
Executive Committee

Meeting No.	19	Contact	Patsy Morris, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, April 7, 2008	Phone	416-392-9151
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	pmorris@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

Executive Committee		
Mayor David Miller (Chair) Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone (Vice-Chair) Councillor Shelley Carroll Councillor Janet Davis Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker	Councillor Paula Fletcher Councillor Norm Kelly Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	Councillor Pam McConnell Councillor Joe Mihevc Councillor Howard Moscoe Councillor Kyle Rae

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Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Communications/Reports

EX19.1	Presentation	10:00 AM		
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Zerofootprint Toronto Calculator and Networking Tool Presentation

(March 17, 2008) Memo from Mayor David Miller

Summary

Advising that:

- a. As you know, the City of Toronto is committed to ambitious targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions including 6% by 2012, 30% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 based on 1990 levels. Since City operations account for only 6% of greenhouse gas emissions from the entire urban area, the participation of residents and businesses in our climate change work is essential.
- b. In partnership with the Toronto-based not-for-profit, Zerofootprint, the City recently launched a calculator and communications tool that will allow residents to calculate their carbon footprint. A key component of the tool is the community interaction feature that allows challenges and initiatives to be posted in a way that encourages people to work together on meeting our climate objectives. The site also links to related City of Toronto programs.
- c. Zerofootprint will present the Zerofootprint Toronto calculator and networking tool to the Executive Committee meeting on April 7th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to try out the tool in advance, please visit www.toronto.zerofootprint.net

Background Information

Zerofootprint Toronto Calculator and Networking Tool Presentation - Letter
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11830.pdf>

EX19.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

(Deferred from February 6, 2008 - 2008.EX17.8)

(January 24, 2008) Report from the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The City Manager, Medical Officer of Health and Deputy City Manager – Chief Financial Officer recommend that:

1. The antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) in the total amount of \$4,723,989.00 be purchased from Hoffman-La Roche Ltd.
2. Expenditures totalling \$606,100.00 be approved to set up a warehousing and distribution system for pandemic influenza supplies.
3. 2008 expenditures for warehousing and distribution of supplies and the purchase of antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) be funded from the City's Emergency Planning Reserve Fund.
4. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer report to the Budget Committee in 2008 on funding options for the remaining stockpiling requirements for pandemic influenza preparedness as outlined in the financial impact statement.
5. City Council request the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to explore with the suppliers of Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza), on behalf of all government or government funded bodies in Ontario that need to stockpile these products, ways to minimize financial loss in stockpiling of these antivirals in the event that the stockpiled supplies expire and can no longer be used before a pandemic occurs.
6. City Council forward this report to all single and regional tier municipalities in Ontario with a request that they support recommendation 5 as well as Provincial partnership funding of antiviral medication, personal protective equipment and infection control supplies.
7. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The following table summarizes the estimated City expenditures for the stockpiling requirements for pandemic influenza preparedness.

Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Expenditures (\$ millions)						
Year	Personal Protective Equipment and Infection Control Supplies	Antiviral Medication		Stockpiling 8 weeks of Operational Supplies	Warehousing and Distribution of Supplies	Total
		Tamiflu	Relenza			
2008					0.606	0.606
2009	13.745	4.724	0.601	7.507	0.267	26.844
Total	13.745	4.724	0.601	7.507	0.873	27.450
Emergency Planning Reserve Fund						5.100
Additional Funding Requirements						22.350

Of the total \$27.450 million required, this report recommends commitments to purchase Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) totalling \$4.724 million and expenditures to set up a warehouse and controls of distribution totalling \$0.606 million in 2008. The City's Emergency Planning Reserve Fund with a balance of \$5.1 million will fund 2008 expenditures. With the exception of ongoing cost of warehousing staff of \$0.136 million, all expenditures are one-time. However, as the shelf life of the antiviral medication is only 4.25 years, future expenditures may be required to maintain the stock.

The City Divisions and ABCs considered essential to service continuity were also requested to provide their requirements for operational supplies to be stockpiled in the event of a pandemic influenza. Essential operational supplies are required to last 8 weeks in the event of a Pandemic. The required inventory totalling \$7.507 million is beyond what City Divisions and ABCs normally stockpile for ongoing operations. Stockpiling for personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control supplies estimated at \$13.745 million is also well beyond what would be considered normal stockpiling of these types of supplies at the City.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer will report to Budget Committee in 2008 on a funding source for the remaining requirements for PPE and infection control supplies, antiviral medication, stockpiling costs for 8 weeks of operational supplies and ongoing staffing cost for warehousing totalling \$22.350 million.

In regard to provincial partnership funding, the City submits that the unique circumstances surrounding the planning for an event such as pandemic influenza requires appropriate provincial funding of antiviral medication, PPE and infection control supplies. However, the stockpiling for operational supplies and warehousing should remain a municipal responsibility.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise City Council of the stockpiling requirements essential to help ensure the continuity of critical City operations in the event of a pandemic influenza and to seek Council approval to purchase the antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and report further on a funding source for the remaining requirements.

Background Information

Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11217.pdf>)

2a Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness - EX Report

(February 6, 2008) Report from the Executive Committee

Recommendations

The Executive Committee on February 6, 2008:

- I. deferred consideration of the report (January 24, 2008) from the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, respecting Stockpiling Requirements for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, until the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on April 7, 2008;
- II. in the interim, requested the Mayor to take the necessary intergovernmental steps to implement the following recommendations 5, 6 and 7 contained in the aforementioned report:
 - “5. City Council request the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to explore with the suppliers of Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza), on behalf of all government or government funded bodies in Ontario that need to stockpile these products, ways to minimize financial loss in stockpiling of these antivirals in the event that the stockpiled supplies expire and can no longer be used before a pandemic occurs.
 6. City Council forward this report to all single and regional tier municipalities in Ontario with a request that they support recommendation 5 as well as Provincial partnership funding of antiviral medication, personal protective equipment and infection control supplies.
 7. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;” and
- III. deferred consideration of the following motions until the meeting of the Executive Committee scheduled to be held on April 7, 2008:

Moved by: Councillor Mihevc

“That the Executive Committee recommend to City Council that the City Manager and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to develop a strategy for the immediate families of employees deemed to be essential to managing any pandemic.”

