

Budget Committee

Meeting No. 20
Meeting Date Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Start Time 9:30 AM
Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

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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	X
Councillor Gord Perks	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Paula Fletcher
Councillor Mike Feldman	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Perks, the Minutes of the meetings of the Budget Committee held on October 16, October 19 and October 24, 2007, were confirmed.

BU20.1	ACTION	Deferred		Ward: All
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City of Toronto 2008 Recommended Capital Budget and 2009-2012 Capital Plan

(October 29, 2007) Report from Financial Planning Division

Summary

See Analyst Briefing Notes.

Communications

- (November 2, 2007) e-mail from Laura Kalbun (BU.Supp.BU20.1.1)
- (November 8, 2007) letter from Tom Rice, Scarborough Village Seniors (BU.Supp.BU20.1.2)
- (November 9, 2007) e-mail from Veronica Pochmursky (BU.Supp.BU20.1.3)
- (November 11, 2007) e-mail from Darren Jenkins, P.Eng. (BU.Supp.BU20.1.4)
- (November 12, 2007) e-mail from Martin Koob (BU.Supp.BU20.1.5)
- (November 12, 2007) e-mail from Hamish Wilson (BU.New.BU20.1.6)
- (November 12, 2007) e-mail from Fred Sztabinski, Project Coordinator, Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT) (BU.New.BU20.1.7)
- (November 12, 2007) e-mail from Ronald Hart (BU.New.BU20.1.8)
- (November 13, 2007) Submission from Franz Hartmann, Executive Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance (BU.New.BU20.1.9)

Speakers

- Adam Wetstein (Submission Filed)
- Fred Sztabinski, Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation
- Dr. Franz Hartmann
- Michael Rosenberg
- Faye Lyons, Government Relations Specialist, Canadian Automobile Association
- Judy Adler
- Helen Riley
- Steve Merker
- Allan Valk, Chair, Friends of Sam Smith Park
- Richard Cupa, Lakeshore Planning Council
- Kathleen Sims, Environmentalist, Wildlife Advocate
- Ruth Grier
- Brian Bailey
- Rod Muir, Waste Diversion Toronto
- Jutta Mason
- Allan Farrington
- Martin Koob (Submission Filed)

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to submit Briefing Notes to the November 14, 2007 Budget Committee meeting:

- a. on a process to accelerate the Bike Plan from 2013-2019 to 2009-2012;
- b. with details on the proposed budget for the Security Plan for Various Facilities; and

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

- c. on small parks playground upgrades – identify the number of projects and cost of increasing the amount for small parks from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and identify funding options.

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

BU20.2	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Capital Variance Report For the Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2007

(November 7, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. Council approve the budget adjustments to the 2007 Approved Capital Budget as detailed in Appendix 2 attached; and
2. the Budget Committee forward this report to the Executive Committee for its consideration

Financial Impact

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, actual expenditures for Tax Supported Programs totalled \$845.170 million or 42.8% of their 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$1.977 billion (see Table 1 below). By comparison, during the same period of 2006, these programs had spent 46% of their 2006 approved Budget. Tax Supported Programs expect to spend 83.3% or \$1.647 billion by the end of 2007.

Table 1					
Corporate Capital Variance Summary					
for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007					
(\$000s)					
	2007 Approved Budget	Jan. to Sept. 2007		Total Year	
		\$	%	Projected Actuals to Year-End \$	% of Plan
Tax Supported Programs:					
Citizen Centred Services - "A"	186,424	42,564	22.8%	128,256	68.8%
Citizen Centred Services - "B" (See Note)	647,168	401,725	62.1%	552,610	85.4%
Internal Services	159,056	52,500	33.0%	111,693	70.2%
Other City Programs	33,220	4,147	12.5%	19,152	57.7%
Agencies, Boards & Commissions	950,647	344,234	36.2%	835,635	87.9%
Total - Tax Supported	1,976,514	845,170	42.8%	1,647,346	83.3%
Rate Supported Programs:					
Toronto Parking Authority	27,506	6,224	22.6%	10,562	38.4%
Toronto Water	410,001	126,354	30.8%	286,578	69.9%
Total Rate Supported	437,507	132,578	30.3%	297,140	67.9%
Total	2,414,021	977,748	40.5%	1,944,486	80.5%
Note: Includes Greenlane Landfill					

Rate Supported Programs spent \$132.578 million or 30.3% of their 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$437.507 million. It is estimated that by year-end, expenditures will approximate \$297.140 million or 67.9% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget.

