
Government Management Committee

Meeting No.	21	Contact	Patsy Morris, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Wednesday, February 11, 2009	Phone	416-392-9151
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	gmc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby

Government Management Committee		
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Speakers/Presentations – A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

**Schedule of Timed Items - 10:00 a.m. - Items GM21.2
GM21.3**

Confirmation of Minutes – January 14, 2008

Communications/Reports

(Deferred from January 14, 2009 - 2009.GM20.7)

GM21.1	ACTION			Ward: All
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2008 Final Report on Property Sales and Acquisitions

Origin

(December 22, 2008) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Summary

This semi-annual report provides information regarding total property sales and purchases by the City in 2008. This report includes the number of properties proposed for sale and the current status of such properties. Also included are the number, value and type of properties purchased in 2008.

Background Information

Report - 2008 Final Report on Property Sales and Acquisitions

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18557.pdf>)

Appendix A - GM21-1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18558.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18559.pdf>)

GM21.2	ACTION	10:00 AM		Ward: All
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**Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes – February 2009
Hearing**

Statutory - City of Toronto Act, 2006

Origin

(January 23, 2009) Report from the Acting Treasurer

Recommendations

The Acting Treasurer recommends that:

1. The individual tax appeal applications made pursuant to section 323 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* resulting in tax reductions totalling \$791,798.73 including reductions

in Business Improvement Area charges and excluding phase-in/capping adjustments, as identified in Appendix A, be approved.

2. The individual tax appeal applications made pursuant to section 325 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* resulting in tax reductions totalling \$364,117.51 including reductions in Business Improvement Area charges and excluding phase-in/capping adjustments, as identified in Appendix B, be approved.
3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

This report deals with tax appeal applications made to the Treasurer pursuant to sections 323 and 325 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006 (COTA)*. Section 323 permits Council to cancel, reduce or refund taxes in cases when, during the year, a property undergoes changes such as when it is destroyed by fire or demolished, becomes exempt from taxation, or is reclassified due to a change in use. Under section 325 of the *COTA*, taxpayers can request a cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes when an error in the assessment roll is identified which results in an overcharge.

The legislation requires Council to hold a public meeting where applicants may make a submission in defence of their position. Council has delegated authority to hold such public meetings to the Government Management Committee.

Staff have mailed Notices of Hearing to affected taxpayers and recommend approval of the applications as listed in Appendices A and B.

Financial Impact

The financial impact of approving the individual tax appeal applications (excluding phase-in/capping adjustments), as identified in Appendices A and B, attached, is summarized in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Tax Appeals Summary

Appendix	No. of Applications	Recommended Tax Reduction Total	City Share	Education Share	BIA
A	69	\$791,798.73	\$434,200.00	\$356,976.08	\$622.65
B	7	\$364,117.51	\$270,990.53	\$93,126.98	\$0
Total	76	\$1,155,916.24	\$705,190.53	\$450,103.06	\$622.65

The City's share of \$705,190.53 will be funded from the 2009 Tax Deficiency Account (Non-Program Budget). The education share of \$450,103.06 will be recovered from the province/school boards, and the Business Improvement Area (BIA) reductions of \$622.65 will be funded from the respective BIA provision.

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

Background Information

Report - Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Property Taxes - February 2009 Hearing
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18826.pdf>)

Appendix A - GM21-2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18827.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18828.pdf>)

GM21.3	ACTION	10:00 AM		Ward: All
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Apportionment of Property Taxes – February 2009 Hearing

Statutory - City of Toronto Act, 2006

Origin

(January 23, 2009) Report from the Acting Treasurer

Recommendation

The Acting Treasurer recommends that:

1. The property tax in the amounts identified in Appendix A and Appendix B, under the columns entitled “Apportioned Tax” and “Apportioned Phase In/Capping”, be approved.
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

This report deals with 43 tax apportionment applications made by the Treasurer or to the Treasurer by an owner of land pursuant to section 322 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, for the properties listed in Appendices A and B (attached).

The legislation requires Council to hold a public meeting at which the applicants and / or property owners may make representations. Council has delegated authority to hold such public meetings to the Government Management Committee.