Moved by: Councillor Moscoe

“That the Executive Committee recommend to City Council that:

1. Members of Council be requested to provide the Medical Officer of Health with a list of vacant space(s) that may be available for the storage of the pandemic influenza supplies and equipment; and
2. the City Manager be requested to ensure that the program costs are reduced to the bare essentials.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise City Council of the stockpiling requirements essential to help ensure the continuity of critical City operations in the event of a pandemic influenza and to seek Council approval to purchase the antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and report further on a funding source for the remaining requirements.

2b Pandemic Influenza Stockpiling Requirements – Status of Intergovernmental Discussions

(March 19, 2008) Report from the City Manager, the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The City Manager, Medical Officer of Health and Deputy City Manger – Chief Financial Officer recommend that:

1. the antiviral medication Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) in the total amount of \$1,541,719.00 be purchased from Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd. for staff who as part of their work are expected to provide direct care to persons who are ill with influenza;
2. Expenditures totalling \$606,000.00 be approved to set up a warehousing and distribution system for pandemic influenza supplies;
3. the 2008 Non-Program Operating Budget, Other Corporate Expenditures, be increased by \$1,541,719 gross, \$0 net; and the 2008 Office of the Treasurer’s 2008 Operating Budget be increased by \$606,000.00 gross, \$0 net; for a total of \$2,147,719.00 to be funded from the City’s Emergency Planning Reserve Fund;
4. the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer report to the Budget Committee in 2008 on funding options for the remaining stockpiling requirements for pandemic influenza preparedness as outlined in the financial impact statement of the January 24, 2008 report from the City Manager, Medical Officer of Health and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer;

5. the City Manager, Medical Officer of Health and Deputy City Manager – Chief Financial Officer report back to Executive Committee before the end of 2008 on the status of consultations with both the Federal and Provincial Governments; and
6. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

Of the total \$27.450 million identified in the January 24, 2008 stockpiling report required for the City's influenza pandemic preparedness, this report recommends commitments to purchase Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) totalling \$1.542 million and expenditures to set up a warehouse and distribution system totalling \$0.606 million in 2008. With the exception of ongoing costs of warehousing staff of \$0.136 million, all expenditures are one-time. Thus, the total estimated 2008 expenditures of \$2.148 million will be funded from the City's Emergency Planning Reserve Fund with a current balance of \$5.1 million.

Pending the result of consultations with both the federal and provincial governments, additional expenditures may be required to further purchase antiviral medications. Staff will report back to Executive Committee before the end of 2008 on the status of these consultations and as indicated in the January 24, 2008 report to Executive Committee, the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer will report to Budget Committee in 2008 on a funding source for the remaining requirements for PPE and infection control supplies, antiviral medications, stockpiling costs for 8 weeks of operational supplies and ongoing staffing costs for warehousing.

Summary

This report responds to the Executive Committee's request to the Mayor and City Manager to undertake discussions with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the City's influenza pandemic planning and preparedness process and issues arising as a result.

The intent of these discussions was to seek support through FCM for engaging the federal government on municipal concerns around influenza pandemic planning, including the establishment of a working group of interested municipalities, and to request the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to assist in finding ways to minimize financial loss to all government and government funded bodies on the stockpiling of antiviral medications in the event that the stockpiled supplies expire and can no longer be used before a pandemic occurs.

Background Information

Pandemic Influenza Stockpiling Requirements y Status of Intergovernmental Discussions (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11754.pdf>)

EX19.3	ACTION			Ward: All
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Executive Committee Item 17.1 Delegation of Certain Powers in Real Estate Matters

(March 10, 2008) Letter from the City Clerk

Recommendations

City Council on March 3, 4 and 5, 2008, referred Executive Committee Item 17.1 Delegation of Certain Powers in Real Estate Matters back to the Executive Committee, such item containing a report (January 23, 2008) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the City Solicitor, recommending that:

1. City Council delegate the approving and signing powers in real estate matters as set out in Appendix A.
2. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, be amended as necessary to give effect to the delegation set out in Appendix A.
3. In respect of the exercise of delegated authority to dispose of land, City Council, as the approving authority under the Expropriations Act, authorize the Government Management Committee and staff to whom authority to dispose of land is being delegated, to dispose of lands acquired by expropriation without giving the owner from whom the land was expropriated the first chance to repurchase the land on the terms of the best offer received by the expropriating authority.
4. In respect of the acquisition of contaminated lands by means other than the development review process, City Council rescind the policy adopted by the former City of Toronto entitled “Environmental Issues – Real Property Acquisitions” as set out in Clause 46 of Report No. 11 of the Executive Committee at its meeting of June 21, and 22, 1993, and the former City of Etobicoke “Policy and Procedures for Dealing with Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites”, adopted by the former Etobicoke Council meeting on September 15, 1997, together with any other subsisting policies from the legacy municipalities.
5. This authority supercede and replace the delegation of approving authority in real property matters authorized by City Council’s adoption of Appendix A-1 of Clause No. 1 as amended of Report No. 11 of The Corporate Services Committee at its meeting held on July 29, 30 and 31, 1998.
6. Authority be granted to the City Solicitor to submit any bills required to implement the foregoing, including all necessary amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, and other chapters in the Municipal Code and other by-laws, generally in accordance with the report recommendations and Appendix A, and subject to any necessary technical adjustments.

City Council also referred the following motions to the Executive Committee:

Moved by Councillor Moscoe

That:

1. Recommendation 1 of the Executive Committee be amended by adding the following:

“subject to the following amendments to Appendix A:
 1. General Condition (c) be deleted and replaced with the following:
 - c. For all Acquisitions, Disposals, Land Exchanges and Leases, where the property is located within the boundaries of the City of Toronto, concurrence of the local Councillor (or local Councillors if the subject property is located on a ward boundary or if the transaction involves an exchange of properties in more than one ward), will be obtained prior to the exercise of delegated Approving Authority by staff, failing which the local Councillor(s) shall request the delegated authority to be exercised by a higher level of authority on the chart (including the Government Management Committee) for final decision-making.
 2. General Condition (y) be deleted and replaced with the following:
 - y. Where approving power has been delegated to staff, the Chief Corporate Officer, in consultation with the applicable Deputy City Manager or the City Manager, may determine that such matter is of such special interest that same should be determined by the Government Management Committee.
2. Recommendation 3 of the Executive Committee be deleted and replaced with the following:
 3. In respect of the exercise of delegated authority to dispose of land, City Council, as the approving authority under the Expropriations Act, authorize the Government Management Committee and staff to whom authority to dispose of land is being delegated, to dispose of lands acquired by expropriation without giving the owner from whom the land was expropriated the first chance to repurchase the land on the terms of the best offer received by the expropriating authority, if the expropriation has taken place ten years or more prior to the proposed disposal.

