
Economic Development Committee

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2007 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 3

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. The original Roncesvalles Village BIA 2007 operating budget adopted by Council on February 5 and 6, 2007, be rescinded and replaced by the revised 2007 budget for the expanded Roncesvalles Village BIA recommended in this report.
2. 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 (\$)
Mount Dennis	15,325	14,575
Wychwood Heights	90,190	60,767
York-Eglinton	125,717	123,826
Fairbank Village	82,742	79,003
Roncesvalles Village	247,764	155,808

3. Authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council.
4. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(March 23, 2007) report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

Committee Recommendations

The Economic Development Committee recommends that:

1. the original Roncesvalles Village BIA 2007 operating budget adopted by Council on February 5 and 6, 2007, be rescinded and replaced by the revised 2007 budget for the expanded Roncesvalles Village BIA recommended in this report;
2. the Economic Development Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2007 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

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3. authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and
4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

No City funding is required since Business Improvement Area budgets are raised by a special levy on members. Approval of the three recommended BIA budgets in this report will generate a total of \$433,979 for the respective BIAs.

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 approved 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 to-date have been reviewed and are reported herein; BIA budgets received after this date will be brought forward in later reports. Of the 61 established BIAs, a total of 55 BIA budgets have been approved by Council to-date;

five BIA budgets are submitted for approval in this report; and one BIA has yet to submit its 2007 operating budget, as referred to in Appendix B.

The original Roncesvalles Village BIA 2007 operating budget that was adopted by Council on February 5 and 6, 2007 is being rescinded, to be replaced by the revised 2007 budget approved by the Board and general membership of the expanded Roncesvalles Village BIA recommended in this report.

Background Information

2007-04-11-ed03-4-report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-2659.pdf>

ED3.5	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	Ward: 30
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"Zhong Hua Men" Archway Project - Change in Project Partner

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motion:

- The appropriate City staff be authorized to negotiate with and enter into agreements with the Toronto "Zhong Hua Men" Archway Organizing Committee and, if necessary, The Toronto Parking Authority as owner of the land, setting out the Committee's responsibilities in relation to the provision of materials for, and funding and maintenance of, the "Zhong Hua Men" Archway project.

(March 14, 2007) report from the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Committee Recommendations

The Economic Development Committee recommends that:

- the appropriate City staff be authorized to negotiate with and enter into agreements with the Toronto "Zhong Hua Men" Archway Organizing Committee and, if necessary, The Toronto Parking Authority as owner of the land, setting out the Committee's responsibilities in relation to the provision of materials for, and funding and maintenance of, the "Zhong Hua Men" Archway project.

Financial Impact

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

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Toronto "Zhong Hua Men" Archway Organizing Committee to be designated as the project partner for the "Zhong Hua Men"

Archway project with the City, and to seek authority to enter into any necessary agreements with Toronto “Zhong Hua Men” Archway Organizing Committee for the completion of the archway project.

Background Information

2007-04-11-ed03-5-report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-2660.pdf>)

ED3.6	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	Ward: All
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Renewing Multi-Year Agreements with Local Arts Services Organizations (LASOs)

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. Authority be granted to renew a multi-year agreement for four years (2007 to 2010) with each of the following four local arts service organizations, (Arts Etobicoke, Lakeshore Arts, Scarborough Arts Council and Urban Arts Community Arts Council), subject to:
 - a. the satisfaction of the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the City Solicitor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer;
 - b. the compliance with City funding guidelines as established by Council Policy;
 - c. the annual funding request submitted by each organization to the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for recommendation to the Economic Development Committee and Council for review and approval; and
 - d. the annual report and financial audit submitted by each organization to the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for review.
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(March 12, 2007) report from the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Committee Recommendations

The Economic Development Committee recommends that:

1. authority be granted to renew a multi-year agreement for four years (2007 to 2010) with each of the following four local arts service organizations, (Arts Etobicoke, Lakeshore Arts, Scarborough Arts Council and Urban Arts Community Arts Council), subject to:
 - a. the satisfaction of the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the City Solicitor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer;
 - b. the compliance with City funding guidelines as established by Council Policy;
 - c. the annual funding request submitted by each organization to the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for recommendation to the Economic Development Committee and Council for review and approval; and
 - d. the annual report and financial audit submitted by each organization to the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for review, and
2. the appropriate City officials 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 recommends the renewal of a multi-year agreement with each of the four Toronto-based arts and cultural organizations under the Arts and Culture - Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) category within the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP).

Community arts is the bedrock of the City's cultural ecology. The LASOs are an essential component that helps build the City's cultural infrastructure through the programs and services they deliver. Through those programs and services the LASOs forge connections between artists in the community and bring together diverse groups which together build vital neighbourhoods that are the foundation of our Creative City. Since amalgamation, City Council has been providing financial support to enhance the LASOs' role in fostering community arts development. The renewed multi-year agreements will maintain the structured link between the City and each of the four LASOs, thereby ensuring stability and accountability to the relationship.

Background Information

2007-04-11-ed03-6-report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-2661.pdf>

ED3.7	NO AMENDMENT		Transactional	Ward: All
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Toronto Arts Council - Renewal of Multi-Year Agreement

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. Council grant authority to renew the multi-year agreement with the Toronto Arts Council for the administration and distribution of arts and culture funding on behalf of the City of Toronto for a period of five years.
2. The agreement with the Toronto Arts Council be subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the City Solicitor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
3. The Toronto Arts Council continue to submit its annual funding request through the City's annual operating budget process.
4. The appropriate officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(March 15, 2007) report from the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Committee Recommendations

The Economic Development Committee recommends that:

1. Council grant authority to renew the multi-year agreement with the Toronto Arts Council for the administration and distribution of arts and culture funding on behalf of the City of Toronto for a period of five years;
2. the agreement with the Toronto Arts Council be subject to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the City Solicitor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer;
3. the Toronto Arts Council continue to submit its annual funding request through the City's annual operating budget process; and
4. the appropriate officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

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

Council will continue to submit its annual budget request through the City's annual operating budget process.

Summary

This report seeks Council authority to renew a multi-year agreement with the Toronto Arts Council (TAC) until December 31, 2011.

The City recognizes the importance of supporting arts and culture activities for Torontonians. These events enliven our shared expressions, enrich the quality of life and place for both residents and visitors, and encourage cultural tourism. The City continues its long history in supporting organizations and individual artists through funding allocations made through the Toronto Arts Council. The multi-year agreement between the TAC and the City serves the arts and culture community further. This agreement allows for a financial and administrative reporting practice, and provides the TAC the necessary commitment and resources to manage the granting practice effectively and efficiently exercise its responsibilities to the City.

Background Information

2007-04-11-ed03-7-report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-2662.pdf>

Submitted Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, Economic Development Committee