

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**Clerk's Department**

**Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee**

**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, April 7, 1998**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Lastman, Chair  
Councillor Berardinetti  
Councillor Berger  
Councillor Brown  
Councillor Chong  
Councillor Disero  
Councillor Fotinos  
Councillor O'Brien  
Councillor Ootes  
Councillor Pantalone  
Councillor Prue  
Councillor Rae  
Councillor Saundercook

**Regrets:**

Councillor Jakobek

**Also Present:**

Councillor Adams  
Councillor Duguid  
Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski  
Councillor Moeser  
Councillor Shiner  
Councillor Tzekas

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Fotinos, the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee held on February 24, 1998 were confirmed.

**50. Development Charges**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (March 12, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer seeking Council's authorization to commence the requisite background studies and policy formulation leading up to the introduction of a comprehensive development charges by-law for the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to utilize appropriate staff resources and funds of up to \$300,000 from the North York Development Charges Reserve Fund - Capital Growth Studies to undertake the requisite background studies pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997;
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to hire, where necessary, the appropriate consultants to assist with these studies; and
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer proceed as per the Schedule A, attached to the report of the Chief Financial Officer, with a view to ensuring the appropriate by-laws are in place within the 18 months window provided by the legislation.

On motion by Councillor Fotinos, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council, the adoption of the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated March 12, 1998.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 6)**

**51. Terms of Reference - Audit Committee**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 24, 1998) from the Audit Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee set out in the report (March 4, 1998) from the City Auditor.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations contained in the transmittal letter (March 24, 1998) from the Audit Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 9)**

**52. Audit Services**

**See also Minute No. 75.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 25, 1998) from the Audit Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) the following recommendations of the Toronto Transition Team in connection with the delivery of audit services be approved:
  - “(a) that the City should have an internal audit function to provide ongoing audit services to the Corporation; and
  - (b) that the annual attest audit should be done by an external auditor hired by an Audit Committee of Council;”
- (2) the City Auditor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be given authority to proceed with a Request for Proposal in relation to the annual attest audit for the fiscal years 1998 to 2002 inclusive;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer establish a staff committee, including the City Auditor, to review the proposals and make recommendations to the Audit Committee concerning the selection of external auditors; and
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Auditor work with the Chief of Police and the General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission to examine what opportunities there may be to consolidate audit functions.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (A) CUPE Local 79 (April 1, 1998), requesting permission to make a deputation before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; and
- (B) CUPE LOCAL 79 (April 6, 1998) opposed to the contracting out of the attest audit.

On motion by Councillor Berger, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations

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contained in the transmittal letter (March 25, 1998)  
from the Audit Committee.

**The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee subsequently re-opened this matter. See Minute 75.**

**53. Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) Campaigns to Keep Tariff on new Imports.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 12, 1998) from Mr. Len J. Mikulich, Clerk, the Corporation of the City of Brampton, requesting endorsement of a resolution passed by the City of Brampton at its meeting on February 9, 1998, requesting:

- (1) the federal government to reverse its recent decision on auto parts and cease any action, legislative or otherwise, that would lead to the elimination of auto tariffs on vehicle assembly and that the federal government fully commit to protect the principles of the auto pact;
- (2) advising that the Council of the City of Brampton has gone on record with federal and provincial governments in supporting the immediate withdrawal of any intention to implement such tariff removal and ensure the protection of the Auto Pact.

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the communication (February 12, 1998) from the Clerk of the City of Brampton to the Economic Development Committee for consideration and a report to Council.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 29(a))**

(Economic Development Committee - April 20, 1998)

**54. Resolution - Association of Municipalities of Ontario(AMO)**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 3, 1998) from Mr. Bill Calvert, Chief Administrative Officer, District Municipality of Muskoka requesting endorsement of a resolution passed by the Council of The District Municipality of Muskoka at its meeting on February 2, 1998, advising the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) that AMO does not and shall not

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represent the views or opinions of their municipality in negotiations with the Province of Ontario.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the communication (February 3, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer of the District Municipality of Muskoka.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 29(b))**

**55. Resolution - Business Education Tax Rates in Ontario**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that the following resolution passed by the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth on February 19, 1998, be endorsed:

“the Province of Ontario be strongly urged to set a single uniform education tax rate for businesses across the province and they be urged to phase in the decrease to businesses, in the 47 municipalities which have a higher than average tax rate, over a five-year period, and that they provide funding.”

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force contained in the transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 11)**

**56. Manson Property at 5421 Lawrence Avenue East**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential transmittal letter (March 11, 1998) from the Budget Committee.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the confidential transmittal

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letter (March 11, 1998) from the Budget Committee respecting the Manson property at 5421 Lawrence Avenue East.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 3)**

(Members of City Council - April 7, 1998)

Handed in at the meeting was a communication (April 7, 1998) from Mr. W. Harry Henderson, Partner with Parallel Realty Advisors, forwarding an earlier presented memorandum (March 5, 1998) outlining certain of the issues related to the subject site. This communication was forwarded to all Members of City Council for consideration with Clause 3 of Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee Report No. 4.