Moved by Councillor Vaughan:

1. That, where a local Councillor feels that a property should be acquired, but through the process that idea is rejected by either staff or the Government Management Committee, there be an appeal mechanism to City Council.
2. That the Chief Corporate Officer be requested to report to the Government Management Committee on appropriate policies to facilitate the resale of expropriated properties that are tied to a land assembly or civic projects where the City is a partner.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as a result of this report. It is a pre-condition to the exercise of any delegated authority that all required funding be available in an approved budget.

Summary

To delegate various approving and signing powers in real estate matters.

Background Information

Executive Committee Item 17.1 Delegation of Certain Powers in Real Estate Matters (Ward: All) - Letter

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11831.pdf>

Delegation of Certain Powers in Real Estate Matters

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11832.pdf>

Appendix A - Delegation of Certain Powers in Real Estate Matters

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11833.pdf>

Report on Motions on Delegation of Powers in Real Estate Matters

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11834.pdf>

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Toronto's 2006 Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Report

(March 19, 2008) Report from the City Manager

Recommendations

The City Manager recommends that:

1. Applicable sections of the attached report entitled Toronto's 2006 Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Report, be considered in the development and review of Service Plans; and
2. The General Manager of Transportation Services report back to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee after the seven-year winter control contracts have been awarded, on any savings or increased effectiveness that are expected to be realized in

the future from these contracts.

Financial Impact

As this report deals with performance measurement results of prior years, there are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary

This and the accompanying report included as Attachment B, entitled Toronto's 2006 Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Report, provide service level and performance measurement results in nineteen service areas. It includes up to seven years of Toronto's historical data to examine internal trends, and compares results externally to fourteen other municipalities through the Ontario Municipal CAOs Benchmarking Initiative (OMBI).

In December 2007, the fifteen OMBI member municipalities released a joint report entitled OMBI 2006 Performance Benchmarking Report (OMBI Joint Report), which is included as Attachment C. The OMBI Joint Report provides 2005 and 2006 summary data in sixteen service areas. Municipal results for each performance measure are presented as information in alphabetical order, but the report does not attempt to interpret or rank the results of municipalities in any way.

Toronto's 2006 Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Report, expands on the OMBI Joint Report by focusing on Toronto's results in terms of our internal year-over-year changes and longer term trends, and the ranking of Toronto's results in an external comparison to the other OMBI municipalities. It also includes three additional service areas, more performance measures and service level indicators, and the identification of key factors influencing Toronto's results.

Toronto is unique among Ontario municipalities because of its size and its role as the centre of business, culture, entertainment, sporting and provincial and international governance activities in the Greater Toronto Area. The most accurate comparison for Toronto is to examine our own year-over-year performance and longer-term historical trends.

Results show that for 83% of the service level indicators, Toronto's service levels were maintained (stable) or have increased in 2006 compared to 2005. Toronto's internal trends in performance measurement results (efficiency, customer service and community impact) indicate that 73% of the measures had results that were either improved or stable in 2006 in relation to 2005. This report also includes for each service area, a number of continuous improvement initiatives from 2007 and 2008 that may further improve Toronto's operations in the future.

Despite Toronto's unique place in Ontario, there is also value in comparing Toronto's 2006 results to those of other Ontario municipalities. Toronto's results have been ranked by quartile, in relation to other municipalities for 43 service level indicators and 89 performance measures. Between Toronto's 2005 and 2006 Benchmarking Reports, there has been very little change in Toronto's quartile ranking for each of the indicators and measures in relation to other municipalities. Changes in Toronto's quartile ranking for individual measures is more likely to occur over a five-year or longer period.

Factors that make Toronto unique, such as our high population density, fully developed urban form and older infrastructure, can have a significant influence on why Toronto's results are higher or lower in relation to other municipalities. To assist in understanding the impact these factors can have on Toronto's ranking, results in this report have also been grouped from across service areas with these key influencing factors.

It is also recognized that comparisons of Toronto's service delivery and quality of life should also go beyond Ontario and include results from other large Canadian and international cities if comparable data is available. Other national and international initiatives Toronto is involved in are described briefly in this report.

Background Information

Toronto's 2006 Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Report - Covering Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11759.pdf>)

Attachment A - Review of Winter Maintenance of Roads
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11760.pdf>)

Toronto's 2006 Performance Measurement and Benchmarking Report - Attachment B
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11879.pdf>)

OMBI 2006 Performance Benchmarking Report - Attachment C
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11882.pdf>)

EX19.5	Information			Ward: All
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Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees to Agencies, Boards, Commission, Corporations and Other Special Purpose Bodies for the year ended December 31, 2007

(March 11, 2008) Report from the Treasurer and City Clerk

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary

This report is submitted for information purposes as required under Section 223 (1) of the City of Toronto Act 2006. It provides a statement of Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees to Agencies, Boards, Commission, Corporations (ABCCs) and other Special Purpose Bodies for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Background Information

Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees to Agencies, Boards, Commission, Corporations and Other Special Purpose Bodies for the year ended December 31, 2007

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11772.pdf>)

Remuneration and Expenses of Members of Council and of Council Appointees to Agencies,

Boards, Commission, Corporations and Other Special Purpose Bodies for the year ended December 31, 2007 - Appendices A-H

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11877.pdf>

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Establishment of a Reserve Account for Parks Improvements - Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee

(March 19, 2008) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommend that:

1. the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to establish a reserve called the “Glen Cedar Park Reserve” for receiving cash donations toward enhancements of Glen Cedar Park;
2. Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “Glen Cedar Park Reserve” to Schedule 5 – Donations Reserves;
3. all donations received by the Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee and by the City for the Glen Cedar Park Reserve Account be held separately in the Glen Cedar Park Reserve designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes be issued by the City of Toronto to donors for eligible donations in accordance with the Income Tax Act and City policy in this regard;
4. authority be granted to Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement, if necessary, with the Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee to allow the Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee to fundraise on behalf of the City of Toronto for enhancements in Glen Cedar Park, in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor; and
5. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

This report recommends the creation of a Reserve to support fundraising for the purchase of playground equipment and protective surfacing at Glen Cedar Park. The fundraising target for this Reserve is \$50,000.00 to be used entirely in 2009 as a supplement to the \$100,000 the City has allocated to this park.