In accordance with the City's Carry Forward Policy, unspent capital funds will be carried forward to 2008 in order to complete work on specific projects, where required. Based on projected spending to year-end, it is estimated that a total amount of \$469.536 million or 19% of the 2007 Council Approved Budget will be available for carry forward to 2008, with no incremental impact on 2008 Capital Budget and financing requirements.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Capital Variance Report for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, and projected actual expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2007. Further, the report recommends adjustments to the 2007 Council Approved Budget to reallocate capital funding in order to ensure effective delivery of the capital program.

Capital expenditures for Tax Supported Programs during the nine months period ended September 30, 2007 totalled \$845.170 million, representing 42.8% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$1.977 billion (see Appendix 1). During the nine-month period, spending by City Operations totalled \$500.936 million or 48.8% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$1.026 billion; while Agencies, Boards and Commissions spent \$344.234 million or 36.2% of their collective 2007 Capital Approved Budget of \$950.647 million. Rate Supported Programs spent \$132.578 million or 30.3% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$437.507 million.

As shown in Appendix 1, projected expenditures to year end total \$1.944 billion or 80.5% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$2.414 billion. Collectively, Tax Supported Programs will spend 83.3% of their 2007 Approved Capital Budget, while Rate Supported Programs estimate spending of 68%. Projected under-expenditures to year-end are primarily attributed to delays arising from the unavailability of appropriate sites; low probability of receiving funds from the Province and other partners for various cost-shared projects; change in project timelines by the Province; delays in obtaining approvals from the other orders of government; and, delays in awarding contracts as a result of new directions from Council with regards to the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy Project. Moreover, several projects were completed under-budget due to favourable pricing and efficiencies.

Committee Recommendations

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

1. Council approve the budget adjustments to the 2007 Approved Capital Budget as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

Links to Background Information

Appx 1 - Consolidated Capital Variance for the Nine Month ended Sept 30, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8337.pdf>

Appx 2 - Budget Adjustments to 2007 Council Approved Capital Budget
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8338.pdf>

Report on Capital Variance Report for the Nine-month period ended Sept 30, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8339.pdf>

BU20.3	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Operating Variance Report for the Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2007

(November 7, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. Council approve the budget adjustments to amend the 2007 Council Approved

Operating Budget between Programs to ensure accurate reporting and financial accountability resulting in no net increase to the overall 2007 Council Approved Operating Budget as detailed in Appendix D; and

2. this Operating Variance Report be forwarded to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Financial Impact

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Total	2,414,021	977,748	40.5%	1,944,486	80.5%
Note: Includes Greenlane Landfill					

Net expenditures for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 were \$29.9 million or 1.3% lower than planned expenditures.

Projections to year-end indicate a net operating budget surplus of \$78.7 million or 2.4% of the 2007 Council Approved Operating Budget. This favourable position is attributed to a combination of cost containment savings of approximately \$38.6 million (including the TTC and TPS) and \$40.1 million predominantly from corporate accounts. The lower than planned expenditures and higher than budgeted revenues are detailed in the 'Comments' section and the portion of cost containment measure savings attributed to each Program is noted where possible. Staff will continue to exercise cost constraints during the remainder of the year and will, in accordance with the City's Surplus Management Policy, recommend options for disposition of the surplus as part of the 2007 Preliminary Year-end Operating Variance Report. Ultimately, this surplus will be used as a revenue source in the 2008 Operating Budget to help mitigate the significant 2008 Budget pressures.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Operating Variance report for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, operating variance projections for the year ending December 31, 2007 and to obtain approval of the budget adjustments made to amend the Council Approved Operating Budget between Program budgets to ensure accurate reporting and financial accountability with no increase to the overall 2007 Council Approved Operating Budget as detailed in Appendix D.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, net expenditures were \$29.9 million representing 1.3% lower than planned expenditures. Projections to year-end indicate that the City will have a net surplus of approximately \$78.7 million representing 2.4% of the 2007 Council Approved Operating Budget. This favourable position is primarily attributed to Cost Containment Measure savings of approximately \$38.6 million (City Operations \$26.7 million and ABCs \$11.9 million including the TTC and TPS). In addition, the City faces significant budget pressures in Court Services, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Homes for the Aged (HFA) and Parks, Forestry & Recreation (PF&R). However, the City is projecting other efficiencies / savings (in excess of already announced cost containment savings) in programs such as: Social Services; PF&R; Shelter, Support & Housing Administration (SS&HA); City Council; the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC); and, the Toronto Police Service (TPS) to help offset pressures arising from regular activities.