(Members of City Council - April 9, 1998)

**57. Proposed new Municipal Act - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Consultation Document**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint report (March 31, 1998) from the City Solicitor and the Chief Administrative Officer:

- (a) summarizing aspects of a consultation document released by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with respect to a proposed new Municipal Act which are thought to be significant from the City of Toronto's perspective;
- (b) listing as Appendix "II" a series of suggested amendments; and
- (c) recommending that:
  - (1) City Council endorse the recommended modifications to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's proposed new Municipal Act, which are set out at Appendix "II" to the report; and
  - (2) the report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for consideration, and circulated to the GTA Mayors and Regional Chairs, other regional governments, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, for information.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the joint report (March 31,

1998) from the City Solicitor and the Chief Administrative Officer.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 13)**

**58. Toronto City Council Response to draft Greater Toronto Services Board Act**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending a formal Toronto City Council response to the provincial government's draft legislation for the establishment of a Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) and suggesting that:

- (1) Council support the establishment of a GTSB as constituted in the Proposed Greater Toronto Services Board Act released by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on March 12, 1998, subject to the following recommendations and comments;
- (2) The provincial government be requested to amend Part I of the Proposed Greater Toronto Services Board Act to vest authority in the GTSB to do any or all of the following:
  - (a) prepare a GTA urban structure plan and master plans for major inter-regional infrastructure, for example, sewer, water, and transportation;
  - (b) allocate Provincial funding to GTSB member municipalities for inter-regional projects and programs consistent with the GTA urban structure and infrastructure master plans;
  - (c) approve, or appeal to the approval authority, environmental assessments for major inter-regional infrastructure based on consistency with the GTA urban structure and infrastructure master plans; and
  - (d) support or appeal land use decisions to the approval authority, including the Ontario Municipal Board, based on consistency with the GTA urban structure and infrastructure master plans;
- (3) the provincial government be requested to review the relationship of GT Transit to the GTSB with a view to ensuring that their respective responsibilities and powers in regard to the design, construction and operation of the regional transit system are clearly defined and distinct. This review should include consideration

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of the option of increasing the City of Toronto's representation on GT Transit to 50 percent;

- (4) Council inform the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the City of Toronto opposes the method of levy apportionment based on weighted assessment, as set out in Clause 19 (2) of the Proposed Greater Toronto Services Board Act, and request the provincial government to work with City staff to identify alternative approaches to levy apportionment by the GTSB;
- (5) that the provincial government amend the proposed Greater Toronto Services Board Act by removing the GTSB's power to directly access financial markets;
- (6) this report be forwarded to Mr. Alan Tonks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Regional and Area Municipal Councils in the GTA and the Council of the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth as the City of Toronto's response to the proposed Greater Toronto Services Board Act; and
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (March 11, 1998) from the Clerk of the Regional Municipality of Durham advising that their Municipality does not support the establishment of a GTSB.

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 14)**

**59. Cities of Tomorrow Forum**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 1998) from the City Clerk, reporting as requested by City Council at its special meeting on February 12, 1998, on the actions taken by the former Metropolitan Chairman on holding a Constitutional Conference with the Cities of Vancouver and Montreal.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received

the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 29(e))**

**60. A New Official Plan for the City of Toronto**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a letter of transmittal (March 27, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) the adoption of Recommendation No. (1), embodied in the report (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Planning and Urban Development Services, subject to striking therefrom all the words following the words "City of Toronto"; so that such Recommendation shall read as follows:

"(1) It is recommended that Council seize this opportunity to develop its new Official Plan for the City of Toronto.";

- (2) that, should the estimated funding of \$250,000.00 not be provided as part of the 1998 Transition Costs, the Commissioner of Planning and Urban Development Services be requested to submit a report to the Urban Environment and Development Committee demonstrating how these funds will be accommodated within the budget process;
- (3) that, in addition to "capital works, height, form and density of buildings, use of land and provision of transportation services", the new Official Plan for the City of Toronto should include social and environmental goals and criteria to create a comprehensive framework for planning;
- (4) that the following Council-appointed Task Forces and Committee be requested to forward to the Urban Environment and Development Committee their recommendations regarding the proposed new Official Plan and the Official Plan work plan:
  - Access and Equity Action Plan, Race Relations, Disability and Human Rights, and Ethno-Canadian Issues Task Force;
  - Homeless Strategy Task Force;
  - Task Force to Develop a Strategy for Issues of Concern to the Elderly;
  - Environment Task Force;
  - Children's Action Committee; and

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- Task Force on Community Safety;
- (5) that the consultation process be modified:
  - (a) to reflect the need to address social and environmental issues in the new Official Plan;
  - (b) and expanded to allow sufficient access to the public; and
  - (c) to give the Council-appointed Task Forces and Committee, referred to in Recommendation No. (3) above, a formal role in the consultation process to focus the public input on critical social and environmental issues;
- (6) that the "ambitious" one-year work plan and schedule be extended to a two-year timeframe in order to allow for more thorough analysis and public consultation;
- (7) that a Task Force, comprised of Members of Council, be established to oversee Phase One of the new Official Plan development and the consultation process; and
- (8) that this matter be forwarded to Council for consideration at its meeting scheduled to be held on April 16, 1998.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation contained in the transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 17)**

**61. Request for Change of Quorum - Municipal Grants Review Committee**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 31, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that its quorum be reduced from five members to four members, in the interest of pursuing the work of the Committee, and having regard to the concerns expressed by members with respect to the conflicting number of meetings that they are expected to attend.