Operating costs are already allocated for maintenance and operation of the existing children’s

playground in Glen Cedar Park. Those operating costs are not expected to increase due to the proposed park enhancement.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization to establish a reserve account to receive donations from the Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee in order to enhance the \$100,000 in funds the City has committed to Glen Cedar Park improvements in 2009. The report will also request authority for the City of Toronto to issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the Income Tax Act.

The Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee wishes to raise funds to improve Glen Cedar Park. The raised funds will be used primarily to purchase new play equipment and protective surface material, with specifics to be determined once the total amount of funds raised is known.

The fundraising target for this reserve fund is \$50,000.00, to be used entirely in 2009 as a supplement to the \$100,000 the City has allocated to this park.

The goals and objectives of the Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee are in keeping with the mandate of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to provide active recreation opportunities. Consequently, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that the reserve fund be established.

Background Information

Establishment of a Reserve Account for Parks Improvements - Glen Cedar Park Fundraising Committee

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11818.pdf>)

EX19.7	ACTION			Ward: All
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Report on Congruence between Lobbying By-law and Obligations under Members Code of Conduct

(March 18, 2008) Report from the Lobbyist Registrar and Integrity Commissioner

Recommendations

The Integrity Commissioner recommends that the Executive Committee approve the following amendments to Articles XIII and IV of the Members Code of Conduct:

1. Substitute the following for existing Article XIII:

XIII. CONDUCT RESPECTING LOBBYISTS:

Lobbying of public office holders is a permissible but regulated activity in the City of Toronto. Lobbying is defined and regulated by Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying (the City’s lobbying by-law inclusive of the Lobbyist Code of Conduct).

Members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition), and their staff are public office holders. As a matter of general principle as public office holders, members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition) should be familiar with the terms of this lobbying by-law inclusive of the Lobbyist Code of Conduct (Chapter 140).

Specifically, members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition) should not engage knowingly in communications in respect of the list of subject matters contained in the definition of “Lobby” as set out in Chapter 140 with a person who is not registered as required by Chapter 140.

Members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition) should also not knowingly communicate with a registered lobbyist who is acting in violation of Chapter 140.

If a member of Council or Local Board (Restricted Definition) is or at any time becomes aware that a person is in violation of Chapter 140, that member should either refuse to deal with the lobbyist or, where appropriate, either terminate the communication with the lobbyist at once or, if in the member’s judgment it is appropriate to continue the communication, at the end of the communication, draw that person’s attention to the obligation imposed by Chapter 140.

A member should report any such violation or attempted violation of Chapter 140 to the Lobbyist Registrar unless the member believes in good faith that the violation in communicating or attempting to communicate with the member was inadvertent or insignificant.

2. Substitute the following for the existing fourth paragraph of Article IV:

Except for category (c) (political contributions allowable by law), these exceptions do not apply where such gifts or benefits are provided by lobbyists or their clients or employers (as defined or described in Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying). For these purposes, a lobbyist is an individual, organization or business that:

- i. is lobbying or causing the lobbying of any public office holder at the City, a local board (restricted definition) or the board of health;
- ii. the member knows is intending to lobby, having submitted or intending to submit a registration to the Lobbyist Registrar for approval to communicate on a subject matter; or
- iii. is maintaining an active lobbyist registration with the City even though not having a current active subject matter registered with the lobbyist registry.

Financial Impact

This report will have no financial impact.

Summary

This report addresses the issue of the relationship between the Lobbying By-law and the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition) (“Members Code of Conduct”). It provides information on the current operating protocols of the offices of the Lobbyist Registrar and the Integrity Commissioner with respect to the responsibilities of members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition) in engaging with lobbyists. It also proposes various amendments to the Members Code of Conduct to ensure greater clarity in the obligations of members of Council and Local Boards (Restricted Definition) in dealings with lobbyists.

Background Information

Report on Congruence between Lobbying By-law and Obligations under Members Code of Conduct

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11779.pdf>

EX19.8	Information			Ward: All
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Vacuum Waste Collection Systems

(March 19, 2008) Report from the Deputy City Manager, Richard Butts

Financial Impact

The information contained in this report has no financial impact.

Summary

This report provides a general discussion of the feasibility and opportunities for automated vacuum waste collection and potential pilot demonstration projects. The report includes a general discussion of the system and some of the technical, governance, operational and financial considerations required for its operation. Waterfront Toronto was consulted in the preparation of this report regarding a potential pilot in the West Donlands precinct.

The fact that vacuum waste collection is new to Canada has raised questions around the feasibility, benefits, and risks of utilizing the technology. Underground vacuum waste collection is a technology that reduces manual handling and storage bins by transporting waste from buildings through an underground pipe network, connected to a central collection station. There are several examples of such systems in the U.S., Scandinavia, Europe and Asia but none in Canada.

Vacuum waste systems can be designed to accommodate up to four waste fractions and could collect the blue bin, green bin and residual waste fractions of Toronto’s municipal solid waste (“MSW”). The systems cannot collect large items such as white goods, bulky waste and leaf and yard waste, and there are difficulties with glass and organics as well.

Benefits include fewer garbage trucks in the immediate vicinity of residential homes, which could result in less noise, pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Disadvantages include potential cross-contamination if the materials are not in bags and complexity around ownership and operations of the piped infrastructure. There is also potential for noise, vibration and land use compatibility issues arising with central collection terminals located in residential neighbourhoods.

City staff has determined that vacuum waste collection is considerably more expensive than the current City costs for collection. It would require additional charges per residential unit for the system operation and maintenance, and for the City to pick up wastes that the vacuum system cannot handle.

The investigation into a possible pilot in the West Donlands found that there were no benefits from a cost perspective, as well as the area still requires streets suitable for emergency vehicle access and pickup of certain waste streams, such as bulky waste.

Background Information

Vacuum Waste Collection Systems

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11780.pdf>)

EX19.9	ACTION			Ward: All
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Personal Vehicle Tax – Administrative Design Features and Implementation Authorities

(March 18, 2008) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Summary

This is to advise that the Personal Vehicle Tax – Administrative Design Features and Implementation Authorities report will be on the Supplementary Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of April 7, 2008.

