TORONTO Minutes

Budget Committee

Meeting No.	24
Meeting Date	Monday, February 4, 2008
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	Х
Councillor Maria Augimeri	Х
Councillor A.A. Heaps	Х
Councillor Joe Mihevc	Х
Councillor Gord Perks	Х
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Janet Davis	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker	Councillor Cesar Palacio
Councillor Suzan Hall	Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Karen Stintz
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby	Councillor Adam Vaughan

BU24.1	Information	Received	Ward: All

2008 Operating Budget Hearings - Councillors

Summary

To obtain comments from Members of Council regarding the 2008 Operating Budget.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee received questions and answers from Councillors on the 2008 Operating Budget Presentation.

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The following motions were tabled for consideration on February 11, 2008:

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

(Tabled by Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone)

- 1. That the proposed closure of the Bob Abate Indoor Pool be deferred so that the issues of accessibility to other pools, and the relationship of this pool to the outdoor pool at Alexander Duff (in Christie Pits) can be analyzed and a holistic solution sought.
- 2. The Stanley Park Pool closure proposal be deferred for an analysis of the summer aquatic needs of the Niagara neighbourhood and the newly evolved neighbourhoods nearby (e.g., Liberty Village).
- 3. That the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to find the appropriate offsets.

(Tabled by Councillor Davis)

That the Budget Committee:

- 1. Defer the relocation of Aquatics Programs from the proposed four TDSB pools and consider the continued use of these pools as part of the Aquatic & Pools Strategy
- 2. Request that no TDSB pool relocations occur prior to finalization of the City Aquatic and Pool Strategy.
- 3. Request that staff report to the Budget wrap up meeting on possible financial options to cover the costs.

(Tabled by Councillor Davis)

That staff be requested to provide a Briefing Note on the impact of the proposed increased permit fees on type of use and the community groups affected.

City Council

(Tabled by Councillor Holyday)

That Budget Committee recommend to Council that the Councillors' annual office budgets be reduced from \$53,100 to \$25,000.

Corporate

(Tabled by Councillor Hall)

That the Budget Committee:

- 1. direct staff to review and report on the establishment of an extreme storm/weather reserve to finance extraordinary storm related costs.
- 2. consider allocating any available 2007 surplus for the establishment of an extreme storm/weather reserve.

1a Cost Saving Measures Related to Councillors' Office Budgets

(January 30, 2008) Letter from Councillor Doug Holyday, Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre

Summary

Forwarding cost saving measures related to Councillors' Office Budgets which would result in cost savings of \$1,232,000.

Links to Background Information

Cost Saving Measures Related to Councillors' Office Budgets (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10491.pdf)

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2008-02-04	Morning	9:35 AM	11:50 AM	Public

Chair