On motion by Councillor Brown, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to

Council that the quorum of the Municipal Grants Review Committee be reduced from five members of four members.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 18)**

**62. Contract No. T-23-98: City of Toronto Roads at Four Locations**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations of the Urban Environment and Development Committee, recommending the adoption of the following recommendations embodied in the report (March 2, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead, Transportation:

- (1) Contract No. T-23-98 for the resurfacing of City of Toronto roads at four locations be awarded to D. Crupi and Sons Limited who submitted the lowest price bid in the amount of \$2,892,366.33;
- (2) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (3) in the event that the 1998 - 2002 Capital Works Program is not approved by Council at its April 16, 1998 meeting, pre-budget and project financing approval in the amount of \$3,227,366.33 be granted for this project in order that this project may commence in late April.

On motion by Councillor Pantelone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 20)**

**63. Replacement of Lighting on the F. G. Gardiner Expressway from the Humber River to the Don Valley Parkway**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities

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Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations of the Urban Environment and Development Committee, recommending the adoption of the following recommendation embodied in the report (February 23, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead, Transportation:

“that subject to the approval of the 1998 - 2002 Capital Works Program, authority be granted to undertake the replacement of the lighting systems on the F. G. Gardiner Expressway from the Humber Bridges to the Don Valley Parkway at an estimated cost of \$9.0 million.”

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 21)**

**64. St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts - Request to Withdraw Funds from the Capital Improvement Fund**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a letter of transmittal (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that the request from the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts to withdraw funds in the amount of \$52,000.00 from the Centre's Capital Improvement Fund be approved.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 22)**

**65. Contract No. T-20-98: Don Valley Parkway Bridge over Bloor Street Ramp, Structure Rehabilitation**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a letter of transmittal (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the recommendations of the Urban

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Environment and Development Committee, recommending the adoption of the following recommendations embodied in the report (March 3, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead, Transportation:

- (1) Contract No. T-20-98 for the rehabilitation of the bridge of the Don Valley Parkway over the Bloor Street Ramp be awarded to Grascan Construction Ltd. and Torbridge Construction Ltd. who submitted the lowest price bid in the amount of \$2,051,752.82;
- (2) commencing the first day of construction on the Don Valley Parkway (expected to be May 1, 1998) and terminating on the last day of construction (expected to be September 29, 1998), the speed limit be lowered to 60 kilometres per hour at the following locations:
  - (a) northbound Don Valley Parkway from a point 400 metres south of the bridge over the Bloor Street ramp to a point 550 metres north of the bridge; and
  - (b) southbound Don Valley Parkway from a point 1600 metres north of the bridge over the Bloor Street ramp to a point 450 metres south of the bridge;
- (3) the appropriate by-law(s) be amended accordingly;
- (4) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (5) in the event that the 1998 - 2002 Capital Works Program is not approved by Council at its April 16, 1998, meeting, pre-budget approval in the amount of \$2,360,732.82 be granted for this project in order that this project may commence in May.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 23)**

**66. Municipal Referendum Legislation**

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 6, 1998) from the City Clerk providing Council with a preliminary overview of the Province's proposed new legislation on municipal referendums and requesting Council to urge the Province to extend its 30-day public consultation period and recommending that:

- (1) The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Transportation, be requested to extend the 30-day time limit for public consultation on the government's proposed new legislation on municipal referendums; and
- (2) City Clerk, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor, report further on the proposed legislation to the May 13, 1998, Council meeting through the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (April 3, 1998) from Councillor Joan King, advising that the Board of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario does not support the proposed Municipal Referendum Framework.

On motion by Councillor Brown, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation embodied in the report (April 6, 1998) from the City Clerk.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 15)**

**67. Use of Parks Levy Funding for St. Clare School**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 3, 1998) from the Toronto Community Council requesting the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee to give consideration to the following recommendation from the Toronto Community Council, and to forward its recommendation to City Council for its meeting to be held on April 15, 1998:

“That prior approval be granted for funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be allocated from the Parks Levy funding received in 1997 to match funds being provided by the Toronto Catholic School Board and members of the local community for improvements to St. Clare School yard.”