Background Information

Personal Vehicle Tax y Administrative Design Features and Implementation Authorities

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11781.pdf>)

EX19.10	ACTION			
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Toronto Water Capital Budget: 2007 Carry Forward Funding and 2008 Cashflow Reallocations

(March 18, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Recommendations

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council approve the \$112.0 million in unspent cash-flow from Toronto Water's approved 2007 Capital Budget and related financing, as detailed in Appendix 1, being carried forward and included in Toronto Water's approved 2008 Capital Budget. As the total carry-forward amount remains unchanged, the adjustments have no net impact on Toronto Water's approved 2008 Capital Budget cashflow of \$410.0 million.
2. City Council approve the technical adjustments and budget reallocations detailed in Appendix 2 of this report, which have no impact on the Toronto Water's total approved 2008 Capital Budget cashflow.
3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial impacts to the 2008 approved Capital Budget of \$410.0 million, comprised of \$112.0 million of unspent 2007 carry-forwards and \$298.0 million of approved new 2008 cashflow.

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 carry-forward funding to continue 2007 approved projects and to advise Council of budget reallocations recommended to realign the Council Approved Budget with Toronto Water's 2008 work program.

Background Information

Toronto Water Capital Budget: 2007 Carry Forward Funding and 2008 Cashflow Reallocations
- Staff Report and Appendices 1 and 2

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11782.pdf>

Toronto Water Capital Budget: 2007 Carry Forward Funding and 2008 Cashflow Reallocations
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11819.pdf>

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Additional Federal Funding for Security at Union Station and Other Facilities Capital Adjustments

(March 18, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Recommendations

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council approve the contribution agreements between the City and Transport Canada-Transit Secure to secure Round 3 and Round 4 funding for security upgrades at Union Station and authorize the appropriate City officials to sign the agreements on behalf of the City.
2. The 2009 Approved Capital Estimates for Union Station Capital Plan be increased by \$1.838 million gross, \$0 net, to accommodate Round 4 security funding; funded in the amount of \$1.838 million from Transport Canada and \$0.612 million reallocated from within the Approved Capital Estimates as outlined in Schedule ‘A’.
3. City Council approve the reallocation of funding in the 2008 Approved Union Station Capital Budget in the amount of \$0.669 million, as illustrated in Schedule “B” attached, with a gross and net impact of zero.
4. City Council approve an increase in 2007 carry-forward funding in the Pedestrian Bridge subproject, as illustrated in schedule “C” attached.
5. City Council amend the 2008 Approved Facilities and Real Estate Capital Budget and 2009-2012 Capital Plan by adding four new subprojects for a total cashflow of \$0.881 million in 2008 and future year estimates of \$0.535 million in 2009, with funding provided by reallocations from within the Approved 2008 Capital Budget and 2009-2012 Capital Plan, as outlined in the attached Schedule “D”.

Financial Impact

There are no additional costs to the City as a result of approval of this report.

Union Station

Funding for Round 3 of the security project, in the amount of \$6.551 million, is included in the 2008 Approved Capital Budget and the 2009 to 2012 Capital Plan. The Round 4 security project cost is \$2.45 million, with \$1.838 million of Federal funding and \$0.612 million of City funding. The funding of \$0.612 million is being reallocated from within the Union Station’s approved 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget and Plan; Structural project. The amount of \$0.831 million is being carried forward from 2007 to 2008 for the Pedestrian Bridge project and funding in the amount of \$0.669 million is being reallocated from the Exterior Façade Repairs project to the Pedestrian Bridge project.

Facilities and Real Estate

The approval of this report will result in the addition of four new subprojects to the Facilities and Real Estate 2008 Approved Capital Budget and 2009-2012 Capital Plan and reallocation of the already approved cash flows and estimates in the amount of \$0.881 million and \$0.535 million in 2008 and 2009 respectively. (Schedule “D”).

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

Summary

This report requests Council’s authority to amend the 2008 Approved Capital Budget and 2009-2012 Capital Plan for Union Station and the Facilities and Real Estate Division (F&RE) by including the latest round of Federal approved funding for Security related subprojects at Union Station, adjusting the cashflow in the Pedestrian Bridge subproject, and by adding four new subprojects to the F&RE 5-year capital plan. These projects will be funded by reallocations from already approved projects, with a zero net impact corporately.

Background Information

Additional Federal Funding for Security at Union Station and Other Facilities Capital Adjustments

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11820.pdf>

Additional Federal Funding for Security at Union Station and Other Facilities Capital Adjustments - Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11821.pdf>

Additional Federal Funding for Security at Union Station and Other Facilities Capital Adjustments - Schedules A-D

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11784.pdf>

The Transit-Secure Contribution Program

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11822.pdf>

The Transit-Secure Contribution Program - Letter January 28, 2008

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11823.pdf>

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Preliminary Capital Variance Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 (All Wards)

(March 6, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Recommendations

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council approve the budget and technical adjustments to the 2007 Approved Capital Budget as detailed in Appendix 2 attached.

2. City Council approve draws of \$69.509 million from the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve Fund; \$41.015 million from the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Reserve Fund; \$75.000 from the Public Transit Capital Trust Reserve Fund; \$3.290 million from the Ontario Bus Replacement Program Reserve Fund; \$1.638 million from the Transit Technology Infrastructure Program Reserve Fund and \$44.564 million from the Ontario Rolling Stock Infrastructure Reserve Fund for a total of \$235.016 million to fund the provincial share of the Toronto Transit Commission 2007 actual capital expenditures.
3. City Council approve closure of completed projects as detailed in Appendix 4, and in accordance with the Financial Control By-law, direct that, after fully funding overspent projects, any remaining unspent funds be returned to original funding sources.

Financial Impact

As shown in Table 1 below, Tax Supported Programs spent \$1.425 billion or 71.2% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$2.002 billion during the year ended December 31, 2007. By comparison, spending in 2005 approximated 68.3% and in 2006, 72.8% of the respective Council Approved Budgets. Rate-Supported Programs spent \$259 million or 59.1% of their collective 2007 Approved Budget of \$437.507 million.

In accordance with the City's Carry Forward Policy, the 2008 Capital Budget, which was approved by Council at its December 11, 2007 meeting, included 2007 carry forward funding of \$305.122 million. This will enable staff to complete projects for which capital work was not completed in 2007 as planned. It should be noted additional adjustment to carry forward funding from 2007 into 2008 for previously approved projects will be included in the final year-end variance report based on 2007 final year-end results.