The projected year-end surplus for City Operations is expected to be \$26.9 million, slightly higher than the estimated cost containment savings of \$26.7 million. The total City Operations' projected surplus is primarily due to favourable variances in: SS&HA; Social Services; Fire Services; SWMS; Office of the Treasurer; Information & Technology; and, the City Council budget. For Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs), the projected year-end surplus of \$17.7 million is approximately \$5.8 million higher than the estimated cost containment savings of \$11.9 million. The total ABCs' projected surplus is primarily due to favourable variances in: Toronto Public Health (TPH), the Toronto Public Library (TPL), the Toronto Zoo; the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC); and, the Toronto Police Service (TPS). In Corporate Accounts, the projected year-end surplus of \$34.1 million is primarily due to higher than anticipated investment income; higher Toronto Parking Authority revenues, higher than expected Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILs) and Supplementary Taxes; and, the transfer of 2003 unclaimed tax credits held in the Tax Repayment account to general revenues in 2007.

Committee Recommendations

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

1. Council approve the budget adjustments to amend the 2007 Council Approved Operating Budget between Programs to ensure accurate reporting and financial accountability resulting in no net increase to the overall 2007 Council Approved Operating Budget as detailed in Appendix D of the report.

Links to Background Information

Report on Operating Variance Report for the Nine-month Period Ended September 30, 2007 (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8334.pdf>)

Appx A, B and C Net Expenditures, Gross Expenditures and Revenues
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8335.pdf>

Appx D - Budget Adjustments

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8336.pdf>

BU20.4	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates

(November 7, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Summary

This is to advise that the 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates report will be on the Supplementary Agenda for the Budget Committee meeting of November 13, 2007.

Committee Recommendations

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

1. approve the 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates totalling \$3.146 billion as detailed by City Program, Agency, Board and Commission attached in Appendix 1 of the report;
2. approve an Interim Operating Budget Estimate of \$0.284 million for the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar which was determined by adjusting the 2007 Base Budget to \$0.711 to ensure that the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar is functional; and
3. authorize the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to make net disbursements of \$2.610 billion to fund expenditures during the period January 1 to April 30, 2008, including cash transfers up to \$541.543 million to Agencies, Boards and Commissions as detailed in the attached Appendix 1 of the report.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Perks, the Budget Committee received the report (November 7, 2007) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer advising that the 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates report will be on the Supplementary Agenda.

Links to Background Information

Memo on 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8332.pdf>

4a 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates

(November 7, 2007) Report from City Manager Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The City Manager and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommend that Council:

1. approve the 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates totalling \$3.146 billion as detailed by City Program, Agency, Board and Commission attached in Appendix 1;
2. approve an Interim Operating Budget Estimate of \$0.284 million for the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar which was determined by adjusting the 2007 Base Budget to \$0.711 million to ensure that the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar is functional; and
3. authorize the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to make net disbursements of \$2.610 billion to fund expenditures during the period January 1, to April 30, 2008, including cash transfers up to \$541.543 million to Agencies, Boards and Commissions as detailed in the attached Appendix 1.

Financial Impact

2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates For Period January 1 to April 30, 2008 \$000s		
	Gross	Net
City Operations	1,787,018.2	1,724,470.4
Agencies, Boards and Commissions	1,014,962.3	541,542.9
Corporate Accounts	321,035.6	321,035.6
Levy Operations	3,123,016.0	2,587,048.9
Parking Authority	23,121.9	23,121.9
Total City	3,146,137.9	2,610,170.8

The 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates of \$3.146 billion recommended in this report will establish spending authority for City Programs and Agencies, Boards and Commissions during the period January 1, to April 30, 2008 as detailed in Appendix 1 attached and summarized in the Table above. For City Programs (including Toronto Parking Authority) and Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs), the 2008 Interim Operating Budget is estimated at 40% of the 2007 Council Approved Gross Operating Budget.

