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## Parks and Environment Committee

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Friday, October 17, 2008	<b>Phone</b>	416-397-7769
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	pec@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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### Toronto Regional Centre for Education on Sustainable Development: Progress Report

#### City Council Decision

City Council on October 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. The Director of the Toronto Environment Office be requested to write to the Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development and advise that the Toronto Environmental Office will conclude its secretarial support role to that body effective October 30, 2008.
2. The Director of the Toronto Environment Office also be requested to advise the Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development that the Toronto Environment Office will continue to participate as a member of that body.

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(September 25, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager

#### Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends to City Council that:

1. The Director of the Toronto Environment Office be requested to write to the Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development and advise that the Toronto Environmental Office will conclude its secretarial support role to that body effective October 30, 2008; and
2. The Director of the Toronto Environment Office also be requested to advise the Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable

Development that the Toronto Environment Office will continue to participate as a member of that body.

### **Committee Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Parks and Environment Committee requested the Director, Toronto Environment Office to report back to the Parks and Environment Committee on support for promotion and acknowledgement of the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.

### **Financial Impact**

The conclusion of the TEO's provision of secretarial support for the Toronto RCE will reduce the staff time currently provided to that body and re-direct it to Council's priorities under the Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees that there will be no financial impact.

### **Summary**

This report responds to the request of the Parks and Environment Committee for a progress report on the Toronto Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (the "Toronto RCE").

Over the course of the last year the Toronto Environment Office ("TEO") has participated in the development of the Toronto RCE and provided secretarial support services. The secretarial support role has, however, been reduced as the Toronto RCE Co-Chair, Dr. Ingrid Leman Stefanovic of the University of Toronto and her support staff have taken on increasing role in the administration and co-ordination of the Toronto RCE.

This report therefore seeks Council direction to formally adjust the working relationship of the TEO in connection with the Toronto RCE to that of a participating member only and conclude TEO's secretarial support function.

### **Background Information (Committee)**

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-15997.pdf>

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### **Additional Litter Pick-Up and Garbage Collection in City Parks on Long Weekends**

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on October 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motion:

1. The strategy for additional litter pick-up and garbage collection in City Parks on long weekends during the summer season be accomplished by rescheduling existing staff and resources to cover weekends and holidays as part of their planned shift.

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(September 18, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and General Manager, Transportation Services

### **Committee Recommendations**

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends to City Council that the strategy for additional litter pick-up and garbage collection in City Parks on long weekends during the summer season be accomplished by rescheduling existing staff and resources to cover weekends and holidays as part of their planned shift.

### **Committee Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Parks and Environment Committee requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report back to the Parks and Environment Committee in November, 2009 on:

- a. the impact of the pilot project on local parks and to identify these parks; and
- b. standards based on types of parks.

### **Financial Impact**

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

### **Summary**

City Council at its meeting of May 26 and 27, 2008 adopted Toronto's Premier Ranked Tourist Destination Project Results – Making Toronto the Best It Can Be as a guide for strengthening Toronto's tourism sector within the context of the "Agenda for Prosperity: A Prospectus for a Great City."

As a result, the General Managers of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Transportation Services were requested to report on a strategy for additional litter pick-up and garbage collection on long weekends in the downtown core and other high-volume tourist park locations.

To support strengthening Toronto as a tourism destination Parks, Forestry and Recreation will coordinate inter-divisionally with Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS) and Transportation Services to provide a seamless service to the downtown core and other high-volume tourist park locations on the five long weekends from May through to October.

Parks staff will adjust planned work schedules to accommodate additional litter picking and garbage collection crews for City Parks on long weekends from the May, Victoria Day long weekend through to the completion of the October, Thanksgiving weekend, covering the five holiday weekends to ensure parks are clean and inviting.

This change in service delivery will provide litter pick-up and garbage collection to parkland during weekends and on holidays where service has been traditionally provided the day following the holiday.

### **Background Information (Committee)**

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-15803.pdf>)

### **Declared Interests (City Council)**

The following member(s) declared an interest:

Councillor David Shiner - in that his son is a seasonal employee with the Parks, Forestry and Recreation division.

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### **Delegated Authority for Agreements between Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Related to the Detection and Eradication of the Asian Long-Horned Beetle**

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on October 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motion:

1. City Council approve delegated authority to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for the purpose of executing agreements, with no net financial impact to the City, on behalf of the City with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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(September 30, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### **Committee Recommendations**

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

1. City Council approve delegated authority to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for the purpose of executing agreements, with no net financial impact to the City, on behalf of the City with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

### **Financial Impact**

Urban Forestry's operating budget is authorized up to \$3.5 million annually for this program. All costs have been 100% recoverable as per the Agreement with the CFIA, and all future agreements entered into under this delegated authority will be 100% recoverable.

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

### **Summary**

An Asian Long-Horned Beetle (ALHB) infestation was confirmed in the Toronto-Vaughan area on September 8, 2003. Since that time, the City of Toronto, under the direction of and in partnership with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), has undertaken work related to the detection and eradication of the ALHB.

The CFIA has committed to fund work related to the detection and eradication of the ALHB undertaken by the City of Toronto. Delegating authority to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation with respect to the execution of Agreements between the City and the CFIA will streamline the process of collecting the associated costs and allow for the continued effort of eradicating a serious threat to Toronto's urban forest.

### **Background Information (Committee)**

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-16014.pdf>

*Submitted Friday, October 17, 2008*

*Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair, Parks and Environment Committee*