Table 1 Corporate Capital Variance Summary for the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007 (\$000s)			
	2007 Approved Budget		Spent %
		Actual Expenditures \$	
Tax Supported Programs:			
Citizen Centred Services – “A”	196,104	106,663	54.4%
Citizen Centred Services – “B”	648,911	538,092	82.9%
Internal Services	172,972	116,484	67.3%
Other City Programs	33,220	13,059	39.3%
Agencies, Boards & Commissions	950,647	650,906	68.5%
Total - Tax Supported	2,001,854	1,425,204	71.2%
Rate Supported Programs:			
Toronto Parking Authority	27,506	6,416	23.3%
Toronto Water	410,001	252,136	61.5%
Total - Rate Supported	437,507	258,552	59.1%

Total	2,439,361	1,683,756	69.0%
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In compliance with prudent financial management practices, debt is issued only when needed to finance actual or committed capital expenditures. This strategy minimizes the incurrence of debt service costs and the resultant impact on the Operating Budget. A list of completed projects and / or projects that are otherwise recommended for closure will be included with the Final 2007 Year-end Capital Variance report. In accordance with the Financial Control By-law, uncommitted unspent funds from these completed capital projects will be returned to the original funding source.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Preliminary Capital Variance Report for the year ended December 31, 2007, and to request Council's approval for budget adjustments which reallocate funds between projects with no incremental impact on the Council Approved 2007 Capital Budget. A final report will be submitted to Council following the completion of the external audit of the City's accounts and financial statements.

Capital expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2007 totalled \$1.684 billion or 69% of the approved budget of \$2.439 billion (see Appendix 1). The under-expenditure is primarily attributed to the inability to find or secure suitable sites in accordance with planned timeframes; delays in securing funds from cost-sharing partners; later than planned delivery of 161 buses to the Toronto Transit Commission due to an employee strike at the bus manufacturer; and late delivery of garbage packers, side loaders and street sweepers as a result of challenges faced by suppliers in acquiring major components for these vehicles. In addition, several projects were completed under-budget. Unspent funds for incomplete projects will be carried forward to 2008 on an as required basis, in accordance with the City's Carry Forward Policy.

Background Information

Preliminary Capital Variance Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 (All Wards)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11824.pdf>)

Preliminary Capital Variance Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11785.pdf>)

Preliminary Capital Variance Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Appendices 1-3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11878.pdf>)

EX19.13	ACTION			Ward: All
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AOCC Settlement of Operating Results for Year 2006

(February 25, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Recommendation

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council approve:

1. That the accumulated surpluses of \$3,265 be paid to the City of Toronto for two AOCCs and be used to partially fund the payment of operating deficits of \$46,737 for the other eight AOCC Community Centres core administration operations resulting in a

net payment of \$43,472 as detailed in Appendix 1.

Financial Impact

The total surpluses of \$3,265 from two Community Centres will partially offset the funding of total deficits of \$46,737, resulting in a net payment of \$43,472 from the City to the AOCCs in 2007 arising mainly from the Core Administration Operations' year end results for 2006. The amount will be funded from under-expenditures reported through the final 2007 year-end variance report.

A summary of net funding to the City/Community Centre is attached as Appendix 1.

Summary

As shown in Table 1 below, Tax Supported Programs spent \$1.425 billion or 71.2% of the 2007 Approved Capital Budget of \$2.002 billion during the year ended December 31, 2007. By comparison, spending in 2005 approximated 68.3% and in 2006, 72.8% of the respective Council Approved Budgets. Rate-Supported Programs spent \$259 million or 59.1% of their collective 2007 Approved Budget of \$437.507 million. In accordance with the City's Carry Forward Policy, the 2008 Capital Budget, which was approved by Council at its December 11, 2007 meeting, included 2007 carry forward funding of \$305.122 million. This will enable staff to complete projects for which capital work was not completed in 2007 as planned. It should be noted additional adjustment to carry forward funding from 2007 into 2008 for previously approved projects will be included in the final year-end variance report based on 2007 final year-end results. In compliance with prudent financial management practices, debt is issued only when needed to finance actual or committed capital expenditures. This strategy minimizes the incurrence of debt service costs and the resultant impact on the Operating Budget. A list of completed projects and / or projects that are otherwise recommended for closure will be included with the Final 2007 Year-end Capital Variance report. In accordance with the Financial Control By-law, uncommitted unspent funds from these completed capital projects will be returned to the original funding source.

Background Information

AOCC Settlement of Operating Results for Year 2006 - Letter

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11825.pdf>)

AOCC Settlement of Operating Results for Year 2006

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11786.pdf>)

EX19.14	ACTION			Ward: 27
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Funding the Parkland Acquisition at 50 St. Joseph Street

(February 25, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Recommendation

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that City Council approve:

1. That the 2008 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget be amended by addition of a new Land Acquisition sub-project, 50 St. Joseph Street, in the amount of \$600,000.00,

funded from the Parkland Acquisition – Toronto Local Reserve Fund, (XR2053) to complete the acquisition of parkland for the site.

Financial Impact

No provision has been made in the Approved 2008 Capital Budget and 2008-2011 Capital Plan for this acquisition. Funds are currently available in the Parkland Acquisition – Toronto Local Reserve Fund (XR2053).

The land that is presently designated University Open Space (UOS) is to be dedicated and conveyed to the City prior to development of this site. The development of the parkland will be completed in a couple of years. This will come after park designs have been considered through a public participation process. The new parkland is to be improved by the developer in lieu of payment of Development Charges to the City, to the standard required by the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation. Prior to completion of the park development, an estimate of the required additional funds needed to operate and maintain this site will have been completed, and will be provided for consideration in the development of future Operating Budgets.

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 fund the parkland acquisition at 50 St. Joseph Street.

A proposal has been submitted for development at 50 St. Joseph Street. Through the development, the City will be obtaining a substantial amount of parkland equivalent to approximately 30% of the development site area. The parkland will be obtained through three methods. The developer is required to provide a statutory parkland dedication. Another portion of parkland is being secured as a Section 37 contribution, through a Section 37 agreement. In addition the City will make a direct payment to the owner of the land in order to complete the proposed parkland acquisition.

