

Economic Development Committee

Meeting No.	8	Contact	Rosalind Dyers, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Thursday, October 11, 2007	Phone	416-392-8018
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	edc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

Attendance

Members of the Economic Development Committee were present for some or all of the time period indicated under the section headed “Meeting Sessions”, which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair	X
Councillor Mike Feldman	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X
Councillor Adrian Heaps	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X
Councillor Michael Thompson	X

Also in Attendance

Councillor Chin Lee

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on September 17, 2007, were confirmed.

ED8.1	Information	Amended		
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Presentation by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Summary

Presentation on Toronto Pearson International Airport, with particular reference to the movement of people; bringing business to Toronto; promoting environmental sustainability; promoting tourism and Toronto and Toronto Culture; and opportunities related to transit, aviation/air policy and economic development.

Communications

(October 11, 2007) Submission from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (ED.New.ED8.1)

Speakers

Toby Lennox, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Toronto Pearson International Airport

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Economic Development Committee:

- A. requested the appropriate staff in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Division to meet with representatives of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority and report back to the November 29, 2007, meeting of the Economic Development Committee on the following ten opportunities outlined in the presentation from the GTAA:

“Transit:

1. Accommodate expanded TTC service at the Airport – facilities already in place.
2. Develop Eglinton and Renforth as a key transit hub – terminus for Eglinton LRT.
3. Support a rail link connecting Toronto Pearson to downtown Toronto.

Aviation/Air Policy:

4. Remove “anywhere but Toronto” regulations from federal air policy.
5. Advocate for further open skies and new bilateral agreements.
6. Reduce government imposed airport costs.

Economic Development:

7. Work in concert to promote Tourism, local events, and the City at Toronto Pearson.
8. Continue to work with the GTAA to attract MRO and Aerospace business.
9. Integrate Toronto Pearson art program into the City’s Culture Plan for the Creative City.

10. Advocate for Arrivals Duty Free at Toronto Pearson.”;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

B. directed that a copy of the presentation from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority be forwarded to the Toronto Transit Commission, GO Transit and the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority for consideration; and

(Motion by Councillor Thompson)

C. expressed its appreciation to Mr. Lennox for his excellent presentation.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

(General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism: Chair, GO Transit; General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Chair, Greater Toronto Transportation Authority; Toby Lennox, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Greater Toronto Airports Authority; Deputy City Manager Sue Corke; and General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism)

ED8.2	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Appointment of a Representative from the Royal Ontario Museum to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board

(September 19, 2007) Report from the Executive Director, Toronto Culture.

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Toronto Culture recommends:

1. the Economic Development Committee nominate Dan Rahimi, the representative from the Royal Ontario Museum, to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board for a term expiring on or before November 30, 2010, or until a successor is appointed; and
2. the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Summary

This report requests Council’s authority to appoint a representative from the Royal Ontario Museum to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board.

Schedule A to Chapter 103, Heritage, Toronto Municipal Code, states that the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board shall be composed of four citizen members and one representative from the Royal Ontario Museum.

Terms of Board members are coincident with Council terms. In 2006, a recruitment process was initiated to appoint four citizen members of the board. Applications were made available through existing boards and committees, community centres and libraries, advertised in the U of T Bulletin, on the City's website and on the websites of the Volunteer Centre of Toronto and Charity Village. The Multicultural History Society of Ontario was hired to recruit and submit the names of qualified candidates from the diverse communities across the City, and a public information session was held. Review panels were established for each board to consider applications, conduct interviews and make recommendations regarding the candidates best qualified to fill the vacancies. At the Economic Development Committee meeting on May 9, 2007, four citizen members were recommended for appointment to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board. The recommendations were accepted by the Economic Development Committee and adopted by City Council at the May 23, 2007, Council meeting.

In June 2007, the Royal Ontario Museum put forward the name of its representative to be appointed to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development Committee recommended that:

1. Dan Rahimi, the representative from the Royal Ontario Museum, be appointed to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Management Board for a term expiring on or before November 30, 2010, or until a successor is appointed; and
2. the appropriate City official be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Links to Background Information

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ED8.3	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Proposed Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 19: BIA Advocacy and Delegation of Authority to Establish Boards

(September 21, 2007) Report from the Acting Director, Small Business and Local Partnerships.

Recommendations

The Acting Director of Small Business and Local Partnerships recommends that:

1. the introductory phrase of Section 19-3 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, “Purpose of a business improvement area Board,” be amended to read “Where Council passes a designation by-law, Council, or community council under delegated authority, may establish a Board under this Chapter.”;
2. Section 19-3 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, be amended to add Clause G that reads “To advocate on behalf of the interests of the business improvement area”;
3. Section 19-19 of the Municipal Code Chapter 19, “Limitations,” be amended to add Clause G that reads a Board shall not: “participate in a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board or other similar tribunal unless the Board has conducted a general meeting of the membership to obtain approval to participate, and to get approval of any related expenditures”;
4. Section 19-23 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, “Refusal to Appoint,” be amended to read “Council, or community council under delegated authority, may refuse to appoint a person selected by the members of a business improvement area, in which case Council, or community council under delegated authority, as the case may be, may leave the position vacant or direct that a meeting of the members of the business improvement area or the Board be held to elect or select another candidate for Council’s, or community council’s consideration”; and
5. authority be granted to the City Solicitor to submit any bills required to amend Municipal Code Chapter 19 in accordance with Recommendations 1 to 4 above.

Financial Impact

The recommendations will have no financial impact on the City.

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

Summary

This report responds to the following motion adopted by City Council at its meeting on June 11, 2007:

“The matter of advocacy by the BIA Boards of Management be included in the report related to limitations on BIAs to be submitted by the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.”

This report recommends that BIAs be authorized to advocate on behalf of the interests of the BIA without limitation, provided BIA Boards conduct a general meeting of the BIA to obtain approval from the membership with respect to the BIA’s participation in a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board or other similar tribunal, including the approval of any related expenditures by the BIA.

This report also recommends two housekeeping amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, to delegate the authority to establish business improvement area boards of management to community council.

Communications

(October 11, 2007) letter from Anthony Romanelli, Robins, Appleby & Taub, LLP, representing the Emery Village Business Improvement Area (ED.New.ED8.3.1)

Speakers

Anthony Romanelli, Robins, Appleby & Taub, LLP

John Kiru, Executive Director, Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Thompson, the Economic Development Committee recommended that:

1. the introductory phrase of Section 19-3 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, “Purpose of a business improvement area Board,” be amended to read “Where Council passes a designation by-law, Council, or community council under delegated authority, may establish a Board under this Chapter.”;
2. Section 19-3 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, be amended to add Clause G that reads “To advocate on behalf of the interests of the business improvement area”;
3. Section 19-19 of the Municipal Code Chapter 19, “Limitations,” be amended to add Clause G that reads a Board shall not: “participate in a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board, Committee of Adjustment, or other similar tribunal unless the Board has conducted a general meeting of the membership to obtain approval to participate, and to get approval of any related expenditures”;
4. Section 19-23 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, “Refusal to Appoint,” be amended to read “Council, or community council under delegated authority, may refuse to appoint a person selected by the members of a business improvement area, in which case Council, or community council under delegated authority, as the case may be, may leave the position vacant or direct that a meeting of the members of the business improvement area or the Board be held to elect or select another candidate for Council’s, or community council’s consideration”; and
5. authority be granted to the City Solicitor to submit any bills required to amend Municipal Code Chapter 19 in accordance with Recommendations 1 to 4 above.

Decision Advice and Other Information

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development Committee requested the Acting Director of Small Business and Local Partnerships to include a list of the various jurisdictions that would fall under "other similar tribunal", referred to in the proposed amendment to Section 19-19 of Municipal Code Chapter 19, "Limitations", when amending the BIA Operating Guidelines.

Links to Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-7289.pdf>

ED8.4	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 18, 19
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Dundas Ossington Business Improvement Area (BIA) Poll Results

(September 26, 2007) Report from the Acting Director, Small Business and Local Partnerships.

Recommendations

The Acting Director of Small Business and Local Partnerships recommends that:

1. Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1-2), as a Business Improvement Area, under Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code, based upon the results of the poll respecting the intention to designate the Dundas Ossington BIA;
2. leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to give effect thereto; and
3. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The proposed Dundas Ossington BIA is one of four potential new BIAs to be established in 2007.

Capital budgets may be impacted in future years should streetscape or other capital improvements be undertaken by the Dundas Ossington BIA. These capital improvements are cost-shared equally between the BIA and the City.

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 the designation of the proposed Dundas Ossington Business Improvement Area.

In accordance with Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, the City Clerk conducted a poll to determine if there is sufficient support to designate the proposed Dundas Ossington BIA. The number of objecting petitions regarding the Dundas-Bathurst BIA does not meet the sufficiency benchmark set out in Chapter 19-9A of the Municipal Code. Accordingly, City Council may establish a Business Improvement Area. Based upon the results, it is recommended that Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1-2), as the Dundas Ossington BIA.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development Committee recommended that:

1. Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1-2), as a Business Improvement Area, under Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code, based upon the results of the poll respecting the intention to designate the Dundas Ossington BIA;
2. leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to give effect thereto; and
3. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Links to Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-7285.pdf>

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-7286.pdf>

ED8.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 20, 28
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Intention to Designate the Proposed Toronto Entertainment District Business Improvement Area (BIA)

(September 26, 2007) Report from the Acting Director, Small Business and Local Partnerships.

Recommendations

The Acting Director, Small Business and Local Partnerships recommends that:

1. the area described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4) be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA) under Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code;
2. the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4) as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), in accordance with Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code;
3. the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare designation by-law maps of the area, as described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4), and submit them to the City Solicitor; and
4. the Acting Director of Small Business and Local Partnerships report on the poll results so that the BIA can be established and hold an annual general meeting in time for the 2008 budget cycle.

Financial Impact

The proposed Toronto Entertainment District Business Improvement Area (BIA) is one of the four potential new BIAs to be established in 2007.

Capital budgets may be impacted in future years should streetscape or other capital improvements be undertaken by the Toronto Entertainment District BIA. These capital improvements are cost-shared equally between the BIA and the City.

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 that the City Clerk conduct a poll to determine if there is sufficient support to designate the Toronto Entertainment District as a Business Improvement Area (BIA).

Upon the completion of the poll, the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report on the results to Council. Subject to a positive poll result, staff shall prepare the necessary by-laws and bills to give effect thereto.

Committee Recommendations

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development Committee recommended that:

1. the area described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4) be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA) under Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code;
2. the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4) as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), in accordance with Chapter 19 of the Toronto Municipal Code;
3. the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare designation by-law maps of the area, as described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4), and submit them to the City Solicitor; and
4. the Acting Director of Small Business and Local Partnerships report on the poll results so that the BIA can be established and hold an annual general meeting in time for the 2008 budget cycle.

Links to Background Information

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-7288.pdf>

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-10-11	Morning	9:40 AM	11:20 AM	Public

Chair