

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, May 5, 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 Jakobek
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Pantalone
Councillor Prue
Councillor Rae
Councillor Saundercook

Also Present:

Councillor Adams
Councillor Duguid
Councillor Holyday
Councillor Jones
Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor Minnan-Wong
Councillor Sinclair

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Fotinos, the Minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee held on April 7, 1998 and April 14, 1998 were confirmed.

123. Appointments to the Boards of Management for Business Improvement Areas and Amendments to the (Former Toronto) Municipal Code Chapter 20, Business Improvement Areas - Various Wards

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 21, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising of changes to membership of Boards of Management for Business Improvement Areas require Council approval and a by-law amendment and attaching Schedule A detailing the amendments to (former Toronto) Municipal Code, Chapter 20 and Appendix 1 listing the names of the nominees to be appointed; and

Recommending that:

- (1) in accordance with the elections held at the Business Improvement Area Annual General Meetings, amendments be made to Schedule A Individual Boards of Management, of the (former Toronto) Municipal Code Chapter 20, Business Improvement Areas as set out in the attached Schedule A. These changes are specific to Number of Members and Members Needed for Quorum and are highlighted by “Changes From and To”;
- (2) Council appoint the nominees listed in Appendix 1 of this report to the Boards of Management for Bloorville Village, Gerrard India Bazaar, Mimico Village, and St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Business Improvement Areas. The term of office is to expire on November 30, 2000, or as soon thereafter as successors are appointed. Each of the named nominees meets the requirements of Section 220 of the Municipal Act, as amended by Bill 106; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 21, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Report No. 8, Clause 1)

124. Contract No. T-42-98: Don Valley Parkway Resurfacing at Two Locations

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the following Recommendations Nos. (1), (2) and (3), embodied in the report (April 9, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead, Transportation, regarding Contract No. T-42-98 for the resurfacing of the Don Valley Parkway at two locations:

- (1) pre-budget approval of \$2,700,000.00 be granted for the 1999 Capital Works Program or, alternatively, that funds be provided from the sale of property assets as outlined in this report;
- (2) subject to approval of Recommendation No. (1), Contract No. T-42-98, for the resurfacing on the Don Valley Parkway at two locations, be awarded to Warren Bitulithic Limited who submitted the lowest price bid in the amount of \$2,554,897.17; and
- (3) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee to the Budget Committee with the request that it report back to Council with its report on the \$9.1 million Capital Project.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(a))
(Budget Committee - May 15, 1998)

125. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention and Visitors Association for the Year Ended December 31, 1997

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Audit Committee advising the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that it received for information the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention and Visitors Association for the year ended December 31, 1997.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee advised Council that it had received the Auditor's Report and

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Financial Statements of the Metropolitan Toronto
Convention and Visitors Association of the year
ended December 31, 1997.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(b))

126. Phase-In Policy Respecting the Residential Property Class

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, as amended by a further transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that the Provincial Government be requested, when implementing Current Value Assessment, to use a moving average of assessed value ultimately using three different years of assessment.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) as amended by a further transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force to a special meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee being scheduled in June, 1998, to deal with tax policy and tax rate matters.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(d))

127. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee has before it a transmittal letter (April 6, 1998) from Councillor McConnell, Chair of the Committee on the Status of Women, recommending that:

- (1) the Committee on the Status of Women's participation at the annual general meeting of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women be confirmed as outlined in the report (April 6, 1998) from the Committee of Women's meeting of March 26, 1998; and
- (2) City officials be authorized to take appropriate action to give effect to the foregoing.

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On motion by Councillor Rae, 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 Committee on the Status of Women.

(Report No. 8, Clause 4)

128. Corporate Management Framework

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 27, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer outlining a framework for corporate management plans and introducing the new management processes to be developed and recommending that:

- (1) the corporate management framework outlined in his report be approved;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on terms of reference for a strategic planning process, including Council member involvement and coordination with other major corporate planning initiatives;
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer report on multi-year program planning;
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer report on a revised budget submission format and review process; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 27, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Report No. 8, Clause 6)

129. Comments on Proposed New Municipal Act Provisions

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 27, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism commenting on the proposed new Municipal Act from an economic development perspective, and forwarding comments and suggested amendments to the provisions for Business Improvement Areas and recommending that:

- (1) City Council endorse the continued inclusion in the Municipal Act of provisions respecting small business support programs (Section 127) and community development corporations (Section 128).
- (2) that the legislation be clarified with respect to:
 - (a) what, if any, new legal obligations a BIA board of management would be subject to as a result of the proposed amendment in which the board is referred to as a corporation rather than a body corporate;
 - (b) whether deeming the BIA levy a tax (Section 118(5)) provides sufficient authority for municipalities to include a portion of the levy on the interim tax bill; and
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with the request that consideration be given to the suggested amendments to the provisions for BIAs summarized in Appendices A and B.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a report (May 1, 1998) from the City Solicitor and the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that the modification set out in the Appendix to their latest report be added to the proposed modifications to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's draft Municipal Act set out in Appendix II to the report, dated March 31, 1998, from the City Solicitor and Chief Administrative Officer.