Staff have mailed Notices of Hearing to affected taxpayers advising of the upcoming hearing before the Government Management Committee.

Financial Impact

Appendices A and B identify that approximately \$25,289.67 (as at January 19, 2009) in penalty and interest charges has accumulated on the tax accounts pending the initiation of the process to reallocate the taxes. This amount, and any other interest that will accumulate on the accounts pending the finalization of the process, will be written off. Funding for the write-off of the interest/penalty amount is provided for in the 2009 Tax Penalty Account (Non-Program Budget).

With the exception of the penalty/interest amounts that will be written off, the reallocation of the property taxes from one account to other accounts has no financial impact on the City of Toronto and merely serves to secure the City's revenues.

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

Background Information

Report - Apportionment of Property Taxes - February 2009 Hearing
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18829.pdf>)

Appendix A - GM21-3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18830.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18831.pdf>)

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481 University Avenue – Designation of a Portion of Premises as a Municipal Capital Facility

Origin

(January 23, 2009) Report from the Acting Treasurer

Recommendations

The Acting Treasurer recommends that:

1. Council pass a by-law pursuant to section 252 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, providing authority to:
 - a. enter into a municipal capital facility agreement with the owner, 481 University Avenue Inc., of the property located at 481 University Avenue in respect of approximately 17,000 square feet of rentable area on the ground floor leased by the City of Toronto, Court Services Division; and

- b. exempt the space to be leased from taxation for municipal and school purposes, which tax exemption is to be effective from the later of the following dates: the commencement date of the lease; the date the municipal capital facility agreement is signed; or the date the tax exemption by-law is enacted.
2. The City Clerk be directed to give written notice of the by-law to the Minister of Education, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest, and the Conseil Scolaire de District du Catholique Centre-Sud.
3. Authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills to give effect thereto.
4. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

This report seeks Council authority to adopt the necessary by-laws to designate an additional 17,000 square feet of rentable area to be leased by Court Services located on the ground floor of 481 University Avenue, as a municipal capital facility and to provide a property tax exemption for municipal and education purposes. Providing a tax exemption for the leased space will result in a net financial savings to the City of approximately \$34,762 per year, representing the provincial education share of taxes that will no longer be payable.

Financial Impact

The annual property taxes on the space to be leased by Court Services at 481 University Avenue are estimated at approximately \$93,610, comprised of a municipal portion of \$58,848 and a provincial education portion of \$34,762, based on 2008 Current Value Assessment (CVA) and 2008 tax rates, including all capping adjustments.

The annual operating budget for Court Services includes amounts for rent (including any property taxes payable) on leased space, and as such there would be no net impact on the municipal portion of taxes from the exemption, as the decrease in municipal tax revenue would be offset by a corresponding reduction in the annual budgetary requirement for Court Services. However, making the leased space exempt would result in net savings to the City of approximately \$34,762 per year, representing the provincial education share of taxes that would no longer be payable once the exemption takes effect (See Table 1).

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

Table 1
Financial Savings due to Property Tax Exemption – 481 University Avenue

	Municipal Taxes	+ Education Taxes	= Total Budget Requirement for Property Taxes
Amounts Payable if Taxable	\$58,848	\$34,762	\$93,610
Amounts Payable if Exempt	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gross Savings due to exemption:			\$93,610
Less Reduction in Municipal Tax Revenues:			-\$58,848
Total Net Savings:			\$34,762

Background Information

Report - 481 University Avenue - Designation of a Portion of Premises as a Municipal Capital Facility

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18832.pdf>)

GM21.5	ACTION			Ward: 7
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3100 Weston Road – Lease Renewal with The Order of St. Basil The Great Holding Corporation for Operation of the Carmine Stefano Community Centre

Origin

(January 28, 2009) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. Authorize entering into a Lease Extension and Amending Agreement with The Order of St. Basil The Great Holding Corporation (the “Landlord”) to use and occupy approximately 13.5 acres of land and 49,833 square feet of rentable area in the building at 3100 Weston Road (the “Premises”) for the operation of a neighbourhood/community centre, commencing on November 30th, 2009 and expiring on November 30th, 2019, substantially on the terms and conditions as set out in Appendix “A” and on such other terms and conditions as approved by the Chief Corporate Officer, or his or her designate, and in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor.
2. Authorize the City Solicitor to complete the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement, deliver any notices, pay expenses and amend the commencement and other dates to such earlier or later date(s), on such terms and conditions, as she may, from time to time, determine.

