacts in 2007 to the Capital Budget of \$410.001 million, comprised of \$63.625 million of unspent 2006 carry-forwards and \$346.376 million of approved new 2007 cashflow.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend carry-forward funding to continue 2006 approved projects and to advise Council of budget reallocations recommended to realign the Council Approved Budget with Toronto Water's 2007 work program.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council:

1. approve the \$63.625 million in unspent cash-flow from Toronto Water's approved 2006 Capital Budget and related financing, as detailed in Appendix 1, being carried forward and included in Toronto Water's approved 2007 Capital Budget. As the total carry-forward amount remains unchanged, the adjustments have no net impact on Toronto Water's approved 2007 Capital Budget cashflow of \$410.001 million;
2. approve the technical adjustments and budget reallocations detailed in Appendix 2 of this report, which have no impact on the Toronto Water's total approved 2007 Capital Budget cashflow;
3. authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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Links to Background Information

Toronto Water Capital Budget

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3356.pdf>

BU12.2	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 22
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Fire Alarm Upgrades Ordered at Holly Street Garage

(April 20, 2007) report from President, Toronto Parking Authority

Recommendations

The President, Toronto Parking Authority, recommends that:

1. the upgrades to the fire alarm system at parking garage 29 (located at 75 Holly Street) as ordered by the City of Toronto Fire Inspection Department be approved at a cost of \$225,000, net of GST;
2. a new project TPA907186 (CPK113 - Fire Alarm System Upgrades – Garage 29) be created in the 2007 Toronto Parking Authority Capital Budget; and
3. funding of \$300,000 be transferred from existing project number TPA906847 (CPK085 – Surface Carpark at Yonge North of Finch) to project number TPA907186 (CPK113 - Fire Alarm System Upgrades – Garage 29), with a \$0 impact on the 2007 Toronto Parking Authority Capital Budget.

Financial Impact

Funding was not included in the 2007 Toronto Parking Authority Capital Budget for fire alarm system upgrades at parking garage 29 (located at 75 Holly Street). The work was originally scheduled for 2008; however the City of Toronto Fire Inspection Department has required that the work be undertaken immediately. The costs of the upgrades are estimated at \$225,000, net of GST. This funding does not include the \$75,000 contingency. Funds will be transferred within the 2007 Capital Budget with a \$0 net impact. There are no operating costs associated with the upgrades. The cost of the work is to be funded from TPA retained earnings. The cost of the project is funded from TPA retained earnings.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

As a result of a work order issued by the City of Toronto Fire Inspection Department certain fire alarm system upgrades must be carried out at Toronto Parking Authority's parking garage

#29 (located at 75 Holly Street). The work was originally scheduled for 2008 until a work order was issued requiring immediate attention.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council:

1. approve the upgrades to the fire alarm system at parking garage 29 (located at 75 Holly Street) as ordered by the City of Toronto Fire Inspection Department at a cost of \$225,000, net of GST;
2. create a new project TPA907186 (CPK113 - Fire Alarm System Upgrades – Garage 29) in the 2007 Toronto Parking Authority Capital Budget; and
3. transfer funding of \$300,000 from existing project number TPA906847 (CPK085 – Surface Carpark at Yonge North of Finch) to project number TPA907186 (CPK113 - Fire Alarm System Upgrades – Garage 29), with a \$0 impact on the 2007 Toronto Parking Authority Capital Budget.

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Links to Background Information

Fire Alarm Upgrades

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3357.pdf>

Toronto Parking Board Memorandum

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3376.pdf>

BU12.3	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Toronto Zoo Dinosaurs Alive! Exhibit - Admission Fee Increase

(April 27, 2007) report from Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Zoo

Recommendations

The Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Zoo recommends:

1. that the Budget Committee adopt the staff recommendation approved by the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo at the meeting held on April 23, 2007 as follows:
 - a. admission to this special short-term exhibit be included in the regular admission fees, membership fees and school group fees;

- b. all regular admission categories and school group fees be raised by \$1.00 effective May 14, 2007;
 - c. all membership categories increase by \$5.00, subject to the approval of the Toronto Zoo Foundation; and
2. to increase both Gross Expenditures and Revenue by \$419.0 thousand, to \$38,877.2 thousand and \$27,337.9 thousand respectively.