In view of the position taken by City Council on May 1, 1998, when it considered Clause 13 of Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee Report No. 4, on motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report (April 27, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the report (May 1, 1998) from the City Solicitor and Chief Administrative Officer.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(g))

130. Millennium Celebrations and Task Force

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 21, 1998) from Councillor Ashton and Korwin-Kuczynski outlining the need and a process for the City of Toronto to begin preparations for events for the year 2000 and recommending that:

- (1) a Millennium Task Force be struck to plan Toronto's role in the year long activities for the Year 2000, with representation from Council and relevant operating departments, with project management and staff support being seconded from within the City;
- (2) the City provide an office and secretarial support to the Task Force until September 1, 1998, at which time the role and activities of the Task Force will be re-evaluated. The City also approve an allocation to the Task Force of \$50,000.00 for operating costs and any contracted services over the period ending September 1, 1998;
- (3) any Task Force expenditures for outside services be secured by a contract or Memorandum of Understanding for the services to be supplied, accompanied by a set of specific deliveries; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations in the report (April 21, 1998) from Councillors Ashton and Korwin-Kuczynski.

(Report No. 8, Clause 7)

131. Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Application - 45 South Drive

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending the adoption of the report (March 31, 1998) from the Managing Director, Toronto Historical Board, respecting the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Application for 45 South Drive.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

(Report No. 8, Clause 9)

132. Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Application - 427 Bloor Street West (Trinity St. Paul's Church)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending the adoption of the report (April 24, 1998) from the Managing Director, Toronto Historical Board, respecting the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Application for 427 Bloor Street West (Trinity St. Paul's Church).

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

(Report No. 8, Clause 10)

133. Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Application - 49 Wellington Street East (Flatiron Building)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending the adoption of the report (April 24, 1998) from the Managing director, Toronto Historical Board, respecting the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant Application for 49 Wellington Street East (Flatiron Building).

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On motion by Councillor Fotinos, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

(Report No. 8, Clause 11)

134. Financial Administration of the Cultural Grants Budget

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending the adoption of the report (April 16, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, respecting the financial administration of the Cultural Grants Budget, and advising that it had received the report (April 21, 1998) from the President of the Toronto Arts Council and the communication from Ms. Susan Robinson, Resident, Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

(Report No. 8, Clause 13)

135. Request for Special Meeting of Council to Deal with Tax Policy and Tax Rate Matters

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force recommending the adoption of the following motion of Councillor Adams:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of City Council be held on June 22 and 23, 1998, to deal with tax policy and tax rate matters;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in order to accommodate this Special Meeting of Council, the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee, scheduled to be held on June 22, 1998, be rescheduled to June 29, 1998, and the

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meeting of the Budget Committee, scheduled to be held on June 23, 1998, be rescheduled to the afternoon of June 29, 1998; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee be held on June 17, 1998, to consider the report of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force for report thereon to Council.”

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

This matter was subsequently re-opened, and on motion by Councillor Jakobek, the following was added to the Committee’s recommendation:

- (a) that the Budget Committee meet on June 19, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. to approve the levying amounts and corresponding tax rates by-law; and
- (b) that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee meet on June 22, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. to transmit the Budget Committee recommendations to Council on June 22 and 23, 1998.

(Report No. 8, Clause 15)

136. Toronto Transit Commission: Need for Expansion of Union Subway Station

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 20, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council:

- (1) the adoption of Recommendation No. (2) of the Toronto Transit Commission, embodied in the communication dated February 26, 1998, from the General Secretary of the Commission, as follows:

“The Commission took the following action:

- (2) approved requesting the City of Toronto Council to:

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- (a) establish a special reserve fund for private-sector contributions toward the cost of expanding Union Subway Station; and
 - (b) direct City staff to establish a mechanism for obtaining private-sector contributions to this fund as a condition of approval of all new developments within the catchment area of Union Subway Station, including the Railway Lands and Harbourfront; that is, those developments which contribute to the overcrowding of the station;”; and
- (2) that this matter be submitted to the meeting of City Council scheduled to be held on May 13, 1998.

Councillor Chong moved that Recommendation No. 2(b) of the Toronto Transit Commission be amended to read:

“direct City Staff to establish a mechanism for obtaining Federal and Provincial funding and private-sector contributions to this fund, including the 905 area, as a condition of approval of all new developments, which contribute to the overcrowding of the station.”

