



Decision Letter

Budget Committee

Meeting No.	24	Contact	Kelly McCarthy, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Friday, April 27, 2012	Phone	416-397-7796
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	buc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Mike Del Grande

BU24.3	ACTION	Amended		Ward:All
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Clarification of Motions Arising from Council's Deliberation of the 2012 Budget

Committee Decision

The Budget Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that, subject to Council approval of the new Agreement between the Toronto District School Board and the City for the use of school pools (the "TDSB Pools Agreement"):

1. City Council restore the 311 Toronto email service in 2012 at a cost of \$0.129 million to be funded from savings to be generated from the TDSB Pools Agreement and that the necessary funding be transferred from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2012 Operating Budget to 311 Toronto's 2012 Operating Budget for this purpose.
2. City Council authorize the use of up to \$0.197 million in unallocated funding arising from 2012 Budget Motion approvals and residual savings from the TDSB Pools Agreement for the use of school pools to the following purposes:
 - a. \$0.024 million be allocated in Children's Services 2012 Approved Operating Budget to restore grant funding to Hester Howe Child Care Centre
 - b. \$0.016 million be allocated in Children's Services 2012 Approved Operating Budget to restore grant funding to St. Lawrence Child Care Centre
 - c. \$0.157 million be allocated in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2012 Approved Operating Budget to restore service at 2 Outdoor Pools and 5 Wading Pools

Origin

(April 23, 2012) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A

Summary

This report seeks to clarify Council's intent regarding a number of motions that were approved by Council during its deliberation of the 2012 Operating Budget for which the intended

purposes of the appropriated funds and the approved restored funding do not match the budgetary information outlined in the 2012 Operating Budget and has resulted in ambiguity regarding Council's intent, evidenced by subsequent Councillor communications requesting the restoration of further service changes, including a new service expansion.

In order to avoid this situation during the deliberation of future budgets, staff from City Clerks, Legal, the City Manager and the CFO will review options that will ensure clarity of Council's intent of motions approved during its budget deliberations while respecting the right of Councillors to introduce motions as they deem appropriate.

This report also responds to Council's directive for the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to identify a funding source to restore the 311 Toronto email channel service.

Financial Impact

The motions approved during Council's deliberation of the 2012 Operating Budget and the favourable operating budget variance anticipated to arise from the new TDSB/City Agreement for the use of School pools will result an overall variance of \$0.525 million in 2012, as outlined in the table below.

	\$ Millions
Unallocated Funding Source	2012 Variances to Budget
Children's Services - Additional funding reinstated for child care rent subsidy beyond the amount required for school based child care centres	\$0.040
Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Additional funding reversed for Children and Youth Program Fees beyond the amount required in the existing Priority Centres	\$0.200
Parks, Forestry and Recreation – Savings generated from TDSB Pools Agreement	\$0.285
Total	\$0.525

Should Council wish to restore service level changes that were approved by Council as part of the 2012 Operating Budget and/or add new service, the following chart details the financial impact for 2012 as well as the full year cost. Additional funding of \$0.525 million in 2012 and \$0.757 million in future years will be required.

	\$ Millions	\$ Millions
Requests to Restore/Add New Services	2012 Impact	Full Year Impact
311 Toronto – Restore Email Service	\$0.129	\$0.280
Children's Services – Restore funding for Hester Howe Child Care Centre	\$0.024	\$0.024
Children's Services – Restore Funding for St. Lawrence Child Care Centre	\$0.016	\$0.016
Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Restore service at 2 Outdoor Pools and 5 Wading Pools	\$0.157	\$0.157
Parks, Forestry and Recreation - New Priority Centre service at Antibes Community Centres	\$0.199	\$0.280

Total	\$0.525	\$0.757
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Should Council restore service at the 2 outdoor pools and 5 wading pools, the 2012 – 2021 Capital Plan funding of \$1.145 million will be re-allocated to State- of-Good-Repair maintenance of these structures.

Background Information

(April 23, 2012) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A on Clarification of Motions Arising from Council's Deliberation of the 2012 Budget

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-46614.pdf>)

(April 13, 2012) Report from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A on Clarification of Motions Arising from Council's Deliberation of the 2012 Budget - Notice of Pending Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-46547.pdf>)

Communications

(April 26, 2012) Submission from Maureen Rao, Director, Hester Howe Child Care Centre (BU.New.BU24.3.1)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/comm/communicationfile-29835.pdf>)

(April 26, 2012) E-mail from Kelly Jones (BU.New.BU24.3.2)

(April 26, 2012) Letter from Councillor Mary Fragedakis (BU.New.BU24.3.3)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/comm/communicationfile-29839.pdf>)

(April 26, 2012) Letter from Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam (BU.New.BU24.3.4)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/comm/communicationfile-29840.pdf>)

(April 27, 2012) E-mail from Neiland Brissenden (BU.New.BU24.3.5)

(April 27, 2012) Petition from Maureen Rao, Director, Hester Howe Child Care Centre with approximately 61 signatures (BU.New.BU24.3.6)

Speakers

Maureen Rao, Director, Hester Howe Child Care Centre (Submission Filed)

Matthew Ayearst, Business Analyst, Raymond James Ltd., Equality Capital Markets

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Councillor Mike Layton

Councillor Janet Davis

Councillor Shelley Carroll

Councillor Paula Fletcher

3a Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and City of Toronto (City) Agreement for City's Use of School Pools (2012-2017) (Item CD12.1)

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Community Development and Recreation Committee:

1. Requested that the Budget Committee on Friday April 27, 2012 give consideration in its deliberation on agenda item BU24.3 to allocate the savings from the Toronto District School Board/City School Pools Agreement to contribute to fulfilling the intent of the

Council motion on pools from the Council Meeting on January 17, 2012.

Origin

(April 24, 2012) Letter from Community Development and Recreation Committee

Summary

On April 24, 2012, the Community Development and Recreation Committee considered a report (April 5, 2012) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and City of Toronto (City) Agreement for City's Use of School Pools (2012-2017) (Item CD12.1).

Background Information

(April 24, 2012) Decision Letter from the Community Development and Recreation Committee (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-46615.pdf>)