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that prior approval be granted for funds in

the amount of \$10,000.00 to be allocated from the Parks Levy funding received in 1997 to match funds being provided by the Toronto Catholic School Board and members of the local community for improvement to St. Clare School yard.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 24)**

**68. Commitment of \$1 Million to a Scholarship Fund for the University of Toronto at Scarborough College under The Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF)**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 12, 1998) from the City Clerk referring from the Council Meeting of March 4, 5 and 6, 1998:

- (A) a motion from Councillor Duguid, seconded by Councillor Faubert, recommending:
- “(1) the City of Toronto Council confirm the decision taken by the former City of Scarborough Council, which invested \$1 million in a Scholarship Fund for the University of Toronto at Scarborough; and
  - (2) the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised of this resolution, and that the Province of Ontario be requested to immediately contribute its matching funds to the University of Toronto at Scarborough as per their obligations under the OSOTF program.”
- (B) a communication (March 4, 1998) from Mr. J. Robert S. Prichard, President, University of Toronto, advising that the University of Toronto looks forward to receiving the \$1 million support from the City of Toronto and reaffirming that under the terms of OSOTF, the City’s support will be matched by both the Province and the University of Toronto to produce an overall fund of \$3 million designated for the University of Toronto at Scarborough.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the following motion by Councillor Duguid and seconded by Councillor Faubert, and requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report directly to City Council on April

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16 and 17, 1998, on whether or not there are any precedent setting issues inherent in adopting these recommendations and provide with his report, the background information which was before the Council of the former City of Scarborough when it made its decision.:

“WHEREAS the former City of Scarborough Council decided on September 16, 1997, to commit \$1 million to a Scholarship Fund for the University of Toronto at Scarborough College under the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF); and

WHEREAS the former City of Scarborough confirmed this decision on November 25, 1997; and

WHEREAS the \$1 million contribution to this Scholarship Fund has been matched by the University of Toronto at Scarborough, and is also to be matched by the provincial government in the same amount; and

WHEREAS the provincial government, represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, appears to be attempting to avoid contributing to the Scholarship Fund as per their obligations under the OSOTF by filing a Notice of Action with the Ontario Court (General Division); and

WHEREAS the Current provincial government has exacerbated the need for scholarship funds due to its neglect of post-secondary education in Ontario, where tuition fees have increased by 59.2 percent since 1995, the number of students dependent on OSAP has increased by 59 percent between 1991 and 1997, the post-secondary operating grants have been cut by the provincial government by \$400 million, and Ontario now ranks 10th out of 10 provinces in Canada in per capita funding for universities; and

WHEREAS this Motion will not involve the expenditure of any funds by the Council of the City of Toronto, as this money has already been approved and expended by the former City of Scarborough;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto Council confirm the decision taken by the former City of Scarborough Council, which invested \$1 million in a Scholarship Fund for the University of Toronto at Scarborough;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised of this resolution, and that the Province of Ontario be requested to immediately contribute its matching funds to the University of Toronto at Scarborough as per their obligations under the OSOTF program.”

**(Report No. 4, Clause 5)**

(Chief Administrative Officer - April 8, 1998)

**69. Solid Waste Management Fees**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 25, 1998) from the Works and Utilities Committee:

- (1) referring the report dated March 20, 1998, from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration at its meeting on April 7, 1998, for submission to Council for consideration at its meeting on April 16, 1998, respecting the solid waste management fees charged at landfill sites and transfer stations; and
- (2) advising having requested further reports to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a report (April 6, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management recommending that:

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- (1) the solid waste management fee at the Keele Valley landfill be increased to \$53.59 per tonne effective November 1, 1998;
- (2) the solid waste management fee at all seven City of Toronto transfer stations be reduced to \$65.00 per tonne effective May 1, 1998;
- (3) the Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management report back to the Works and Utilities Committee by May 1, 1999, on the implementation of the fees structure in recommendation numbers 1 and 2; and
- (4) the Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report back to the Budget Committee and the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee by August 1, 1998, on the funding of 3Rs initiatives through the use of solid waste management fees and the creation of a solid waste management reserve fund.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a letter (April 6, 1998) from Mr. Arthur Potts, Municipal Affairs Consulting, commenting on the report (March 20, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management.

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 6, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Solid Waste Management.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 16)**

**70. Process to Develop an Agreement on matters of mutual interest between the City of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority relating to Lester B. Pearson International Airport**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint report (March 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development and the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto endorse, in principle, the establishment of an accord on matters of mutual interest with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) with respect to Lester B. Pearson International Airport (LBPIA);
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer to lead the City's participation to negotiate a draft accord to be recommended to Council, and staff be authorized to participate in a working group to identify, negotiate and resolve issues on matters of mutual interest to both parties; and
- (3) the appropriate City staff be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (April 6, 1998) from the Etobicoke Federation of Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (E.F.R.R.A.), commenting on the aforementioned joint report.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the joint report (March 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development and the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to adding a Recommendation (4) as follows:

- “(4) that the working group obtain public input and hold public meetings.”