Actual funding of the 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates totals \$2.610 billion (see Appendix 1 and Table 1 above). Funding for City Operations will approximate \$1.724 billion and \$321.036 million for Corporate Accounts. Toronto Parking Authority will require net funding of approximately \$23.122 million. Most ABCs are only partially funded by the City. These include the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) for which approximately 71% of expenditures are funded from its own receipts. As detailed in Appendix 1, transfers to ABCs to enable them to meet their cash obligations are estimated at \$541.543 million.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request Council's approval of the 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates in order to enable City Programs and Agencies, Boards and Commissions to carry out their ongoing (base) operations during the period January 1 to April 30, 2008.

In accordance with the Financial Control By-Law, an Interim Operating Budget must be approved prior to January 1, 2008 to ensure that appropriate Council approval is granted to fund the continuance of the City's business during the period January 1st to April 30th, 2008. The 2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates total \$3.146 billion; and require cash outflows of \$2.610 billion.

Links to Background Information

2008 Interim Operating Budget Estimates

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8452.pdf>)

Attachment No. 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8453.pdf>)

BU20.5	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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2007 Sinking Fund Surplus

(October 31, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

- (1) Council approve payment of the tax-supported sinking fund surplus of \$4,535,783.45 declared by the Sinking Fund Committee and these funds be applied to the City's capital financing requirements;
- (2) Council approve payment of the sinking fund surplus of \$1,591,883.29 attributable to the Toronto District School Board that was declared by the Sinking Fund Committee and that these funds be remitted to the TDSB; and
- (3) The appropriate officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The 2007 City portion of the sinking fund surplus of \$4,535,783.45 for tax-supported functions will be applied to finance capital expenditures in 2007. The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will receive \$1,591,883.29 as their portion of the total sinking fund surplus of \$6,127,666.74.

Summary

This report requests Council approval for payment of the 2007 sinking fund surplus in order to fulfil the legislative requirements of the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. Council approve payment of the sinking fund surplus of \$1,591,883.29 attributable to the Toronto District School Board that was declared by the Sinking Fund Committee and that these funds be remitted to the TDSB.
2. the following Recommendation be deferred until February, 2008:

Council approve payment of the tax-supported sinking fund surplus of \$4,535,783.45 declared by the Sinking Fund Committee and these funds be applied to the City's capital financing requirements.

Links to Background Information

Report on 2007 Sinking Fund Surplus

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8092.pdf>)

BU20.6	Information	Received		Ward: All
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Reserves and Reserve Funds Variance Report – September 30, 2007

(October 30, 2007) Report from Treasurer

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications contained in this report.

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 provide information on reserve and reserve fund balances as at September 30, 2007, activity in reserves and reserve funds during the third quarter of 2007, and projected year-end balances. The vast majority of these funds have been committed to fund capital projects and future known liabilities, leaving minimal amounts for discretionary spending.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Committee received the report for information.

Links to Background Information

Report on Reserves and Reserve Funds Variance Report ý September 30, 2007

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8037.pdf>)

Appendix A, B and C Attachments - Reserves, Council Directed Reserve Funds and Obligatory Reserve Funds

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8038.pdf>)

BU20.7	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Adjustments to Approved Cash Flows. Facilities & Real Estate Division's 2007 Approved Capital Budget

(October 26, 2007) Report from Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the reallocation of funding for the Facilities and Real Estate Division's (F&RE) 2007 Approved Capital Budget, totalling \$710,000, as outlined in the attached "Schedule A".

Financial Impact

Approval of this report will result in a re-allocation of \$710,000 of funding approved in the Facilities and Real Estate Division's 2007 Approved Capital Budget; no additional funding requirements have been requested.

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

Summary

This report requests Council's authority to adjust the cash flow for the approved projects in the 2007 Approved Capital Plan.

Re-allocation of \$710,000 is required to complete two capital projects. One is the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning work for the Council Chamber at City Hall. The other is the exterior work for the reflecting pool at North York Civic Centre. Council's authority will ensure that the work will: (1) suit the Council Chamber's summer shutdown schedule in 2008; and (2) the exterior work at North York Civic Centre will be completed before winter.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council authorize the reallocation of funding for the Facilities and Real Estate Division's (F&RE) 2007 Approved Capital Budget, totalling \$710,000, as outlined in "Schedule A" of the report.