3. Authorize the Chief Corporate Officer to administer and manage the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement including the provision of any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination provided that the Chief Corporate Officer may, at any time, refer consideration of such matters (including their content) to City Council for its determination and direction.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain authority to enter into a Lease Amending and Extension Agreement with The Order of St. Basil The Great Holding Corporation (Landlord) for the building and playing fields at 3100 Weston Road. The proposed Agreement would commence on November 30th, 2009 and expire on November 30th, 2019.

Financial Impact

The proposed Agreement is for a base rent of \$6.60 per square foot of rentable area (49,833 square feet), for a total of \$328,897.80 per year for the ten (10) year term, commencing on December 1st, 2009. The base rent will be adjusted upwards annually on December 1st of each year of the new lease term by 2%. Throughout the term, the City will also be responsible for its proportional share of operating and utility charges, which were \$460,305 in 2007. As the Landlord continues to occupy a portion of the building, the Landlord is obligated to pay to the City its proportionate share (13.89%) of the total utility costs for the entire building. The proposed total annual cost is approximately \$816,850 per year.

The proposed Agreement will result in an estimated shortfall of \$90,000 before recoveries in 2009, which will be absorbed within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2009 Operating Budget. In the event that the sublease arrangement with the H.S. East Wing Management Board is renewed, revenue generated could be used to offset some of the unplanned costs in 2009.

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

Background Information

Report - 3100 Weston Road - Lease Renewal with The Order of St. Basil The Great Holding Corporation for Operation of the Carmine Stefano Community Centre
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18833.pdf>)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18834.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-5

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18835.pdf>)

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Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement for 15,446 Square Feet of space at 225 Duncan Mill Road for Toronto Public Health

Origin

(January 19, 2009) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. Authorize the proposed Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement for the premises at 225 Duncan Mill Road with Dunbourne Properties C-Ownership (the “Landlord”), consisting of an area of approximately 15,446 square feet, for a five (5) Year Term commencing on September 1, 2006 and ending on August 31, 2011, with one option to renew for a further five (5) year term, based substantially on the terms and conditions set out in the attached Appendix “A” and any such other terms as are acceptable to the Chief Operating Officer and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
2. Authorize the Chief Corporate Officer to administer and manage the lease agreement including the provision of any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination provided that the Chief Corporate Officer may, at any time, refer consideration of such matters (including their content) to City Council for its determination and direction.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain authority to enter into a Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement for 15,446 Square Feet of space for use by the Toronto Public Health at 225 Duncan Mill Road.

Financial Impact

The total expenditure for the five (5) year term of the lease, commencing January 31, 2009, is estimated to be approximately \$1,975,000. plus GST and will be included in Toronto Public Health Budget and accommodated within approved operating budget targets.

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

Background Information

Report - Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement for 15,446 Square Feet of space at 225 Duncan Mill Road for Toronto Public Health

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18836.pdf>)

Appendix A - GM21-6

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18837.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-6

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18838.pdf>)

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Lease Agreement at 100 Queen Street West

Origin

(January 13, 2009) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. Authorize the City to enter into a new lease agreement at 100 Queen Street West the (“Premises”) with Toronto Municipal Employees’ Credit Union the (“Tenant”) for a five (5) year term with the option of renewal for an additional five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2009 based on the terms and conditions as set out in the attached Appendix “A” and on such other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Corporate Officer, or his or her designate, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
2. Authorize the City Solicitor to complete the lease, deliver any notices, pay expenses and amend the commencement and other dates to such earlier or later date(s), on such terms and conditions, as she may, from time to time, determine.
3. Authorize the Chief Corporate Officer to administer and manage the Lease Agreement including the provision of any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination provided that the Chief Corporate Officer may, at any time, refer consideration of such matters (including their content) to City Council for its determination and direction.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain City Council approval to enter into a new lease agreement with Toronto Municipal Employees’ Credit Union (TMECU), for approximately 3,437 square feet of ground floor space located at 100 Queen Street West the (“Premises”).