Financial Impact

This action will have no financial impact on the Net Expenditures in the approved 2007 operating budget as both Gross Expenditures and Revenue increase by \$419.0 thousand. City funding of the Net Expenditure budget for 2007 remains unchanged at \$11,539.3 thousand.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request Budget Committee's adoption of the admission fee increase of \$1.00 for all regular admission and school group categories for the Toronto Zoo as approved by the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo on April 23, 2007. The admission fee increase would be effective May 14, 2007 and is intended to coincide with the opening of the 2007 Dinosaurs Alive! exhibit. In adopting this action, Budget Committee approval is also requested to amend the 2007 operating budget of the Toronto Zoo to increase both Gross Expenditures and Revenue by \$419.0 thousand, to \$38,877.2 thousand and \$27,337.9 thousand respectively. Net expenditures of \$11,539.3 thousand remain unchanged from the approved 2007 operating budget.

This admission fee strategy is more consumer-friendly and is a change from the original separate pricing strategy for the Dinosaurs Alive! exhibit. It will be more affordable to all families, stimulating additional interest in the Zoo and the special exhibit. The new exhibit is expected to draw incremental attendance of 75,000 visitors over the 1,190,000 visitors included in the 2007 approved budget for the Toronto Zoo.

Net revenue of \$675.0 thousand is included in the approved 2007 operating budget in relation to this exhibit. An additional \$419.0 thousand in revenue will be generated over the \$1,200.0 thousand for this exhibit as included in the approved 2007 budget, offsetting additional costs, resulting in no change to the approved Net Expenditures of the Toronto Zoo for 2007.

The Board of Management held a public meeting on April 23, 2007, in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006 and notice of the proposed fee increase was posted on the City's web site for a minimum of five days in advance.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council:

1. approve the staff recommendation approved by the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo at the meeting held on April 23, 2007 as follows:
 - a. admission to this special short-term exhibit be included in the regular admission fees, membership fees and school group fees;
 - b. all regular admission categories and school group fees be raised by \$1.00 effective May 14, 2007;
 - c. all membership categories increase by \$5.00, subject to the approval of the Toronto Zoo Foundation; and
2. approve an increase to both Gross Expenditures and Revenue by \$419.0 thousand, to \$38,877.2 thousand and \$27,337.9 thousand respectively.

Councillors Augimeri and Ainslie were opposed to the above recommendations.

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Links to Background Information

Toronto Zoo Dinosaurs Alive!

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3358.pdf>

BU12.4	Information	Deferred		Ward: All
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TTC Capital Funding Update

(May 11, 2007) report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Summary

This report is an introduction to the letter on April 19, 2007 from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission to the Budget Committee regarding the report entitled, “Capital Funding Status Update”. The TTC’s report is a summary of TTC capital funding under various programs from the other orders of government specifically: Transit Secure; Transit Technology and Infrastructure Program; the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund; Public Transit Capital Trust and the Federal funding of the Spadina Subway Extension.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Ainslie, the Budget Committee deferred the report and letters to its meeting on June 13, 2007, in order that notice be given for Committee questions and debate.

Links to Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3373.pdf>

4a Capital Funding Status Update

(April 19, 2007) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Summary

It is recommended that the Commission forward this report to the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and to the Budget Committee to provide “an update on funding eligibility from other orders of government” as outlined under Recommendation No. 140 of the 2007 Capital Budget and 2008-2011 Capital Plan as adopted by City of Toronto Council on March 7, 2007.

Links to Background Information

Capital Funding Status Update

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3359.pdf>

4b Capital Funding Status Update as of May 8, 2007

(May 9, 2007) letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Summary

It is recommended that the Commission adopt this funding update report and forward this report to the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and to the Budget Committee for confirmation of the status of the funding program and consideration of a strategy to address the long-term capital funding requirements of the Toronto Transit Commission.

Links to Background Information

Capital Funding Status Update as of May 8, 2007

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-3678.pdf>

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-05-25	Afternoon	12:35 PM	12:40 PM	Public

Chair