Links to Background Information

Report on Adjustments to Approved Cash Flows. Facilities & Real Estate Division's 2007 Approved Capital Budget -

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-7932.pdf>)

Schedule A

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8508.pdf>)

BU20.8	Information	Received		Ward: All
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Feasibility of Cost-sharing Between the City's Accountability Officers

(November 5, 2007) Report from City Manager

Summary

This report is for information and was prepared in consultation with the Auditor General, the Integrity Commissioner, and the Lobbyist Registrar.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Committee received the report for information.

Links to Background Information

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8234.pdf>)

BU20.9	Information	Received		
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Toronto Police Services Board – Response to the City of Toronto Budget Committee Request for a Report on Internal and External Legal Costs

(October 31, 2007) Report from Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications in regard to the receipt of this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Budget Committee with the Toronto Police Services Board's response to the City of Toronto-Budget Committee's request for a report on internal and external legal costs.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Budget Committee received the report for information.

Links to Background Information

Report on Toronto Police Services Board's Response to the City of Toronto Budget Committee Request for a Report on Internal and External Legal Costs

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8274.pdf>)

BU20.10	Information	Received		
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Toronto Police Services Board – 2007 Operating Budget Variance Report as at July 31, 2007

(October 31, 2007) Report from Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications in regard to the receipt of this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Budget Committee with the Toronto Police Service's (TPS) 2007 operating budget variance as at July 31, 2007.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Committee received the report for information.

Links to Background Information

Report on Toronto Police Service's 2007 Operating Budget Variance Report as at July 31, 2007

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8273.pdf>)

BU20.11	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 36
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Potential Acquisition of 3620 Kingston Road (Cornell/Campbell Property)

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

(November 8, 2007) Letter from Government Management Committee

Recommendations

The Government Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations to staff in Attachment 1 to the report (November 5, 2007) from the Chief Corporate Officer and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information and recommendations in Attachment 1, upon the completion of the acquisition of the Property by the City;
3. The 2007 Approved Capital Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation be amended by the addition of a project “3620 Kingston Road Acquisition”, with funding from, the City-Wide Parkland Reserve (XR2210);
4. The Offer to Sell from Mary Isabel Austin for the property known as 3620 Kingston Road be accepted substantially on the terms outlined in Appendix “A” and Attachment 1 to this report, and that each of the Chief Corporate Officer and the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized severally to accept the Offer on behalf of the City;
5. The City Solicitor be authorized to complete these transactions on behalf of the City including making payment of any necessary expenses, and amending the closing date and other dates to such earlier or later date(s) and on such terms and conditions as she may from time to time consider reasonable; and
6. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Government Management Committee at its meeting on November 8, 2007.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

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Links to Background Information

Letter from Government Management Cttee on Potential Acquisition of 3620 Kingston Road (Cornell/Campbell Property) A proposed or pending acquisition or sale of land for municipal or local board purposes

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8380.pdf>

Report dated Oct 23, 2007 on Potential Acquisition of 3620 Kingston Road (Cornell/Campbell Property)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8359.pdf>

App A - Location Map and Sketch

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8360.pdf>

Report dated Nov. 5 on Potential Acquisition of 3620 Kingston Road (Cornell/Campbell Property)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8378.pdf>

BU20.12	Information	Received		
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Toronto Police Service – Response to a City of Toronto Request for a Report – Status of the Implementation of the Hand-Held Parking Devices Project – Financial and Operational Updates

(November 7, 2007) Report from Alok Mukherjee, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications in regard to the receipt of this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the Budget Committee and the Executive Committee with the Toronto Police Service's (TPS) response to City Council's request for a report on the status of the implementation of the hand-held parking devices project.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Committee received the report for information.

Links to Background Information

Report - Hand-Held Parking Devices Project y Financial and Operational Updates
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8368.pdf>

BU20.13	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 42
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Budget Allocation of McNicoll Avenue Extension Project - Expropriation of 1051 & 1251 Tapscott Road

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

(October 12, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations to staff in Attachment 1;
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information and recommendations in Attachment 1, upon the completion of the acquisition of the Properties by the City; and
3. the Transportation Services' 2007 Approved Capital Budget be amended by the addition of a project "McNicoll Avenue Extension Expropriation Costs", with funding previously received from the developer pursuant to the Core Servicing Agreement entered into by the City regarding the development of the Morningside Heights Community.