Background Information

Funding the Parkland Acquisition at 50 St. Joseph Street - Letter
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11826.pdf>)

Funding the Parkland Acquisition at 50 St. Joseph Street
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11788.pdf>)

EX19.15	ACTION			Ward: 6
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Potential Acquisition of 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Amos Waites Park) with Confidential Attachment 1 (GM12.9)

Confidential Attachment - A proposed or pending acquisition or sale of land for municipal or local board purposes

(February 25, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Recommendations

The Budget Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations to staff in Attachment 1 to the report (February 6, 2008) Report from Chief Corporate Officer and General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential information in Attachment 1 of the report pertaining solely to the purchase price and deposit, upon City Council's adoption of the Recommendations in the report.
3. The 2008 Approved Capital Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation be amended by the addition of a project "2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West Acquisition" with funding provided from the City Wide Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund.
4. The Offer to Sell from the estate trustee of the property known as 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West be accepted substantially on the terms outlined in Appendix "A" and Confidential Attachment 1 to the report, and that each of the Chief Corporate Officer and the Director of Real Estate Services be authorized severally to accept the Offer on behalf of the City.
5. The City Solicitor be authorized to complete these transactions on behalf of the City including making payment of any necessary expenses, and amending the closing date and other dates to such earlier or later date(s) and on such terms and conditions as she may from time to time consider reasonable.
6. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

No provision has been made for this acquisition in the 2008 Approved Capital Budget. Funding is currently available in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's City Wide Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund. City Council's approval is required to amend the 2008 Approved Capital Budget by the addition of this acquisition project and appropriate funding.

In addition to the acquisition of the property at 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West, the Amos Waites Park project anticipates park improvements, including a new playground, bike and pedestrian pathways, seating area and water play area. The entrance to the park will also be expanded by removing the buildings on the abutting lots. The buildings will be removed through the fulfillment of the offsite parkland dedication of a nearby developer who has also agreed to construct the above base park improvements.

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 secure City Council approval to acquire 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West (the “Property”) that is essential to the overall development of the park.

The property known as 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West is a privately owned site consisting of approximately 5,617 ft² and is part of a block of properties known as 2423 to 2437 Lake Shore Boulevard West. The former City of Etobicoke acquired 2435-2437 Lakeshore Boulevard West in 1991 for the purposes of expanding Amos Waites Park. A future parkland conveyance to the City of the property known as 2423-2425 Lake Shore Boulevard West is pending through the development planning process. Negotiations with the Owner of 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West have been on-going since the fall of 2005 and since the death of the owner in September of 2007, with the estate trustee. The estate trustee has signed an irrevocable offer to sell (“Offer to Sell”) the property to the City. Appendix “A” to this report describes the salient terms of this proposed acquisition, which is considered fair and reasonable.

Background Information

Potential Acquisition of 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Amos Waites Park) with Confidential Attachment 1 (GM12.9)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11827.pdf>

Potential Acquisition of 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Amos Waites Park) with Confidential Attachment 1 (GM12.9)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11828.pdf>

Potential Acquisition of 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Amos Waites Park)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11791.pdf>

Potential Acquisition of 2427 Lake Shore Boulevard West (Amos Waites Park)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11792.pdf>

EX19.16	ACTION			Ward: All
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Report to Executive Committee Update on Toronto Gun Violence Strategy

(March 19, 2008) Report from Mayor David Miller

Recommendation

The Mayor recommends that:

1. the Executive Committee receive this report for information

Financial Impact

The recommendations carry no financial impact on the City of Toronto.

Summary

Report from the Mayor advising that he is committed to making Toronto safe. This commitment has resulted in City investment in community-based prevention efforts to tackle the root causes of violence and to develop more opportunities for youth. We have put more officers on our streets and have seen positive results from the Toronto Police Service's Toronto Antiviolence Interventions Strategy (TAVIS). As you know, my recent efforts have focused on the issue of guns, and the violence and disruptive behaviour they bring to Toronto.

This report updates Council on the actions I have taken to date in fulfillment of my mandate to make our safe city safer. A strategy and action plan have been developed to meet the following objectives:

- i. a handgun ban;
- ii. tougher crime legislation for illegal gun use;
- iii. increased anti-gun smuggling security at the Canada-U.S. border;
- iv. stronger U.S. gun controls; and
- v. continue community-based prevention and youth opportunity development.

Background Information

Report to Executive Committee Update on Toronto Gun Violence Strategy
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11790.pdf>)

16a Request Federal Government to Completely Ban Handguns in Canada

(February 1, 2008) Member Motion by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cho

Recommendations

1. That City Council request the Parliament of Canada to prohibit all handguns in Canada, including the sale or purchase and/or possession of any handgun by any Canadian citizen or any person within Canada (excluding police officers and military personnel).
2. That City Council request the Parliament of Canada to institute mandatory sentencing (5 years minimum) of any person found guilty of possession of any handgun(s) or involvement in the sale or purchase of any handgun.
3. That City Council direct the Mayor to deliver this Resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada and to all the leaders of the Federal Opposition.
4. That City Council request the Premier of Ontario to support this Resolution and, working with the Mayor of Toronto, convey that support to the Prime Minister of Canada and to all the leaders of the Federal Opposition.

Summary

In the last two years, Torontonians have experienced two outrageous, tragic acts of handgun violence on Yonge Street in the heart of Toronto's downtown. In late 2005, Ms. Jane Creba, 15, was shot while shopping on Boxing Day, near the Eaton Centre and, last weekend, Mr. John O'Keefe, 42, was shot while walking past a bar just south of Bloor Street. These random victims were innocent bystanders, minding their own business, perhaps chatting to a friend when they were cut down by a stray bullet from a handgun, having their life ended before they knew it, without understanding why. Mr. O'Keefe was shot with a registered, legal handgun by the owner of the handgun. These two incidents are only the most outrageous examples of the many murders that occur in our City.

Violent crime is increasing and the general populous feels less safe on the streets of Toronto than they did in the past. To date, governments have been reticent to follow through on an outright ban of handguns. Making all handguns illegal would reduce their prevalence in our society by providing a clear cut, zero-tolerance law that would both deter criminals before they pick up a handgun and deal with those criminals who act using a handgun. Simply, if there are less handguns available because of prohibition, then less of them will be used. The handguns that are used in crimes or found on persons can be easily ruled as illegal and the source of these illegal guns can be focused upon. There just is not a good enough reason to continue to legally allow handguns in our City, our Province and our Country.

Making all handguns illegal would help make our communities safer. Knowing what we know, we cannot stand on guard to the best of our ability against tragedies on our streets, such as the murders of Ms. Creba and Mr. O'Keefe, without prohibiting handguns across Canada.

Communications

(February 1, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Walker and Councillor Cho (EX.Main)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/comm/communicationfile-6637.pdf>

EX19.17	ACTION			Ward: All
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Report Request - Feasibility of a "Gaming Tax" in the City of Toronto

(February 4, 2008) Member Motion by Councillor Palacio, seconded by Councillor Moscoe

Recommendations

1. That the City Manager, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, report to an upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee on the feasibility of establishing a "Gaming Tax" in the City of Toronto.
2. That this report specifically consider the feasibility of implementing a tax on slot machines and other forms of gambling.