**(Report No. 4, Clause 7)**

- 71.** The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met **in-camera** at 10:00 a.m. to consider the selection and conduct the interviews of the candidates for the position of Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

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The **in-camera** session adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Ootes, Acting Chair  
Councillor Berardinetti  
Councillor Berger  
Councillor Chong  
Councillor Disero  
Councillor Fotinos  
Councillor O'Brien  
Councillor Pantalone  
Councillor Prue  
Councillor Rae  
Councillor Saundercook

Also Present:

Councillor Adams  
Councillor Augimeri  
Councillor Layton

**72. Appointment of Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism**

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the confidential report (April 7, 1998) from the City Clerk respecting the appointment of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 1)**

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**73. Condition of Mount Royal Park, Montreal, Quebec following the Ice Storm**

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it an undated letter from Nancy Loewen, President & Director, Construction Volunteers Canada, Bénévoles Canadiens du Batiment, requesting:

- (1) funds in the amount of \$10,000, or an amount deemed more appropriate by the City;
- (2) support of the efforts to rehabilitate the Park in a timely fashion; and
- (3) the City enter into a “twinning” relationship with the City of Montreal.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a letter (March 20, 1998) from Mr. James W. Knight, Executive Director, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) setting out the FCM’s position in this matter.

Ms. Nancy Loewen, President & Director, Construction Volunteers Canada, Bénévoles Canadiens du Batiment, appeared before the Committee, in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that:

- (1) a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 be provided to the City of Montreal to assist in repairing the damage to Mount Royal Park in Montreal caused by the ice storm;
- (2) the grant be deemed to be in the interests of the Municipality;
- (3) the necessary funds be provided in the 1998 Operating Budget; and
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer report to the next meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on a policy to guide City Council in responding to disaster situations and providing emergency relief to areas in Canada and/or around the world.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 4)**

**74. Motion - Federal Government's Negotiation of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) with 29 Member Countries of OECD**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 1998) from the City Clerk referring from the Council meeting held on March 4, 5 and 6, 1998, a motion by Councillor Augimeri which recommended that:

“the City of Toronto urge the Government of Canada to consult widely and in depth with the people of Canada, especially and including, the soliciting of detailed responses from municipal councils, before taking any further action on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.”

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (March 3, 1998) from Mr. R. W. Pritchard, General Manager of Corporate Services and Clerk of the City of Kitchener, advising of a motion passed by the City of Kitchener urging the Government of Canada to :

- (1) suspend negotiations on the Multilateral Agreement on Investments until it has consulted more widely and in depth with the people of Canada, especially and including, the soliciting of detailed responses from municipal councils and their citizens; and
- (2) directing the appropriate City staff to discuss this issue with local M.P.'s and to prepare a report on the implications of this Agreement on municipal government.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it communications from the following opposed to the MAI agreement:

- (April 2, 1998) from Ms. Helen Hansen and Mr. Robert Hansen;
- (April 1, 1998) from Ms. Anne Hansen;
- (April 1, 1998) from Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, C.U.P.E. Local 79;
- (April 4, 1998) from Mr. Fred Roy, Willowdale Unitarian Fellowship, Social Action Committee;
- (April 7, 1998) from Dr. Rose Anne Dyson, Steering Committee Member, People Against the MAI (PAMAI);
- (April 7, 1998) from Ms. Linda Torney, President, Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto and York Region;
- (April 7, 1998) from Mr. Robert Olsen;
- (undated) from Councillor Augimeri;
- (April 6, 1998) from Mr. Morry Smith;
- (April 7, 1998) from Ms. Colleen Burke and Ms. Mary Roufail;

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- (April 7, 1998) from Mr. Brent Patterson;
- (April 7, 1998) from Mr. Richard Troy;
- (April 7, 1998) from Mr. Brian Milani, Research Coordinator, Eco Materials Group; and
- (April 7, 1998) from Marjaleena Repo, obo Citizens Concerned About Free Trade, together with a copy of the Spring 1998, edition of a publication titled "True North".

The following persons appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Brent Patterson
- Mr. Bob Olsen
- Dr. Rose Dysan, o.b.o. People concerned about the MAI (PAMAI)
- Mr. Terry Gardner, o.b.o. Science for Peace
- Mr. Morry Smith
- Mr. Richard Troy
- Ms. Sarah Dopp
- Ms. Mary Roufail, o.b.o. the Women's Task Group of Stop MAI - Toronto
- Ms. Colleen Burke, o.b.o. the Women's Task Group of Stop MAI - Toronto
- Mr. Paul Hellyer, President, Waterfront Ratepayers' Association
- Mr. Brian Milani
- Ms. Marjaleena Repo, o.b.o. Citizens concerned about Free Trade
- Mr. Michael Baxter, o.b.o. Regent Park United Church
- Mr. John Valleau
- Ms. Helen McNeill

The following members of Council also appeared before the Committee also in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Augimeri
- Councillor Layton

Councillor Disero moved:

That Councillor Augimari's motion be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"that the City of Toronto endorse the position taken by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that

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the Prime Minister of Canada be petitioned to have the chief negotiator for the Multilateral Agreement on Investment file a permanent and explicit exemption in the Agreement limiting its application to areas of federal jurisdiction, and that City Council's action, together with the supporting material from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be circulated to all municipalities in Canada with a population of over 50,000 and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support."