Councillor Disero moved that Recommendation No. 2(b) of the Toronto Transit Commission be amended by adding thereto the words “and/or any other means of finding funding for this reserve including other levels of government.”

Councillor Pantalone moved that the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (April 28, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee, be adopted, and that Councillor Brown’s and Councillor Jakobek’s concerns be referred to staff for consideration at the appropriate time.

The motions of Councillor Chong, Councillor Disero and Councillor Pantalone were voted on and carried.

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

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommends that City Council:

- (1) establish a special reserve fund for private-sector contributions toward the cost of expanding Union Subway Station;**
- (2) direct the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, to establish a mechanism for obtaining funding from the Federal and Provincial governments, Go-Transit, the private-sector including contributions from the 905 area to this fund, as a condition of approval of all new developments which contribute to the overcrowding of the Union Station Subway station; and**
- (3) refer the following concerns to the appropriate staff for consideration at the appropriate time:**
 - (i) the passenger loads and capacity of the Union Station Subway Station; and**
 - (ii) structural and retrofit issues related to all three users at Union Station as well as a Master Plan for future Subway, VIA and GO Transit use.**

(Report No. 8, Clause 2)

137. Cement Lining of Cast Iron Pipe within the City of Etobicoke - Fer Pal Construction Ltd. - Contracts Nos. EB9801WS and EB9802WS

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 1998) from Councillor Disero referring the correspondence (April 27, 1998) from the President and Vice-President, Fer-Pal Construction Ltd. respecting the decision of the Works and Utilities Committee with respect to tenders.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (April 30, 1998) from the City Clerk advising of the action taken by the Works and Utilities Committee in the award of Contracts Nos. EB9801WS and EB9802WS for watermain cleaning and cement lining at various locations in the Etobicoke District.

Mr. Shaun McKaigue of Fer-Pal Construction Ltd. appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee at its meeting held on May 5, 1998.

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On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) received the communication (April 29, 1998) from Councillor Disero forwarding correspondence (April 29, 1998) from Fer-Pal Construction Ltd.;
- (2) received the transmittal letter (April 30, 1998) from the Works and Utilities Committee advising that in Clause 4 of its Report No. 4 it is recommending to Council on May 13 and 14, 1998, the award of Contracts Nos. EB9801WS and EB9802WS; and
- (3) requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the appropriate staff, to review the tendering process and documentation used throughout the Corporation with a view to providing for a more open process in the future.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(h))
(City Council - May 7, 1998)

138. Audit Services - Clause 10 of Report No. 4 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Audit Committee recommending again to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) the recommendation of the Toronto Transition Team in connection with the delivery of audit services be approved;
- (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;

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- (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 (May 1, 1998) from the Acting President, CUPE Local 79, requesting the Committee to reject the proposal.

Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, CUPE Local 79, appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on May 5, 1998, in connection with the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Pantalone:

That no lay-offs in the Attest Audit function occur until the Request for Proposals are received and considered by the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

Moved by Councillor Saundercook:

That the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Auditor report back on the possibility of auditing the ABC's and the Corporation separately, one through out sourcing and one with internal staff.

Moved by Councillor O'Brien:

That the recommendations of the Audit Committee embodied in the transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) be adopted.

The motion by Councillor Saundercook was voted on and lost on the following division of tie votes:

Yeas: Councillors Berardinetti, Brown, Pantalone, Prue, Rae and Saundercook.

Nays: Mayor Lastmas, Councillors Berger, Chong, Disero, Fotinos, O'Brien

The motion of Councillor Pantalone was voted on and lost.

The motion of Councillor O'Brien was voted on and carried.

(Report No. 8, Clause 3)

139. Impact of Current Value Assessment on the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that the communication (March 27, 1998) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, be received.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the request set out in the communication (March 27, 1998) from Vincent Rodo, General Secretary of the Toronto Transit Commission that the City of Toronto petition the Province of Ontario to exempt TTC properties from realty assessment when used for transit functions to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for a report back to the next meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and requested that she look at all options, including how Hydro properties are valued.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(e))

(Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer - May 15, 1998)

140. Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 28, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer proposing a Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto prepared by the Chief Herald of Canada and recommending that:

- (1) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend Council approve the Coat of Arms as proposed by the Chief Herald of Canada;

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- (2) the Chief Herald of Canada make a presentation on the Coat of Arms to the May 13 meeting of Council;
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer report to the next meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on a visual identity program which will be the standards and guidelines for the proper application of the City's new corporate symbols;
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer forward the correspondence from the Chief Herald of Canada to the Fire Chief and Police Chief and all Commissioners to inform all uniformed services and all other City departments of the opportunity to receive a badge from the Coat of Arms by Crown grant; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take appropriate action to give effect thereto.

Rev. Dr. Robert Black of the Chief Herald's Office presented the proposed Coat of Arms.