Financial Impact

The total revenue from this lease over the 5-year term is estimated to be \$326,515.00, net of GST, as follows:

100 Queen Street West				
Year	Commencement Date	Size (Sq. Ft.)	Rental Rate (P.S.F.)	Total Revenue
1	January 1, 2009	3437	\$18.00	\$61,866.00
2	January 1, 2010	3437	\$18.50	\$63,584.50
3	January 1, 2011	3437	\$19.00	\$65,303.00
4	January 1, 2012	3437	\$19.50	\$67,021.50
5	January 1, 2013	3437	\$20.00	\$68,740.00

In addition to the basic rent presented above, the tenant is responsible to pay for realty taxes assessed for the leased premises as well as their proportionate share of the operating costs at City Hall. This number was estimated at \$18.60 per square foot in 2008.

The expected revenue represents an increase of \$68,740.00 over the five year term of the lease (a \$10,311.00 increase in 2009). No budget allocation has been made for this increase in 2009 however, the future year increases will be included in respective Operating Budget Submissions for Facilities and Real Estate. The rates for the renewal period will be renegotiated by both parties and will reflect the then market rents for similarly leased properties within the general vicinity.

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

Background Information

Report - Lease Agreement at 100 Queen Street West

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18839.pdf>)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18840.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-7

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18841.pdf>)

GM21.8	ACTION			Ward: 6
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Lease Agreement at 388 Evans Avenue

Origin

(January 13, 2009) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. Authorize entering into a new lease agreement with Sydney R. Stone & Co. Limited as tenant, for the premises located at the property municipally known as 388 Evans Avenue, for a term of five (5) years commencing on November 1st, 2008, with an option to renew for an additional five (5) years, substantially on the terms and conditions as set out in the attached "Appendix A", and on such other terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Corporate Officer, or his or her designate, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
2. Authorize the City Solicitor to complete the lease, deliver any notices, pay expenses and amend the commencement and other dates to such earlier or later date(s), on such terms and conditions, as she may, from time to time, determine.

3. Authorize the Chief Corporate Officer to administer and manage the Lease Agreement including the provision of any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination provided that the Chief Corporate Officer may, at any time, refer consideration of such matters (including their content) to City Council for its determination and direction.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authority to enter into a new lease agreement with Sydney R. Stone & Co. Limited, for approximately 7,500 square feet of industrial space located at 388 Evans Avenue.

Financial Impact

The total revenue from this lease over the 5-year term is estimated to be \$219,375.00, less one month's rent of \$3,656.25 for a total of \$215,718.75, net of GST, as follows:

388 Evans Avenue					
Year	Size (Sq. Ft.)	Rental Rate (P.S.F.)	Annual Revenue	Total Revenue	Total Revenue Less one month rent
1 – 5	7,500	\$5.85	\$43,875	\$219,375	\$215,718.75

In addition to the basic rent presented above, the tenant is also responsible to pay realty taxes, building insurance and maintenance, as well as all other occupancy costs including water, gas, hydro, heating and air conditioning.

The expected revenue represents an increase of \$28,218.75 over the five year term of the lease (a \$6,375.00 increase in 2009). No budget allocation has been made for this increase in 2009 however, the future year increases will be included in respective Operating Budget Submissions for Facilities and Real Estate. The rates for the renewal period will be renegotiated by both parties and will reflect the then market rents for similarly leased properties within the general vicinity.

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

Background Information

Report - Lease Agreement at 388 Evans Avenue

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18842.pdf>)

Appendix A - GM21-8

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18843.pdf>)

Appendix B - GM21-8

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18844.pdf>)

GM21.9	ACTION			Ward: 4
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Expropriation of Sewer Easement - 27 Valecrest Drive

Origin

(January 19, 2009) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. City Council grant authority to initiate the expropriation process for the taking of a permanent easement in 27 Valecrest.
2. City Council grant authority to serve and publish Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate the permanent easement in 27 Valecrest, to forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for hearing that are received, to attend the hearing to present the City's position and to report the Inquiry Officer's recommendations to City Council for its consideration.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek authorization from City Council to commence proceedings for expropriation of a permanent easement for sanitary sewer purposes in the land known as 27 Valecrest Drive ("27 Valecrest").