Councillor Berardinetti moved "that a copy of the action taken by this Council be forwarded to the Consulates of the other member countries of the OECD."

Councillor Prue moved "that the Government of Canada be advised that the City of Toronto is opposed to the Multilateral Agreement on Investment and requests that further negotiations cease and desist immediately."

Councillor Fotinos moved "that the action of City Council be forwarded to all MPs representing the City of Toronto with the request that they endorse the City's action and that their responses as to whether or not they endorse Council's actions, and their respective names, be:

(i) forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual meeting; and

(ii) be made available to the public."

The motions of Councillor Disero, Councillor Berardinetti, Councillor Prue, Councillor Fotinos were voted on and carried.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of Councillor Augimeri's motion.

**In summary, the recommendations of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee were forwarded to Council as follows:**

**“The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommends:**

- (1) the adoption of the following motion moved by Councillor Augimeri and seconded by Councillor Miller, which was referred to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee by City Council at its meeting held on March 4, 5 and 6, 1998:**

**“WHEREAS the federal government is in the process of negotiating the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) with the 29 member countries of the OECD, with the intention of having a signed agreement by September 1998; and**

**WHEREAS the citizens of the City of Toronto have had little access to information and informed debate on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, and its implications at the federal, provincial and local levels; and**

**WHEREAS there are potential negative impacts of a Multilateral Agreement on Investment on the lives and livelihoods of the residents of the City of Toronto, especially small businesses; and**

**WHEREAS the draft of the MAI treaty further extends the provisions of the Free Trade Agreement and NAFTA in both the ‘National Treatment’ and ‘Performance Requirements’ provisions, which will impact on the entire Municipal, University, School and Hospital sector, and specifically on the City of Toronto’s ability to implement purchasing policies and practices that favour local Toronto based businesses and suppliers; and**

**WHEREAS the MAI treaty, as drafted, would stop municipalities from limiting the use of property by foreign companies, which could have the effect of restricting Council’s right to set planning By-laws;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto urge the Government of Canada to consult widely and in depth with the people of Canada, especially and including, the soliciting of detailed responses from municipal councils, before taking any further action on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.”;**

- (2) **that the Government of Canada be advised that the City of Toronto is opposed to the Multilateral Agreement on Investment and requests that further negotiations cease and desist immediately; and**
- (3) **that the City of Toronto endorse the position taken by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that the Prime Minister of Canada be petitioned to have the chief negotiator for the Multilateral Agreement on Investment file a permanent and explicit exemption in the Agreement limiting its application to areas of federal jurisdiction, and that City Council's action, together with the supporting material from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be circulated to:**
  - (a) **all municipalities in Canada with a population of over 50,000 and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support;**
  - (b) **all MPs representing the City of Toronto with the request that they endorse the City's action and that their responses as to whether or not they endorse Council's actions, and their respective names, be:**
    - (i) **forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual meeting; and**
    - (ii) **be made available to the public;**
  - (c) **the Consulates of the other member countries of the OECD."**

**(Report No. 4, Clause 28)**

## **75. Audit Services**

**The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee re-opened its consideration of this matter, previously shown as Minute No. 52.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 25, 1998) from the Audit Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that:

- (1) **the following recommendations of the Toronto Transition Team in connection with the delivery of audit services be approved:**

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- “(a) that the City should have an internal Audit function to provide ongoing audit services to the Corporation; and
  - (b) that the annual attest audit should be done by an external auditor hired by an Audit Committee of Council.”;
- (2) the City Auditor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be given authority to proceed with a Request for Proposal in relation to the annual attest audit for the fiscal years 1998 to 2002 inclusive;
  - (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer establish a staff committee, including the City Auditor, to review the proposals and make recommendations to the Audit Committee concerning the selection of external auditors; and
  - (4) the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Auditor work with the Chief of Police and the General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission to examine what opportunities there may be to consolidate audit functions.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (April 1, 1998) from Mr. Dennis Casey, Acting Vice-President of CUPE Local 79, requesting permission to make a deputation, and a second communication (April 6, 1998) opposed to the contracting out of the attest audit and the fact that the rest of the audit functions will be carried out by management staff only.

Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, CUPE Local 79, appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Moved by Councillor Fotinos, that this matter go ahead to Council but be referred to the Budget Committee and the budget process to allow time for the City staff to meet with representatives of CUPE Local 79. This motion carried.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 10)**

(Budget Committee; c.c.Chief Administrative Officer, City Auditor, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 8, 1998)

**76. Business Improvement Areas: Interim Procedures for 1998 and Municipal Code Amendments for the (Former) City of Toronto**

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (March 19, 1998) from the Interim Lead, Economic Development, Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer outlining a Business Improvement Area Program and recommending interim administrative procedures and policies for 1998 and process for developing an integrated program across the amalgamated municipality for implementation in 1999, as follows:

- (1) City Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to amend the meaning of BIA membership set out in Section 220 of the Municipal Act to include all business tenants as well as the assessed owners "of rateable property in the area that is in a prescribed business property class".
- (2) to clarify that all business tenants may continue to participate at BIA General Meetings, that authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bills to Council to give effect to an amendment to the (former) City of Toronto Municipal Code which will delete subsections A, B, C and D of Section 20-10.
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to review Section 20 of the former City of Toronto's Municipal Code and to introduce the necessary Bills to Council to bring it into compliance with the amendments made by Bill 106.
- (4) the Director of Economic Development be requested to review the administrative practices, services and support that has been provided to BIAs in each of the former municipalities in consultation with the BIAs and the Chief Financial Officer, Solicitor, Auditor, and other staff involved in administering the program, and report further recommending an integrated BIA program for implementation in 1999.
- (5) the following interim administrative procedures be adopted for the BIA program during 1998:
  - (a) that BIA levies be included on the final realty tax bill in 1998 due to the late delivery of the assessment roll,
  - (b) that BIAs be permitted to draw advances of up to 75 percent of their net levy following approval of their budgets by Council,
  - (c) that BIA advances on the first 50 percent of the net levy be interest free until July 31, 1998, and that interest be charged at the rate of prime plus one percent on the portion of advances in excess of 50 percent of the net levy and after July 31, 1998, and

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- (d) that the balance of the net levy be provided to BIA Boards of Management only when collected.
- (6) City Council adopt the objective of continuing to serve BIAs with as little disruption as possible during 1998 while the program review is ongoing, and to that end generally continue to provide each BIA with the same services as were previously available in its former municipality.
- (7) Section 86.1 of the Procedural By-law be amended to authorize the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee to deal with BIA Boards of Management appointments and the Budget Committee to deal with BIA budgets instead of the Urban Environment and Development Committee.
- (8) The appropriate City officials be authorized to take the actions necessary to implement the foregoing.

Councillor Disero moved that the joint report (March 19, 1998) from the Interim Lead, Economic Development, the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be amended by deleting from Recommendation (5)(c) the date "July 31, 1998" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 31, 1998 or the 1st day of the month following the due date" so that Recommendation (5)(c) now reads:

"(c) that BIA advances on the first 50 percent of the net levy be interest free until August 31, 1998 or the 1st day of the month following the due date, and that interest be charged at the rate of prime plus one percent on the portion of advances in excess of 50 percent of the net levy and after August 31, 1998 or the 1st day of the month following the due date, and";

Councillor O'Brien moved that the joint report (March 19, 1998) from the Interim Lead, Economic Development, the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be amended by:

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- (1) deleting from Recommendation (7) the words and numbers "Section 86.1 of" so that Recommendation (7) now reads:
  - "(7) The Procedural By-law be amended to authorize the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee to deal with BIA Boards of Management appointments and the Budget Committee to deal with BIA budgets instead of the Urban Environment and Development Committee.";
- (2) renumbering Recommendation (8) to Recommendation (9); and
- (3) inserting a new Recommendation (8) to read as follows:
  - "(8) Recommendation (7) be deemed notice to amend the Procedural By-law as required by Section 134 thereof."

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint report as so amended.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 8)**

Although not in the meeting when the foregoing item was discussed, at the start of the meeting, Mayor Lastman declared his interest in the foregoing matter and stated that the general nature of his interest is that his son is the President of the Kennedy Road Business Improvement Area.

**77. Provincial Property Tax System**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from The Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council:

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(1) that the following resolution be adopted:

“Whereas there have been problems identified with the methodology utilized by the Province of Ontario in the creation of the new Current Value Assessment (CVA); and

Whereas highest and best use is an unfair assessment tool; and

Whereas there is insufficient time before the return of the Tax Roles (April 30) to explore meaningful measures for long term solutions to assist those hardest hit by the negative impacts of CVA in the business community; and

Whereas it is generally believed that Graduated Commercial Rates would result in an unfair and unworkable tax system;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of Ontario be requested to defer implementation of the commercial, industrial, residential and multi-residential components of CVA for at least one year to allow time to explore measures for long term solutions”; and

(2) that the Province of Ontario be requested to:

(a) end the business education tax rate, that forces Toronto businesses to pay more education tax than other businesses in Ontario; and

(b) re-evaluate in 1998, commercial and industrial properties, with the idea of having an average of the 1996 and 1998 figures as being the property assessments to be used.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (April 7, 1998) from Councillor Duguid urging to move forward with residential property tax reform without delay.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendation No. (2) of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force.

