
Economic Development Committee

Meeting No.	18	Contact	Merle MacDonald, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Thursday, January 15, 2009	Phone	416-392-7340
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	edc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Kyle Rae

Economic Development Committee		
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Election of Vice-Chair**Origin**

(January 15, 2009) Member Motion from Chair or Member

Summary

The Chair called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the term of Office expiring on November 30, 2010.

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Agenda for Prosperity – Implementation Update**Staff Presentation and Speakers****Origin**

(December 9, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager recommends that:

1. The General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Interdivision Economic Growth Team:
 - a. continue to implement the Agenda for Prosperity with increased focus in 2009 on expanding and deepening a Can-Do approach within the City's administration, increasing Toronto's international presence, anchoring and expanding priority industry sectors and growing strategic new sectors, and working with communities to support job creation and local hiring; and

- b. report back to the Economic Development Committee, at least annually on significant changes in the Toronto economy and progress in implementing the Agenda for Prosperity.
2. A copy of this report be forwarded to:
 - a. the citizen members of the Mayor's Economic Competitiveness Advisory Committee reconfirming the City's commitment to implement the Agenda for Prosperity and work collaboratively with business, labour, educators and the community, and requesting their continued participation and support to sustain and advance Toronto's economy in these difficult economic times; and
 - b. the members of the Board of Directors of Invest Toronto and Build Toronto.

Summary

City Council unanimously endorsed the Agenda for Prosperity at its meeting one year ago (January 29 and 30, 2008) and thanked the Mayor's Economic Competitiveness Advisory Committee for their time, effort and ideas. At that time, Mayor Miller and Council committed to act on their recommendations for action to advance Toronto's economy and in so doing advance the economy of Ontario and Canada.

The Advisory Committee framed the Agenda around 4 pillars – Proactive Toronto, Global Toronto, Creative Toronto, and One Toronto – and made a total of 40 recommendations. Eight recommendations were identified as Priority Actions. At this first anniversary of Council's endorsement of the Agenda, we are pleased to report that all Priority Actions, City-Led, Partner-Led and Jointly-Led have been completed or are underway. These actions include improvements to customer service, cost competitiveness, quality of place, creative city planning framework, culture grants strategy and productive infrastructure as well as environmental initiatives, heritage and economic growth incentives, a made-in-Toronto local hiring model, and an integrated city-wide employment strategy.

The Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Division (EDCT) has been reorganized and two new corporations, Invest Toronto and Build Toronto, have been established to facilitate implementation of the Agenda for Prosperity. The Interdivisional Economic Growth Team has also been established to provide a forum for collaboration and examine new policies and programs through a business lens.

Council has kept its commitment to the Advisory Committee and acted to advance all four pillars of the Agenda for Prosperity. The new policies, programs and organizational structures are many and transformative. Our partners have also kept their commitment, these new approaches and initiatives have been developed and implemented in partnership with business, labour, educators and the community.

We will continue to advance the Agenda in 2009 focussing on expanding and deepening a Can-Do approach within the City's administration, increasing Toronto's international presence, particularly in emerging markets, anchoring and expanding priority industry sectors and growing strategic new sectors, and working with communities to support job creation and local hiring.

Financial Impact

There are no budget implications with the adoption of this report.

Background Information

Agenda for Prosperity - Implementation Update

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18004.pdf>)

Agenda for Prosperity Publication - Appendix 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18090.pdf>)

Appendix 2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18091.pdf>)

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Economic Development Investment and Partnership Programs Review Report

Origin

(December 10, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager recommends that:

1. A new Competitiveness, Creativity and Collaboration investment program be created to:
 - a. build on the fundamental principles identified in the Agenda for Prosperity;
 - b. work in partnership with business and industry non-profit organizations to improve Toronto's economic prosperity;
 - c. increase employment opportunities;
 - d. attract new investment and retain businesses; and
 - e. involve members of the business community to assist with the review and adjudication process.
2. Four existing grant programs, Community Festivals and Special Events (CFSE), Commercial Research Investment Program (CRIP), Economic Development Sector Investment Program (EDSIP), and the Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI) Program be terminated on December 31, 2009 and all associated funds (\$456,260 in the 2008 Council approved Operating Budget) be re-allocated through the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) to a new Competitiveness, Creativity and Collaboration investment program in 2010.

3. The new Competitiveness, Creativity and Collaboration investment program be administered by the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Division.

Summary

At its meeting of June 12, 2008, Economic Development Committee requested the General Manager, Economic Development Culture and Tourism, to report back concerning whether the Community Festivals and Special Events (CFSE) and the Commercial Research Investment (CRIP) Programs, serving Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) and occasionally business associations, and the Economic Development Sector Investment (EDSIP) and the Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI) Programs, serving industry sectors, are fulfilling their stated goals and objectives and to recommend required changes. This report responds to that request.

This report reviews these existing programs and recommends the creation of a new Competitiveness, Creativity and Collaboration grant program aligned with the Agenda for Prosperity and the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Division's (EDCT) strategic objectives. Staff propose the establishment of a single grant program that will combine the funding of the four existing EDCT programs (CFSE, CRIP, EDSIP and ESI). The new grant program will achieve greater economic development impact, serve to anchor key industry sectors, retain and create jobs, raise public and industry interest and awareness and improve Toronto's overall business climate.

The first grant recipients for the new program would be selected and announced in the Fall 2009 for funding to be provided in 2010. It is important that the grant recipients be notified that they will be recommended for a grant in the fall of the year preceding the grant award so that they can properly plan their activities. The actual award, including the amount of the grant, will be determined once Council approves the Operating Budget for the year. The existing four programs would remain in place with current application deadlines, budget allocation and procedures in 2009.

Financial Impact

There are no direct budget implications arising from the adoption of this report. The exact amount available for this new program will be determined as a result of Council's 2009 and 2010 Operating Budget approvals and will result from the combination of the four current economic development lines in the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) as well as a two percent Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase. There is no requirement for other additional funding to move the Competitiveness, Creativity and Collaboration investment program forward.

Background Information

Economic Development Investment and Partnership Programs Review Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18021.pdf>)

ED18.4	ACTION			Ward: 14, 19
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Appointment of Members of Council to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board and the Fort York Management Board

Origin

(December 11, 2008) Report from City Clerk

Recommendations

The City Clerk recommends that Economic Development Committee consider Members' preferences listed in Attachment 1 and recommend that:

- a. City Council appoint one to two Members to the Fort York Community Museum Management Board for a term of office ending November 30, 2010, and until successors are appointed.
- b. City Council consider whether to appoint one Member to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board for a term of office ending November 30, 2010, and until a successor is appointed.

Summary

This report forwards information and a list of Members' preferences for appointment to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board and the Fort York Museum Management Board so that the Economic Development Committee may nominate Members for appointment by Council.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Background Information

Appointment of Members of Council to the Collections, Conservation and Shared Resources Board and the Fort York Management Board

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18005.pdf>

ED18.5	ACTION			Ward: 17
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Intention to Expand the Regal Heights Village Business Improvement Area (BIA)

Origin

(December 16, 2008) Report from Director, Business Services

Recommendations

The Director of Business Services recommends that:

1. The area described by Attachment No. 1, be designated as an expanded Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.
2. The City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to expand the boundary of the Regal Heights Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) to include the area shown in Attachment No. 1, in accordance with Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.
3. The Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare designation by-law maps of the area, as described by Attachment No. 1, and submit them to the City Solicitor.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the City Clerk conduct a poll to determine if there is sufficient support to expand the boundaries of the Regal Heights Village Business Improvement Area.

Upon the completion of the poll, the Director, Business Services will report on the results to Council. Subject to a positive poll result, staff shall prepare the necessary by-laws and bills to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

Capital budgets may be impacted in future years should streetscape or other capital improvements be undertaken by the expanded Regal Heights Village BIA. These capital improvements are cost-shared equally between the BIA and the City.

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

Background Information

Intention to Expand the Regal Heights Village Business Improvement Area
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18043.pdf>

ED18.6	ACTION			Ward: 13, 14
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Junction Gardens Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management Deletions

Origin

(December 15, 2008) Report from Director, Business Services

Recommendations

The Director of Business Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the deletions to the Junction Gardens BIA Board of Management as set out in Attachment No. 1 of the report.
2. Schedule A of the Municipal Code Chapter 19, Business Improvement Areas, be amended to reflect the changes to the BIA Board of Management.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend that City Council approve deletions to the Junction Gardens BIA Board of Management. As this BIA is governed by more than one Community Council, City Council must consider the recommendations.

Financial Impact

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

Background Information

Junction Gardens Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management Deletions
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18044.pdf>

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2009 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 2

Origin

(December 17, 2008) Report from Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. The Economic Development Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2009 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2009 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2009 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Bloor by the Park	81,119	67,314
Bloor Street	1,987,000	1,650,000
Bloor-Yorkville	1,977,198	1,648,220
Church-Wellesley Village	290,718	223,609
Crossroads of the Danforth	69,829	69,829
Danforth Village	503,974	462,597
Dovercourt Village	6,863	6,240
Downtown Yonge	2,580,584	2,152,771
Dundas-Bathurst	58,976	51,876

Eglinton Hill	17,556	16,069
Forest Hill Village	270,679	170,783
Gerrard India Bazaar	256,892	139,062
Greektown on the Danforth	1,135,064	425,748
Harbord Street	22,577	15,500
Hillcrest Village	129,928	53,033
Liberty Village	296,506	199,996
Long Branch	68,748	50,030
Mimico by the Lake	44,281	36,220
Mimico Village	21,969	15,826
Old Cabbagetown	274,012	202,884
Pape Village	65,223	59,286
Riverside District	162,722	137,026
Roncesvalles Village	323,348	167,199
Rosedale Main Street	310,445	270,545
St. Clair Gardens	135,000	55,424
St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood	310,802	255,001
Sheppard East Village	89,841	57,097
The Danforth	306,891	249,993
The Kingsway	398,980	354,825
Toronto Entertainment District	1,684,000	1,200,000
Upper Village	82,405	56,150
Uptown Yonge	306,952	115,500
West Queen West	236,723	204,198
Weston Village	139,909	85,344
Wexford Heights	255,971	184,489
Wychwood Heights	163,360	69,678

Summary

This report brings forward Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by the City of Toronto Act, 2006. Council approval is required to permit the City to collect funds through the tax levy on behalf of the BIAs.

Complete budgets and supporting documentation received by December 5, 2008 have been reviewed and are reported herein; BIA Operating Budgets received after this date will be brought forward in later reports. Of the 68 established BIAs, 22 BIA budgets were approved by City Council on December 1 and 2, 2008 in Report No. 1, and 36 BIA budgets are submitted for approval in this report.

The recommendations reflect 2009 Operating Budgets approved by the respective BIAs' Boards of Management and have been reviewed by City staff to ensure BIA budgets reflect Council's approved policies and practices.

Financial Impact

No City funding is required since financing of Business Improvement Area budgets is raised by a special levy on members which totals \$11,179,362 in this report.

All of the 2009 BIA operating budgets submitted for consideration are balanced budgets. The appeal provision surplus or appeal provision deficit for each BIA, as determined by the Revenue Services Division, has been addressed by the BIA and incorporated into their 2009 Operating Budget. The BIA budgets have provisions for required capital cost-sharing contributions for those projects approved in 2008 or prior and carried forward into 2009, as well as new capital cost-share projects approved in the 2009 Capital Budget for Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Background Information

2009 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18003.pdf>)

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Toronto Arts Council's 2007 Allocations Report

Origin

(December 8, 2008) Letter from Claire Hopkinson, Executive Director, Toronto Arts Council

Summary

Providing a summary of the City's financial investment in its arts community for the period January 1 to December 31, 2007.

Background Information

Toronto Arts Council 2007 Allocations Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18045.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - TAC 2007 Income Statement

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18092.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - TAC 2007 Projects

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18093.pdf>)

Attachment 3 - TAC 2007 Operating

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18094.pdf>)

Attachment 4 - TAC 2007 Appeals

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ed/bgrd/backgroundfile-18095.pdf>)