Summary

Slot machines, lottery tickets, bingos and other forms of gambling are major sources of revenue for governments in Canada, of which Cities, such as Toronto get only a tiny share. Although a great deal of the revenue derived from these gaming enterprises goes to charities, such as the Ontario Trillium Fund, the lion share is swallowed by senior government coffers.

At Woodbine for example, at present the City of Toronto receives only a paltry 2.7 percent of slot machine revenue raised in the City of Toronto, while over 97.2 percent goes to other sources including Horse Breeders who receive 10 percent, Provincial Problem Gambling Strategy who receive 2 percent, owners who receive 10 percent, with the remaining 75 percent+ going to Provincial revenue, a portion of which is given to the Ontario Trillium Fund. This despite the fact that the City provides immense capital and operating support to these facilities, essentially subsidizing these operations.

The City of Toronto Act, 2006, gives the City the authority to implement entertainment taxes. A Gaming Tax might be a palatable way for the City to raise revenue without having to call upon other more controversial revenue tools. The administrative challenges to implementing a broader entertainment tax would likely not be as onerous, if limited strictly to Gaming.

The revenue secured from such a tax could be used to strengthen the City's social infrastructure.

Communications

(February 4, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Palacio and Councillor Moscoe (EX.Main)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/comm/communicationfile-6639.pdf>

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Reduction of City Council

(March 11, 2008) Member Motion by Councillor Ford, seconded by Councillor Nunziata

Recommendations

1. That City Council approve, in principle, the objective of reducing Council to 23 Member the next Municipal election in 2010.
2. That City Council approve the 22 Wards as follows:
 - Etobicoke North
 - Etobicoke Centre
 - Etobicoke Lakeshore
 - York West
 - York Centre
 - York South – Weston
 - Parkdale – High Park
 - Eglinton – Lawrence
 - Davenport
 - Trinity – Spadina
 - St. Paul’s
 - Willowdale
 - Don Valley West
 - Toronto Centre
 - Toronto Danforth
 - Beaches – East York
 - Don Valley East
 - Scarborough Southwest
 - Scarborough Centre
 - Scarborough Agincourt
 - Scarborough Rouge River
 - Scarborough East
3. That the City Manager be requested to report to the May 26, 2008 City Council meeting timeline for a public consultation process on the Council reduction plan.
4. That the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to report to the May 26, 2008 Council meeting on the potential cost savings of reducing Council to 23 Members.

Summary

On June 12, 2006, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario gave Royal Assent to the new City of Toronto Act, 2006.

Under Part IV of the Act - The City and Its Governance, the City of Toronto is authorized to make changes to its governance structure, including changes to its Wards and changes to the size and composition of City Council as follows:

“Changes to Wards

Section 128. (1) Without limiting sections 7 and 8, those sections authorize the City to divide or re-divide the City into wards or to dissolve the existing wards.”

“Changes to City Council

Section 135. (1) Without limiting sections 7 and 8, those sections authorize the City to change the composition of City Council.”

The senior levels of government both have 23 Members (previously 22 prior to the creation of the Pickering-Scarborough East riding) within the geographical boundaries of the City.

Communications

(March 11, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Ford and Councillor Nunziata (EX.Main)
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/comm/communicationfile-6640.pdf>)

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2008 Salary Freeze for Mayor and City Councillors

(March 11, 2008) Member Motion by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Jenkins

Recommendation

1. That City Council rescind the 2008 inflation-indexed cost-of-living adjustment to the salaries of the Mayor and City Councillors, as of January 1, 2008.

Financial Impact

Council also considered a Financial Impact Statement (March 4, 2008) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

Summary

The City of Toronto has a broken fiscal relationship with the Provincial and Federal governments. The Provincial government needs to upload hundreds of millions of dollars in social services and housing, while the Federal government needs to provide new ways of directly investing in our City. We are currently in the throes of re-creating our relationships with the Provincial and Federal governments, with the next two years of negotiations hopefully yielding what our City needs.

Due to the financial pressures the City continues to find itself under, we all must find ways of showing and following a strict line of fiscal restraint. City Council, especially due to the fact the City will be negotiating the renewal of several labour contracts with our employees over the next few years, needs to set the tone for those discussions, in order to mitigate the impact of these salary negotiations.

City Council must demonstrate sound decision making, based on the priorities of its citizens. Our focus should not allow discretionary spending and we should trim our expenses whenever we can. Therefore, the Members of City Council should start showing this restraint by canceling the inflation-indexed cost-of-living salary increase for 2008 (salary freeze). Such a gesture will help provide the City with additional moral authority when entering into negotiations over new funding arrangements or employee salary rates, as the City will be over the next couple of years.

Communications

(March 11, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Walker and Councillor Jenkins (EX.Main)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/comm/communicationfile-6641.pdf>

EX19.20	ACTION			
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Request for Closed Session of City Council on a Personnel Matter

(March 11, 2008) Member Motion by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Holyday

Recommendation

1. That City Council meet in closed session during the March 3 and 4, 2008 meeting to consider this confidential personnel matter and the appropriate City staff be in attendance for this session to answer the questions from Members of Council.

Summary

Members of City Council were made aware of the dismissal of a City employee with 28½ years of service on February 4, 2008. Members of City Council were only notified of this personnel matter via the media. As this employee provided services to all Members of Council and Members have questions about this confidential personnel matter, a closed session (in camera) of City Council is required during its meeting of March 3 and 4, 2008.

Communications

(March 11, 2008) Member Motion from Councillor Walker and Councillor Holyday (EX.Main)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/comm/communicationfile-6642.pdf>

EX19.21	Information			Ward: All
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Response to the City of Toronto Request for Information on the Hiring, Deployment and Multi-Cultural Diversity of the 250 New Police Officers

(January 30, 2008) Report from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications with regard to the receipt of this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive Committee the response to the City of Toronto's request for information on the hiring, deployment and multi-cultural diversity of the 250 new police officers.

Background Information

Response to the City of Toronto Request for Information on the Hiring, Deployment and Multi-Cultural Diversity of the 250 New Police Officers

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11787.pdf>

EX19.22	Information			Ward: 11, 16, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32
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2008 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 4

(March 28, 2008) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Summary

This is to advise that the 2008 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 4 report will be on the Supplementary Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of April 7, 2008.

Background Information

2008 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 4

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-11836.pdf>