The permanent easement has been identified by Technical Services as part of a sanitary sewer upgrading program to be undertaken within the ravine area lying between Glendarling Road and Bearwood Drive in the former City of Etobicoke. The upgrade of the sewer involves replacing existing sewer infrastructure that has exceeded its functional age, with new sewer works that meet the environmental and engineering specifications of current municipal standards. Proceeding with this upgrade is considered urgent to ensuring the continuity of reliable sewer service and to relieving the risks to public health posed by the aging sewer infrastructure currently operating in the ravine area.

Negotiations with the owner of 27 Valecrest, have led staff to conclude that terms of an agreement to acquire the required easement cannot be achieved. In order to avoid further delay in acquiring the easement, expropriation is necessary.

Financial Impact

Funds for the acquisition of the permanent easement in 27 Valecrest, either by way of negotiated settlement or expropriation, are available in the 2009 -Approved Capital Budget for Toronto Water, -(Easement Acquisition -CPW537-05). The detailed source and amount of funding will form part of a subsequent report to Committee and Council seeking authorization for the acquisition either through negotiation or, if required, by expropriation.

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

Background Information

Report - Expropriation of Sewer Easement, 27 Valecrest Drive

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18845.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - GM21-9

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18846.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - GM21-9

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18847.pdf>)

GM21.10	ACTION			Ward: 27
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Amending Report on Sale of the Public Lane at the Rear of 709 and 711 Yonge Street, Extending Northerly from Hayden Street

Origin

(January 27, 2009) Report from the Chief Corporate Officer

Recommendations

The Chief Corporate Officer recommends that:

1. Recommendation No. (1) of Item GM12.12 adopted by Council at its meeting on March 3, 4 and 5, 2008 authorizing the sale of a public lane adjoining the easterly limit of 709 and 711 Yonge Street, to the adjoining land owners, 1BSEL, be deleted and replaced with the following recommendation:
 - a. City Council accept the Offer to Purchase the public lane at the rear of 709 and 711 Yonge Street, being an unnamed road on Plan 163 and also shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2007-248 (the “Lane”) from Bazis International (One Bloor Street East) Inc. (the “Purchaser”), in the amount of \$1,170,000.00, substantially on the terms and conditions in the amended Appendix “A” to this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek an amendment to Recommendation No. (1) of Item GM12.12 adopted by Council at its meeting on March 3, 4 and 5, 2008 authorizing the sale of a public lane adjoining the easterly limit of 709 and 711 Yonge Street, to the adjoining land owners, One Bloor Street East Limited (“1BSEL”).

Financial Impact

We anticipate revenue in the amount of \$1,170,000.00, (net of GST), less closing costs and the usual adjustments from this sale.

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

Background Information

Report - Amending Report on Sale of the Public Lane at the Rear of 709 and 711 Yonge Street, Extending Northerly from Hayden Street

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18848.pdf>)

Appendix A - GM21-10

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18849.pdf>)

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GM21.11	ACTION			Ward: All
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An Unsolicited Proposal – The Wired Canada Program

Origin

(January 28, 2009) Report from the Director, Toronto Office of Partnerships

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the Wired Canada Program proposal in principle.
2. Council authorize the Toronto Office of Partnerships, in conjunction with Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Toronto Community Housing Corporation, to prepare the necessary documentation for the Purchasing and Materials Management Division to apply the Swiss Challenge procedure to the Wired Canada Program proposal.

Summary

The Toronto Office of Partnerships (TOP) received an unsolicited proposal in 2008 in which a private firm has offered to establish and maintain, at no cost to the City, internet-ready computers that can be freely accessed by the public in City facilities. This initiative, called the Wired Canada Program (WCP), is financed by corporate sponsorships. Specifically, each of the 1,000 public access computers will exhibit up to 30 corporate “launch icons” on their respective screensavers. Users will have the option to either access the websites of these sponsors via the displayed icons or to bypass the corporate icons altogether and directly connect to the internet.

