

Date: December 14, 2006

To: Councillor Kyle Rae
Chair, Economic Development Committee

From: Councillor Case Ootes
Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth

Re: Issues for Consideration by the Economic Development Committee

There are two issues I would like included in the agenda for the January 24, 2007 meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

I understand that the closing deadline for this committee's agenda is January 10, 2007.

By-Law to Prohibit Pan-handling Within Designated Tourist Areas in Toronto

I would like staff to provide a report to the Economic Development Committee at its February 21, 2007 meeting on how the City of Toronto, working with Toronto Police Services, can implement and enforce a by-law that would prohibit pan-handling within the officially designated tourist areas.

Enhancing Tourism in Toronto with a Recreational Vehicle Campground

In early 2006 I put forward a motion requesting that the Deputy City Manager and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry & Recreation, working in conjunction with Tourism Toronto, be requested to prepare a report for Council that addresses how we could attract RV tourism to Toronto, including these specific issues:

- potential sites near the downtown core that are easily accessible to public transit (eg. Exhibition Place, Downsview Park),
- assessment of properties that could accommodate RV campsites, providing access to utilities such as electricity, water and sewage disposal,
- ideas on how to effectively promote Toronto as a prime camping destination for RV, trailer and motor home enthusiasts.
- Consultation with relevant stakeholders to obtain input in this process (i.e. the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, "Go RVing", etc).

Attached to this memorandum is Clause 15, from Economic Development and Parks Committee Report 1, which was considered by City Council on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2006.

I would like the Economic Development Committee to ensure that this report is prepared for the Committee's consideration as soon as possible.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Case Ootes".

Councillor Case Ootes
Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth