

Economic Development Committee

Meeting No. 1
Meeting Date Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Start Time 9:30 AM
Location Council Chamber, City Hall

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ED1.5	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	Wards: All
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Premier Ranked Tourist Destination Framework

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted the following motion:

1. That Councillor Michael Thompson be nominated to participate with industry stakeholders on the Premier Ranked Tourist Destination Framework Steering Committee.

(January 8, 2007) report from the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Committee Recommendations

The Economic Development Committee recommends that Councillor Michael Thompson be nominated to participate with industry stakeholders on the Premier Ranked Tourist Destination Framework Steering Committee.

Financial Impact

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

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about a strategic planning initiative which will strengthen Toronto's tourism sector and appoint a member of the Economic Development Committee to the project's Steering Committee. The Premier Ranked Tourist Destination Framework (PRTDF) is a SWOT analysis of Toronto's amenities as a tourist destination and

action plan for addressing opportunities and challenges in the future. It uses a templated process developed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism which has proven effective in nine other Ontario destinations. Additional PRTDF projects are underway in eight other municipalities as well as in Toronto. The PRTDF engages industry stakeholders in shared learning, evaluation and planning for the future. About 100 people will participate on various sub-committees. It is recommended that the City of Toronto be represented on the project Steering Committee by a member of the Economic Development Committee. This will enhance the understanding of tourism issues and the role the City could play in strengthening the sector and the visitor experience in the future.

Background Information

2007-ed1-5 staff report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-700.pdf>)

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2007 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 1

City Council Decision

City Council on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council adopt and certify the 2007 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2007 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2007 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Albion-Islington	124,035	115,035
Beaches	179,130	148,500
Bloor Annex	71,095	51,408
Bloor by the Park	65,151	57,648
Bloor West Village	382,007	325,015
Bloorcourt Village	134,865	119,512
Bloordale Village	81,133	74,341
Bloor Street	1,650,000	1,650,000
Bloor-Yorkville	1,841,217	1,564,604
Church-Wellesley Village	228,508	210,627
College Promenade	144,638	128,350
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The Danforth	194,271	161,037
Danforth Village	203,500	203,500
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Downtown Yonge	2,138,257	2,052,592
Dundas West	97,791	96,591
The Eglinton Way	278,626	245,124
Emery Village	1,909,729	1,850,244
Forest Hill Village	148,260	76,938
Gerrard India Bazaar	216,308	135,364
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Hillcrest Village	84,741	46,593
Junction Gardens	379,867	303,727
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Kingsway	387,309	353,200
Korea Town	44,612	22,135
Lakeshore Village	83,720	61,160
Liberty Village	233,670	189,396
Little Italy	373,345	308,553
Long Branch	65,987	50,901
Mimico by the Lake	37,061	28,725
Mimico Village	25,096	15,797
Mirvish Village	61,944	54,444
Old Cabbagetown	238,048	195,048
Pape Village	45,147	36,182
Parkdale Village	197,517	166,778
Queens Quay Harbourfront	251,974	163,774
Riverside	154,247	136,692
Roncesvalles Village	224,814	122,258
Rosedale Main Street	280,073	270,545
St. Clair Avenue West	29,250	14,190
St. Clair Gardens	49,615	36,131
St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood	288,382	244,001
Sheppard East-Agincourt Village	165,000	165,000
Upper Village	78,000	0
Uptown Yonge	184,463	115,500
Village of Islington	88,382	74,733
West Queen West	116,810	103,949
Weston Village	138,955	74,302
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3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(January 8, 2007) report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

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Financial Impact

No City funding is required since Business Improvement Area budgets are raised by a special levy on members which totals \$13,859,625 in this report.

All of the 2007 BIA operating budgets submitted for consideration are balanced budgets. The appeal provision surplus or appeal provision deficit for each individual BIA, as determined by the Revenue Services Division, has been addressed by each BIA and incorporated into their 2007 Operating Budget. The BIA budgets have provided for required capital cost-sharing contributions for those projects approved in 2006 or prior and carried forward into 2007, as well as new capital cost-share projects proposed in the 2007 Capital Budget for Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Summary

This report brings forward Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by the City of Toronto Act, 2006. Council approval is required to permit the City to collect funds through the tax levy on behalf of the BIAs. Complete budgets and supporting documentation received by December 22, 2006, have been reviewed and are reported herein; BIA budgets received after this date will be brought forward in later reports. Of the 60 established BIAs, 52 BIA budgets are submitted for approval in this first report. The recommendations reflect 2007 approved budgets for BIAs and have been reviewed by staff to ensure BIA budgets reflect Council's approved policies and practices.

Background Information

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-636.pdf>)

Submitted Wednesday, January 24, 2007

Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, Economic Development Committee