Councillor Pantalone moved that the report (April 28, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer be referred back to staff and requested the City Clerk to co-operate with the Chief Herald's Office to facilitate input from Members of Council and eventually the public via the Community Council Chairs.

Councillor Jakobek moved that the new Coat of Arms for the new City of Toronto contain a component of each of the former municipalities, if possible, and that a large component include recognition of the City's aboriginal heritage.

The motions of Councillor Pantalone and Councillor Jakobek were voted on and carried.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(f))

(Chief Administrative Officer; City Clerk - May 15, 1998)

141. New Logo for the City of Toronto

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (April 24, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer proposing the adoption of the new logo for the City of Toronto, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee to recommend one of the three logos proposed to City Council.

Councillor Pantalone moved that Design Proposal “A” be recommended.

Councillor Berardinetti moved that Design Proposal “C” be recommended.

Councillor Jakobek moved that staff be requested to look at the possibility of a clearer definition of the “T” in Design Proposal “C”.

Councillor Fotinos moved that Design Proposal “B” be recommended.

The motions of Councillor Pantalone and Councillor Fotinos were voted on and lost.

The motion of Councillor Berardinetti, as amended by the motion of Councillor Jakobek, was voted on and carried.

(Report No. 8, Clause 5)

142. Establishment of an Auditor General’s Office

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Audit Committee recommending that City Council adopt, in principle, the establishment of an Auditor General’s office and:

- (1) request the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Auditor to prepare a report on the timing and establishment of an Auditor General’s office; and
- (2) include the Agencies, Boards and Commissions under the purview of such office.

On motion by Councillor Chong, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Audit Committee.

(Report No. 7, Clause 16)

143. Property Tax Rebates for Charitable and Similar Organizations

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (April 22, 1998) from the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that Recommendation No. (1) of the report (April 16, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be amended by inserting the words “and industrial” between the words “commercial tenants” and Recommendation No. (1) as so amended, and Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) of the said report be adopted, as follows:

- (1) That the Province be requested in their drafting of the capping legislation to provide for the re-opening of all leases to ensure that commercial and industrial tenant formerly residentially rated pay their proportionate share of residential taxes under the capping option, the enactment of which would render any rebate program unnecessary during the course of the capping provision;
- (2) That the Province be requested to continue to collect and maintain tenant information in the commercial and industrial property classes and to make this information available to the City in 1998 and subsequent assessment rolls;
- (3) That in the interests of administrative efficiencies for the City, and to ensure that the appropriate taxes are billed, the Province be requested to enact new legislation providing for the separate assessment of charitable and similar organizations that are tenants in commercial or industrial properties and authorizing the City to issue tax bills directly to charitable and similar organizations, with ultimate responsibility for payment in the event of default on the owner of the property, the enactment of which would also render the rebate program unnecessary.

In this connection, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it communications from the following:

- (A) Gowling, Strathy & Henderson, Barristers & Solicitors (April 8, 1998);
- (B) Brian Bowes, CMA, Manager of Finance, Writers Guild of Canada (April 27, 1998);
- (C) Ellen Anderson, Creative Spirit Art Centre (April 27, 1998);
- (D) Esther Vise, Toronto Women’s Bookstore (April 27, 1998);

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- (E) Peter Clutterbuck, Co-Director, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto and Chair, Community Voices of Support (April 23, 1998); and
- (F) Nigel F. Byars, Chartered Accountants of Canada (April 27, 1998).

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received this matter since it was dealt with by City Council at its meeting held on May 1, 1998.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(c))

144. Solid Waste Management Fees

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 30, 1998) from Councillor Disero, regarding Clause 16 of Report No. 4 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, which Council, on April 16, 1998, referred back to the Works and Utilities Committee for further consideration, requesting that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee consider on May 5, 1998, and forward to Council for consideration as expeditiously as possible.

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

(Report No. 8, Clause 8)

145. City of Ottawa Request for Financial Support - International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Conference - May, 1999

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending the adoption of the report (March 23, 1998) from the City Clerk requesting a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the City of Ottawa to help defray the costs of hosting the 1999 Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

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

embodied in the transmittal letter (May 4, 1998)
from the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

(Report No. 7, Clause 14)

146. Ad Hoc Requests for City Grants

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee recommending the adoption of the report (April 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the process for responding to the ad hoc requests for grants.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the transmittal letter (May 4, 1998) from the Municipal Grants Review Committee and that staff of the Public Health Department see if the equipment previously used to measure the noise at the Toronto Island Airport could be made available to assist with the measurement of noise at Pearson Airport.

(Report No. 8, Clause 12)

147. Service Levels and User Fees

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report to its next meeting as to the process and timetable for the establishment of service levels and user fees.

(Report No. 8, Clause 17(i))

(Chief Administrative Officer - May 15, 1998)

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.