After TOP reviewed the proposal with various City Programs, both the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) and the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division (PF&R) deemed the initiative to have merit and indicated an interest in having the computers placed in various community centres and community housing sites. Having also assessed the prospects of the proposal with relevant corporate staff, the purpose of this report is to request that Council approve the initiative in principle and that the proponent’s plan be subjected to the Swiss

Challenge (a specialized Request For Proposal process) as mandated by the City's Unsolicited Quotations or Proposals Policy.

Financial Impact

Implementation of the Wired Canada Program is projected to produce incremental revenues of \$0.585M for the City over the initial 5-year term. This amount reflects an average annual guaranteed payment of \$0.117M to the City. While the revenues are to be assigned to Parks, Forestry and Recreation as well as to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation for their own operational requirements, the final allocation will depend on the actual placement of the computers.

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

Background Information

Report - An Unsolicited Proposal - The Wired Canada Program

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18851.pdf>)

Appendix 1 - GM21-11

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18858.pdf>)

Appendix 2 - GM21-11

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GM21.12	Information			Ward: All
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Delegation of Line Fences Act Authority

Origin

(January 20, 2009) Report from the City Clerk

Summary

Subsection 137 (4) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* authorizes the City Clerk to delegate, in writing, any of her powers and duties under any Act to any person, other than a member of council.

Effective April 1, 2009 the City Clerk will delegate the powers and duties under the *Line Fences Act*, to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.

Financial Impact

There is no financial implication or impact resulting from this report.

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

Background Information

Report - Delegation of Line Fences Act Authority

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18854.pdf>)

GM21.13	ACTION			Ward: All
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Review of Income Generating Signage (Billboards) on Toronto Parking Authority Property**Origin**

(January 8, 2009) Memo from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. This matter be referred to staff and they determine how best to maximize revenue and diminish the impact of revenue generating signage on public property.

Summary

Recently, the Toronto Parking Authority hired a consultant to review all income generating signage, (billboards), on parking authority property.

As a result of this study, they were able to rewrite their contract to both increase their revenue and, at the same time, decrease the amount of signage. That money will be used to landscape their parking lots. It is an exercise worth undertaking for other city property. I know several locations in my ward with billboards which the city inherited.

Background Information

Memo - Review of Income Generating Signage (Billboards) on Toronto Parking Authority Property

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18855.pdf>)

GM21.14	ACTION			Ward: 27
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Making City Hall Customer Friendly**Origin**

(January 20, 2009) Memo from Councillor Moscoe, Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The City Manager be directed to establish an internal Working Group to review all facilities where citizens make payments to the City with a view to making them more customer friendly.
2. The working Group be steered jointly by the Chairs of the Government Management Committee and the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee and report to Council through their respective Committees as appropriate.

Summary

There are a number of situations where the citizens of Toronto have to interact with the City by renewing a license, paying a tax bill or a parking ticket.

Many of these interactions are unpleasant; e.g. a sign in the licensing renewal office reads:

“The City of Toronto is committed to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for both clients and staff. Aggressive or intimidating behaviour, harassment or coarse language will not be tolerated. Those who engage in this type of behaviour may not be served.”

In one instance, people are faced with long lineups and bureaucratic requirements that have them walking away, shaking their head with a distinctly unpleasant opinion of their local government.

The best way to deal with this is to review each of these facilities from a customer perspective and recommend changes that will make Toronto customer friendly.

Background Information

Memo - Making City Hall Customer Friendly

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18856.pdf>)

GM21.15	ACTION			Ward: All
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Request for a Policy on How the City Provides City-owned Assets at No Cost to Non-Profit Organizations

Origin

(January 28, 2009) Member Motion from Councillor Del Grande

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. The Chief Corporate Officer be requested to bring forward to the Government Management Committee a policy on how the City provides City-owned assets at no cost to non-profit organizations.

Summary

Motion submitted by Councillor Del Grande respecting a policy on how the City provides City-owned assets at no cost to non-profit organizations.

Background Information

Member Motion - Request for a Policy on How the City Provides City-owned Assets at No Cost to Non-Profit Organizations

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-18857.pdf>