Financial Impact

There is no net financial impact resulting from the approval of the recommendations contained within this report. The recommendations seek to authorize the creation of a new Capital project

within the Capital Budget to allow for proper tracking of expenditures to disburse funds previously received from the project developer for the expropriation of lands required for the completion of the project. These funds are currently held with Financial Accounting in deposit account 67990000.

Summary

This report seeks authorization to establish a new Capital project within Transportation Services' 2007 Approved Capital Budget in order to track previously approved expenditures for the expropriation costs for the McNicoll Avenue Extension project.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations to staff in Attachment 1 of the report;
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information and recommendations in Attachment 1, upon the completion of the acquisition of the Properties by the City; and
3. the Transportation Services' 2007 Approved Capital Budget be amended by the addition of a project "McNicoll Avenue Extension Expropriation Costs", with funding previously received from the developer pursuant to the Core Servicing Agreement entered into by the City regarding the development of the Morningside Heights Community.

Links to Background Information

Report on Budget Allocation of McNicoll Avenue Extension Project - Expropriation of 1051 & 1251 Tapscott Road
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8376.pdf>

BU20.14	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 17, 18
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Acquisition of Toronto District School Board's 2054 Davenport Road and 11 St. Annes Road Sites

(November 8, 2007) Letter from Government Management Committee

Recommendations

The Government Management Committee recommends that:

1. Funds in the amount of \$1,797,675.00 be transferred from the Toronto Police Services Capital Budget for 41 Division to 14 Division (funded from the Land Acquisition

Reserve Fund); funds in the amount of \$1,456,325.00 be transferred from the Toronto Police Services Capital Budget for 41 Division to 11 Division and funds in the amount of \$1,708,000.00 from Division 54 to 11 Division; and the Toronto Police Services 2007 Capital Budget be increased by \$164,750.00 for the 11 Division Facility, funded from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund (XR1012);

2. Authority be granted to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Toronto District School Board to acquire the property municipally known as 2054 Davenport Road at a purchase price of \$8,700,000.00 plus applicable taxes and registration fees, estimated at \$129,075.00, to be funded from the 2007 Capital Budget of the Toronto Police Service, substantially on the terms outlined in Appendix “A” to this report and on such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Chief Corporate Officer, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. Authority be granted to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the Toronto District School Board to acquire the property municipally known as 11 St. Annes Road at a purchase price of \$5,940,000.00 plus applicable taxes and registration fees, estimated at \$87,675.00, to be funded from the 2007 Capital Budget of the Toronto Police Service, substantially on the terms outlined in Appendix “A” to this report and on such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Chief Corporate Officer and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
4. Each of the Chief Corporate Officer and the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized severally to execute, on behalf of the City, the Agreement of Purchase and Sale(s) with the Toronto District School Board.
5. The City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction(s) on behalf of the City including making payment of any necessary expenses and amending the closing date and other dates to such earlier or later date(s) and on such terms and conditions as she may from time to time consider reasonable.
6. At the time the new Toronto Police Services facility at 2054 Davenport Road is occupied, Toronto Police Service shall declare surplus to its needs the property municipally known as 209 Mavety Street where the current 11 Division facility is located and transfer jurisdiction of 209 Mavety Street to the Facilities & Real Estate Services Division.
7. At the time the new Toronto Police Services facility at 11 St. Annes Road is occupied, Toronto Police Service shall declare surplus to its needs the property municipally known as 150 Harrison Road where the current 14 Division facility is located and transfer jurisdiction of 150 Harrison Road to the Facilities & Real Estate Services Division.
8. That the proposed Toronto Police Service facility at 2054 Davenport Road be subject to site plan approval and that City Planning staff be directed to hold a community consultation meeting as part of the site plan process.
9. That City Council urge and request the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and the

Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) to recommence negotiations with the “Cameoes” Organization to find them another suitable location to their satisfaction in the Davenport community within Wards 17 or 18.

10. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Government Management Committee at its meeting on November 8, 2007.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council approve the following:

1. Funds in the amount of \$1,797,675.00 be transferred from the Toronto Police Services Capital Budget for 41 Division to 14 Division (funded from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund); funds in the amount of \$1,456,325.00 be transferred from the Toronto Police Services Capital Budget for 41 Division to 11 Division and funds in the amount of \$1,708,000.00 from Division 54 to 11 Division; and the Toronto Police Services 2007 Capital Budget be increased by \$164,750.00 for the 11 Division Facility, funded from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund (XR1012);
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Links to Background Information

Letter from Government Management Cttee on Acquisition of Toronto District School Board's 2054 Davenport Road and 11 St. Annes Road Sites

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8383.pdf>

Report on Acquisition of Toronto District School Board's 2054 Davenport Road and 11 St. Annes Road sites

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8384.pdf>

Appx A - Summary of Terms and Conditions 2054 Davenport Road

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8385.pdf>

Letter from Deputy Mayor - Joe Pantalone on Acquisition of 2054 Davenport and 11 St. Annes Road

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8390.pdf>

Letter from Councillor Adam Giambrone

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8391.pdf>

Letter from Dorothy Gray - Resident

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8392.pdf>

Letter from Timothy J Bartkiw

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8393.pdf>

Strategic Counsel Survey

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8394.pdf>

BU20.15	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 23, 24
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North York City Centre Service Road Acquisition

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

(November 8, 2007) Letter from Government Management Committee

Recommendations

The Government Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations to staff in Attachment 1 to the report (October 19, 2007) from the Chief Corporate Officer.
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information in Attachment 1, upon City Council's adoption of the recommendations in this report.
3. The Offer to Sell from the Owners of the properties known as 49 Pemberton Avenue and 72 Ellerslie Ave be accepted substantially on the terms outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 and Appendix "A" to this report, and that each of the Chief Corporate Officer or the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized severally to accept the Offer on behalf of the City.
4. The City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transactions on behalf of the City, including making payment of any necessary expenses and amending the closing date and other dates to such earlier or later date(s) and on such terms and conditions as she may from time to time consider reasonable.
5. The General Manager, Transportation Services defer and accelerate cash flow commensurate with confidential recommendations contained in Attachment 1, which will have no net impact on the approved 2007 approved Transportation Services debt target.
6. Funding be drawn from Transportation Services Account CTP800-08 as a result of reallocating funding from Transportation Services Account CTP407-01 in order to fund the purchase.
7. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Government Management Committee at its meeting on November 8, 2007.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Budget Committee recommended to the Executive

Committee that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations to staff in Attachment 1 to the report (October 19, 2007) from the Chief Corporate Officer.
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information in Attachment 1, upon City Council’s adoption of the recommendations in this report.
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4. The City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transactions on behalf of the City, including making payment of any necessary expenses and amending the closing date and other dates to such earlier or later date(s) and on such terms and conditions as she may from time to time consider reasonable.
5. The General Manager, Transportation Services defer and accelerate cash flow commensurate with confidential recommendations contained in Attachment 1, which will have no net impact on the approved 2007 approved Transportation Services debt target.
6. Funding be drawn from Transportation Services Account CTP800-08 as a result of reallocating funding from Transportation Services Account CTP407-01 in order to fund the purchase.

Links to Background Information

Letter from Government Management Committee on North York City Centre Service Road Acquisition

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8395.pdf>

Report on North York City Centre Service Road Acquisition

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8396.pdf>

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Coordinated Street Furniture Program - Revenues

(November 12, 2007) Report from Deputy City Manager, Cluster B and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Cluster B,

recommend that City Council:

1. Endorse in principle the use of revenues from the street furniture contract with Astral Media in accordance with the following hierarchy:
 - a. Funding the establishment and operation of the Public Realm unit, including management and administration of the street furniture program;
 - b. Maintenance of existing net revenue streams as required by Transportation Services to replace revenue from the previous transit shelter contract that expired in August 2007; and
 - c. Disposition of net revenues for initiatives that will deliver enhanced streetscaping, neighbourhood beautification and other physical public realm improvements within the City's road allowances, in connection with annual capital and operating programs;
2. Establish a discretionary reserve fund called the "Public Realm Reserve Fund", to receive revenues from the street furniture contract, which is to provide funds for:
 - a. The management and administration of the street furniture program and public realm;
 - b. Maintenance of existing net revenue streams as required by Transportation Services to replace revenue from the previous transit shelter contract; and
 - c. Initiatives that will deliver enhanced streetscaping, neighbourhood beautification and other physical public realm improvements within the City's road allowances in connection with annual capital and operating programs;
3. Amend Municipal Code Chapter 227 – Reserves and Reserve Funds – by adding the "Public Realm Reserve Fund" to Schedule No. 5 State of Good Repair Discretionary Reserve Fund;
4. Increase the 2008 Capital Budget for City Planning in the amount of \$100,000 gross for a Design Links study funded by the contribution from Astra Media Outdoor LP;
5. Deposit the first payment from Astral Media consisting of the \$28,000,000 upfront payment and the first three year annual prepayment of \$8,500,000 into the Public Realm Reserve Fund;
6. Transfer \$1,700,000 from the Public Realm Reserve Fund to the Transportation Service 2007 Operating Budget in the following revenue accounts; TP0292 (\$884,000); TP0183 (\$221,000); TP0210 (\$306,000); and TP0237 (\$289,000) to replace the income lost in 2007 by the expiry of the transit shelter contract in August 2007, thereby achieving the budgeted 2007 Transportation Services \$5,000,000 revenue from street furniture proceeds and authorize \$5,200,000 gross, \$0 net - in 2008 and thereafter subject to

