



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

### Public Consultations on the 2011 Budget

<b>Date:</b>	January 24, 2011
<b>To:</b>	Budget Committee
<b>From:</b>	Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer
<b>Wards:</b>	All
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#### SUMMARY

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The purpose of this report is to report back to the Budget Committee on the Scarborough and North York, and Etobicoke York and Toronto & East York Budget Sub-Committee public consultation sessions held on January 19 and 20, 2011.

#### Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

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#### DECISION HISTORY

The Budget Sub-Committees for Scarborough and North York, and Etobicoke York and Toronto & East York, at the public consultation meetings on January 19 and 20, 2011, referred the public presentations to the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to report to the wrap-up meeting of the Budget Committee.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Budget Committee, at its meeting on December 16, 2010, established two sub-committees of the Budget Committee named:

- a. Budget Sub-Committee for Scarborough and North York Consultation; and
- b. Budget Sub-Committee for Etobicoke York and Toronto & East York Consultation.

The North York and Toronto & East York consultation sessions were held on January 19, 2011 and the Etobicoke and Scarborough consultation sessions were held on January 20, 2011.

The terms of reference for the Sub-Committees were to consult with the public on the 2011 budgets; and to report on its activities to the Budget Committee.

## **COMMENTS**

In total, 198 deputations were heard at the four meetings. The breakdown is as follows:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>No. of Deputations</b>
Toronto & East York	65
North York	38
Scarborough	53
York Etobicoke	42

Many of the deputants were speaking on behalf of an organization but the majority of deputants were speaking as citizens.

Several of the deputants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to appear at the local civic centre, although some expressed desire to allow for deputations during the day and some were concerned that downtown was excluded as a meeting site.

While there were a wide range of views expressed at the meeting, some of the more common topics raised were:

- 1) Proposed reductions to TTC bus routes
- 2) Proposed reductions to the tenant defence budget
- 3) Continued City support for arts and cultural organizations
- 4) Priority Centre proposed reductions
- 5) Park's User Fee Increases
- 6) Bed Bugs
- 7) False Alarm Fees
- 8) The size of the City's structural deficit and sustainability of Recommended Budget.

Many deputants expressed a willingness to pay a small property tax increase to maintain service levels while others expressed satisfaction with holding the line on spending and taxes.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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