On motion by Councillor Berger, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred Recommendation No. (1) of the Assessment and

Tax Policy Task Force to Council, without recommendation.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 12)**

**78. Increase in Property Tax Reassessment**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the following recommendations approved by York Community Council at its special meeting held on March 9, 1998:

- (1) the Commissioner of Finance be requested to report on the feasibility of sending out a separate property tax notice that clearly indicates to businesses the percentage of the property that is the direct result of the new provincial tax changes;
- (2) the Commissioner of Finance be requested to also report on setting a new tax classification for all provincial buildings and land located in the City of Toronto, with the appropriate tax rate set for these properties to reflect the extra charges faced by Toronto businesses as a result of the Education Business Tax; and
- (3) public information meetings be held, appropriately advertised in the ridings of every Conservative MPP in the City of Toronto, to inform the public of the impact of the provincial tax changes, and that each MPP be invited to participate in these meetings.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 19)**

**79. Property Assessment and Tax Policy System recently implemented by the Provincial Government**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 6, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force forwarding the

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following recommendations to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration:

- (1) That Council request the Government of Ontario and Legislature to hold public hearings on the announced new legislation to address problems with the new Current Value Assessment (CVA) system;
- (2) That Council authorize the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to make representations to the Ontario Government and Legislature on recommended changes to provincial legislation and regulations regarding property assessment and property taxes; and
- (3) That Council request the Government of Ontario and Legislature to amend the appropriate legislation to establish the preliminary tax rate study as a public record within the meaning of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act*.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (April 6, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 25)**

**80. 1997 Levy on Public Hospitals, Universities and Colleges and Correctional Institutions**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 6, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force forwarding the following recommendation to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration:

“That the Province of Ontario be requested to change the legislation for public hospitals, universities and colleges, and correctional institutions so that these properties pay their fair share of Municipal Property Tax according to their assessed value, and that the Province also be requested to provide the necessary funding to these institutions.”

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On motion by Councillor Chong, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendation embodied in the transmittal letter (April 6, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 26)**

**81. Independent Review of Provincial Current Value Assessments**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 6, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force forwarding for consideration by the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, the report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending:

“that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer not engage a consultant to undertake an independent review of the quality and accuracy of the provincial assessments given that a study based on a statistically valid number of properties could not be completed in a timely manner for Council to consider.”

On motion by Councillor Berger, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee submitted the transmittal letter (April 6, 1998) from the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force to Council, without recommendation.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 27)**

**82. City of Toronto 1998 Capital Budget - North York Community Council (March 26, 1998)**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that:

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- (1) the following recommendations of North York Council be endorsed:
  - (a) the establishment of a User Fee Task Force no later than the end of the next meeting of Council scheduled for April 16, 1998, and that it be mandated to deliver to Council for consideration at its meeting of October 1, 1998, recommendations on the user fee structure for the City of Toronto; and
  - (b) the appointment of Councillor Mammoliti as Chair of the Task Force; and
- (2) the terms of reference for this User Fee Task Force be forwarded to the appropriate Standing Committee.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Budget Committee to the Chief Administrative Officer for a report back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on Terms of Reference for a complete review of fees and service levels throughout the new City of Toronto.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 29(d))**

(Chief Administrative Officer - April 20, 1998)

**83.** The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recessed its public session at 4:25 p.m. to meet **in-camera** to consider the following:

- (A) Joint Report (March 25, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, on a Voluntary Separation Program for Bargaining Unit Employees.

Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79 appeared before the Committee **in-camera**.

- (B) Verbal Presentation made by Mr. Harold Ball, Director of Labour Relations, on a labour relations strategy.

Members Present:

Councillor Ootes, Acting Chair  
Councillor Berardinetti

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Councillor Chong  
Councillor Disero  
Councillor Fotinos  
Councillor O'Brien  
Councillor Pantalone  
Councillor Prue  
Councillor Rae  
Councillor Saundercook

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adjourned its **in-camera** session at 4:45 p.m. and immediately recovered in public session.

Members Present:

Councillor Ootes, Acting Chair  
Councillor Berardinetti  
Councillor Chong  
Councillor Disero  
Councillor Fotinos  
Councillor O'Brien  
Councillor Pantalone  
Councillor Prue  
Councillor Rae  
Councillor Saundercook

**84. Voluntary Separation Program for Bargaining Unit Employees**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential joint report (March 25, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, regarding a voluntary separation program for Bargaining Unit Employees.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the following communications from Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79:

- (a) CUPE Local 79 (April 2, 1998) requesting permission to make a deputation before the Committee;
- (b) CUPE Local 79 (April 2, 1998) commenting on the joint report.

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On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended the Council the adoption of the joint confidential report (March 25, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, respecting a voluntary separation program for Bargaining Unit Employees.

**(Report No. 4, Clause 2)**

(Members of City Council - April 15, 1998)

**85. Verbal Presentation - Labour Relations Strategy**

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the confidential presentation given by Mr. Harold Ball, Director of Labour Relations, on a labour relations strategy.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Chair.