increases by inflation as may be appropriate;

7. Increase the 2007 Transportation Services Operating Budget by \$193,000 gross, \$0 net – for the 2007 start-up of the Public Realm Office to manage the street furniture contract; and authorize amounts of up to \$3,598,000 in 2008 and \$5,505,000 in 2009 funded from the Public Realm Reserve Fund subject to the General Manager submitting a Business Case in conjunction with the 2008 budget process;
8. That the development and implementation of harmonized City-wide Sign By-law be accelerated to begin in 2007 and that the total cost of \$943,000 be funded by the Public Realm Reserve Fund;
9. The 2007 City Buildings Operating Budget be increased by \$27,000 gross, \$0 net – to initiate accelerated development and implementation of a harmonized City-wide Sign By-law; and authorize amounts of up to \$678,000 and \$238,000 in the Division's 2008 and 2009 Operating Budgets, respectively for this purpose; funded from the Public Realm Reserve Fund;
10. Any funds expended by City Buildings funded from the Public Realm Reserve Fund for the accelerated development and implementation of a harmonized Sign By-law be paid back to the Fund from proceeds generated by new tax and/or fee regime applied to signs and/or billboards;
11. Refer the following additional provisions funded from the Public Realm Reserve Fund to the 2008 Operating Budget process:
 - a. Augmented maintenance of street trees on main and commercial streets – up to \$700,000;
 - b. The development and maintenance of tourist information and way finding signage strategies in connection with the info pillar element of the Street Furniture Program – up to \$300,000, subject to the Executive Director, Tourism, submitting a business case in conjunction with the 2008 budget process; and
 - c. Clean and Beautiful City initiatives including administration, Ward-based community projects/demonstration projects and remaining installment to cover orphan space maintenance – up to \$1,699,000.

Summary

The City of Toronto and Astral Media Outdoor LP (Astral Media) recently entered a 20-year agreement for the manufacture, supply, installation and ongoing maintenance of a new suite of coordinated street furniture. In addition to the Vendor's responsibilities for capital and maintenance costs of the program, the City will receive a revenue stream over the term of the contract totalling \$428.8 million in the form of an upfront amount and annual minimum payments.

As emphasized by the Roundtable on a Beautiful City in its final report, Toronto must make investment to elevate the quality of its public realm a significant priority to ensure the city's

place among the world's great urban centres that are magnets for economic investment and enterprise, talent and visitors. The street furniture revenues provide a significant opportunity to advance these objectives without further impacting on, and in some ways actually alleviating, the City's serious financial realities.

This report proposes a hierarchy of applications for the revenue to advance the City's investment in its public realm and mechanism for managing the funds, including establishment of a new "Public Realm" reserve fund.

Speakers

Helen Riley

Committee Recommendations

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

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- c. Clean and Beautiful City initiatives including administration, Ward-based community projects/demonstration projects and remaining installment to cover orphan space maintenance – up to \$1,699,000.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee requested the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, to report directly to the Executive Committee on November 26, 2007, on the current status of the harmonized Sign By-law.

Links to Background Information

Coordinated Street Furniture Program - Revenues

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8552.pdf>)

Attachment 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8553.pdf>)

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-11-13	Morning	9:35 AM	12:25 PM	Public
2007-11-13	Afternoon	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	Public

Chair